

SHABBAT SERVICES

Friday 5 @ 6:15 pm
Saturday 6 @ 10 am
Torah Study

Friday 12 @ 7:30 pm

Friday 19
Tot Shabbat Squad @ 5:15 pm
Kabbalat Shabbat @ 6:15 pm
Saturday 20
Torah Study @ 10 am
Musical Minyan @ 11 am

Friday 26 @ 7:30 pm
New Members' Shabbat
Saturday 27 @ 10 am
Torah Study

TEMPLE ACTIVITIES

Hasidic Torah Study
Thursdays: 4 & 18 @ 12:30 pm

Chevrat Nashim
Sundays 7, 14, 21 & 28 @ 11 am

Food For Families
Sunday 7 @ 1 pm

Adult Hebrew at EET
Advanced Thurs. 18 & 25 @ 6:45 pm

Friday 19 Synaplex Happenings
5:15 pm Tot Shabbat Squad
6:15 pm Kabbalat Shabbat
6:15 pm Shabbat Kids Club
7:30 pm Kids Dinner
7:30 pm 20s/30s ONEG
7:30 pm Candlelight Dinner
Saturday 20 Synaplex Happenings
10 am Meditation
10 am Torah Study
11:15 am Yoga
11 am Musical Minyan
12:15 pm Healthy Lunch
1:15 Judaism and the New Genetics
1:15 Jews and Addiction
1:15 Nutrition is Everywhere

Book Club – *Fallen*
Tuesday 23 @ 7:30 pm

Rosh Chodesh Potluck Brunch
Sunday 21 @ 10:30 pm

Library Event
Sunday 28 @ 1 – 4 pm

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Maimonides' Eight Rungs of Giving Ladder

These are the weeks when we are asked to give to many charities, including our temple. The concept of giving anonymously without knowing the recipient can be traced back to ancient Israel. Maimonides, the 12th Century scholar, wrote this ladder of giving. Each rung up represents a higher degree of virtue:

1. Giving begrudgingly and making the recipient feel disgraced or embarrassed.
2. Giving cheerfully but giving too little.
3. Giving cheerfully and adequately but only after being asked.
4. Giving before being asked.
5. Giving when you do not know who is the individual benefiting, but the recipient knows your identity.
6. Giving when you know who is the individual benefiting, but the recipient does not know your identity.
7. Giving when neither the donor nor the recipient knows the other's identity.
8. The highest: Giving money, a loan, your time or whatever it takes to enable an individual to be self-reliant.

Florence Peloquin

SEE BACK CALENDAR FOR ALL CLOSINGS

Dear Friends,

"Elu phinu malei shira kayam...ain anachnu maspikin l'hodot l'cha, If our mouths were as full of song as the sea... still we could not thank you enough." (morning liturgy)



Lynn and I have been truly moved by the outpouring of welcome and warm wishes we have felt from the family of East End Temple to our daughter Bess. We are already grateful to be at this moment, and the embrace of love from the members of this community has only made us feel more fortunate. So let me say simply, and most sincerely, thank you.

I know that many of us here are parents and many are not. So, I know that we may identify with the challenges, rewards and insights of being a new parent to differing degrees. If there is any wisdom to share from being a parent for all of six weeks, it is how little I know, and how much there is to learn. It is that after all the preparation and work, the most important thing is just trying to be present. It is that I cannot control anything that is really important. Like it or not, I have to trust God to keep this little kid well, and to just make it through one more night, because try as we may, we can't do that on our own. We can only make sure she is clean, warm, fed, and loved, and we have to trust the universe for the big stuff. None of this wisdom is new, or specific to parenthood. But the baby brings it into very sharp focus.

Lynn and I look forward to everyone here watching our daughter grow. May we each have the fortitude to endure our challenging times, and the capacity for gratitude at all times.

In hope,

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THE TEMPLE FAMILY

Welcome New Members

Mary I. Swartz

Get Well Wishes to

Betty Beranbaum, Anita Hecker, Hadassah King, Fran Kolin and Marjorie Sussman

Our Deepest Condolences to

- Helaine and David Gold on the death of Helaine's mother, Jean Tapper
- Evan and Karen Solomon on the death of Evan's father, Marvin Solomon

I find the Jewish calendar to be brilliant in its ability to foresee our need for holidays before they even arrive. It is no mere coincidence that Chanukah comes just when we need it most. In the midst of the coldest and darkest days of winter, the Jewish tradition found a way to literally and figuratively brighten and lighten our souls. Chanukah gave us a lengthy opportunity to connect with our families around glowing candles, tales of miracles, and sizzling delicious latkes.



Adult Love Kids' Music

It was also another time when we were encouraged to gather together and sing to our hearts delight. Beautiful music, traditional, children's, Zionist, and modern alike has been written about this holiday.

Children's music focused on a myriad of topics from dreidle games to the miracle of oil lasting for eight nights. What is amazing about the children's music of Chanukah is that adults enjoy singing these songs as much if not more than the kids! The traditional *Maoz Tsur* speaks of rejoicing in our ability to come together under the protection and strength of Adonai, our rock, while *Mi Yimaleil* speaks of the Zionist belief that Israel will unite and strengthen ourselves and our community. A more modern musical approach could be found in Debbie Friedman's *'Not By Might'* which insists that we will find peace in spirit alone, not with might or power.

Whatever music we sang, the message was clear: Chanukah reminded us that we are a strong people, united in our spirit and belief in God, and strengthened by the power of community. Chag Sameach!

Shira

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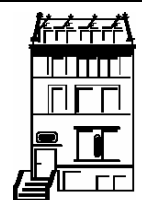


Torah Portions this month

1/6	Vayechi	Gen.	47:28-50:26
1/13	Shemot	Exod..	1:1-6:1
1/20	Va'era	Exod.	6:2-9:35
1/27	Bo	Exod.	10:1-13:16

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Dear Friends,

In just a few short weeks it will be January First 2007. That got me thinking about all the *firsts* for EET. Not least of which is recently sharing in the joy of a *first* birth for both the rabbi and his wife and East End Temple.



There has been no another clergy birth in our past ensuring that this *first* will certainly remain a lifelong memory. Other *firsts* include almost doubling the size of our Religious School – for both the *first* time in our history and in only one (also a *first*) year! For the *first* time in many years, we have a net gain of almost 40 new member units joining our temple family and for the *first* time in years, we can truly acknowledge our congregation as vibrantly intergenerational with a wide range of congregants of all ages.

For the *first* time we can imagine the ink on the bottom of our balance sheet as *black*. No, don't go thinking that we don't need your gifts or that we will stop asking because now is the *first* time in many years that we can imagine building our *first* real endowment to secure our future (The Kehila Campaign). For the *first* time we have a Sisterhood that is experimenting with new thematic events, a 20 and 30's Chavurah that is growing with adults (and babies!), and students in our Religious School who *like* coming to school learning Jewish values, history, Hebrew and about holidays. Not for the *first* time, we are in the process of rethinking our space, how we can maximize every inch of it as we continue to plan for the future and our growth.

SYNAPLEX™ Shabbat, its signature concept, is a *first* and continues to chart new ground as we plan for programming and greater participation in all things Jewish at East End Temple. For the *first* time we offer Shabbat kids programming, Saturday events, and an alternative service built on the belief that music connects us all. For the *first* time, a little more than a year from now, we will be responsible for ensuring its continuity.

For the *first* time (and the only time!) we will celebrate East End Temple's 60th birthday next year. This celebration of who we are, where we have been and where we see ourselves going will be an unforgettable *first*.

Finally, may I be the *first* to wish you and your family a miraculous Chanukah season – filled with light, laughter and good health.

B'Shalom

Karen Feuer

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Support Our Synaplex™ Shabbat Luncheons on Saturday

Mark your calendars for the next Synaplex Shabbat weekend that includes Saturday programming on January 20th.

Beginning in fall 2008, Synaplex will be funded exclusively through East End Temple's operating budget. We have invested heavily in the belief that there are alternate ways to celebrate and greet Shabbat at least once a month. The grant we received from STAR – Synagogue Transformation and Renewal – requires guarantees to support the effort and become self-sustaining in their programming once the three-year funding period comes to a close. In fact, every year, since we have been funded by STAR, East End Temple has increased its financial commitment to the program.

In an effort to build capacity to ensure 100% support a little more than a year from now, we invite congregants to become co-sponsors *now* of the upcoming Saturday luncheons that are an integral part of any Synaplex weekend. Honor a loved one, acknowledge a life cycle event, or recognize an occasion for between \$350 and \$500 on any of the programmed Saturday dates listed below. Sponsorship may be shared or individually donated.

Perhaps one or another of the programs resonates with you? Arts Day has a special appeal for me. I was an Art Education major in college, a designer of children's clothing and an amateur graphic artist. By sponsoring Arts Day, I can make a connection with programming that is meaningful to me and support the Synaplex initiative.

Contact Henry Kramer at henry.kramer@morganstanley.com if you are interested in becoming a sponsor.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Program</u>
Saturday, January 20, 2007	Wellness Day
Saturday, March 24, 2007	Pesach University
Saturday, May 12, 2007	Arts Day

Karen Feuer

Library Event on Sunday, January 28 from 1–4 pm

Be sure to attend the fourth Annual Helene Spring Library Event featuring the author, Katharine Weber. She will read from and discuss her important book *Triangle*, the story of the disastrous Triangle Shirtwaist Factory fire. All are welcome.

DIRECTOR OF CONGREGATIONAL LEARNING REPORT

Aliya Cheskis-Cotel

What a busy month for East End Temple's school! We had a packed house for Open School Night with parents participating in interactive lessons based on the curriculum their children are studying. We had a Chanukah party with close to 50 families participating – the rooms were overcrowded, but did we have fun! We danced, sang, played dreidle made edible chanukiyot and marshmallow dreidles, made latkes, ate latkes and mini-doughnuts, and went home singing.



The Learning through Living program recent activities: Diverse activities studying *Teshuva* (Returning at Yom Kippur); *Hachnasat Orchim* (Welcoming the Guests) and inviting new families for Shabbat dinner and/or ushering at Synaplex™ services; taking a trip to the ASPCA to study *Tzaar Baalei Chayim* (Kindness to Animals).

Since rappers can sometimes sound like preachers the Hey (5th) Class students were asked to write rap songs based and inspired by the prophets Isaiah and Amos. Based on Amos 2:6-7 (Phoebe C., Rachel H., Cole) Phoebe: I got some silver; I stole it from the miller Oh oh here comes Isaiah the hoboaya he's gonna talk some sense into my tiny "peba":

Rachel: You cheated the honest woman to get her gold; You cheated the poor baby to get her soles, You made your child work in a sweatshop, When are you going to stop!

Inspired by Isaiah 1:14-17 (Austin and Ben)

There needs to be right where there is wrong
That is why I am rapping this song:
Clean your clothes wash your face
Clean your house all over the place.
Be righteous, be right
Be fair, be polite
Listen to God - It is one,
God has words for everyone.

Rachel Liss, Adelaide and Isabel took the actual texts from Amos 5:14-15 And Isaiah 1:14-17, and composed their own rap song. It started like this
Yo Yo Yo Isaiah is my name, be'in a prophet is my game:

"Your celebrations bother me,
I cannot stand them.
When you lift up your hands in prayer,
I will look the other way". (Isaiah 1:14)

Aliya

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EERNY NEWS

Marc Sobel, Youth Advisor

Hello everyone!

We have had quite a fun couple of months. First, I am excited to report that I attended the **NFTY Fall Kallah** with two of our members. The Kallah is a weekend-long camp for Jewish teenagers from all over New York, New Jersey and Long Island. All of those who went had a great time, and we are hoping that more of our Youth Group members will be tempted to give NFTY a try. The next Kallah is scheduled for the weekend of Jan. 19-21 and will be held at Kutz Camp in Warwick, NY. If you would like more information on this event, please e-mail me (I will also send out applications soon).



We also held a very successful **Bake Sale** at the Open Religious School Night, and raised a good sum of money in honor of the rabbi's daughter, Bess Rimona Harris Adelson. The Youth Group has decided to honor the rabbi's wishes and donate the money to Mazon, an organization which fights hunger in the city. My sincere thanks to all of the people who donated baked goods, and to Madi McCullough, Dan Hochman and Sivan Shemesh for helping me sell all of these goodies.

We have several exciting events coming up in January, including the following:

- **Jan 6 - Third Annual Battle of the Bands @ The Knitting Factory** - (our very own Matt Eshed's band will once again be competing)
- **Jan 11 – Mythbusters Night and Dinner**
- **Jan 19-21 – NFTY Winter Kallah @ Kutz**
- **Jan 25 – Lounge Night (TBD)**
- **Jan. 27 – Teen Dance for Darfur @ JCC Manhattan**

As always, please check our website (www.eastendtemple.org/youth/group) for the most current information about upcoming events, or feel free to email me at eerny@hotmail.com.

Happy Chanukah!

Marc

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Attention: Mah-Jongg Players

It's a new Mah-Jongg season for old friends and new ones. Please submit your list of players to June Morse at the temple and make checks payable to June Morse. Each card costs \$6.50 with \$1 benefitting Sisterhood. Last year (2006) the players contributed close to \$100 to Sisterhood from this project. The deadline is 2/1/07.

SISTER TO SISTER

Fern Stampleman

On November 19th, Sisterhood held the first *Carnival of Jewels Sale* featuring gently used, vintage and new costume jewelry donated exclusively and generously by the members of EET. The event was well attended with a fair portion of the foot traffic a result of our sign on the fence and information in *Town and Village*. Neighbors and congregants who came to shop had fun sorting through goods lovingly donated – now bought to be newly loved – all for a good cause. The flow was constant, giving those who generously volunteered their time in committee and/or behind the tables, a chance to practice their sales skills after many, many hours of planning, organization and preparation. We are truly grateful to everyone who made this endeavor possible.



Student News

A package of “motivational gelt” and the “ritual dreidle” was mailed to our out-of-town college students at the beginning of December before returning home for Chanukah, to be enjoyed while they finished writing papers and taking their final exams.

Baby News

Many of us had the delicious pleasure of welcoming Bess Rimona into our Temple Family on December 10 at her naming ceremony. Sisterhood’s contribution was a reading from the children’s book, *On The Day You Were Born*, by Debra Frasier.

At-A-Glance

January is rife with Sisterhood happenings so get out the calendar and bookmark the dates!

- 7 @ 1:00PM – Food For Families
- 8 @ 7:30PM – Sisterhood Meeting
- 21 @ 10:30AM – Rosh Chodesh Potluck Brunch
- 28 @ 1:00PM – Helene Spring Library Event featuring novelist Katharine Weber

Potluck brunch for women only; please RSVP by Friday, 1/19 to the Temple office or to me by Saturday 1/20 @ 212-569-1896 or at SFHStamps@aol.com.

PLEASE NOTE: Members might want to attend one or more of the **1/20 Synaplex™ Shabbat** offerings featuring yoga, meditation classes and speakers on medical ethics, current food issues and Jews and addiction.

Membership drive continues... Please feel free to contact me.

Sister-to-Sister... Fern Contact: sfhstamps@aol.com

LIBRARY BUZZ

Barbara Ringel

Our 4th annual Helene Spring Library Event is just around the corner on January 28th, and you will receive your personal invitation soon. Please plan to be with us at 1 pm, when our guest author, **Katharine Weber**, will read excerpts and discuss her recent novel, *Triangle*, and will host a question and answer period. A reception, featuring our trademark homemade desserts will follow, and Ms. Weber will sign copies of her book, available for sale at the reception. Copies of her three previously published novels will also be available.



Copies of *Triangle* are now available for sale in advance of the event in the temple office for those who wish to read the book before the event, and a copy is in our temple library. In addition, copies of reviews and biographical information on Ms. Weber are on display in the library. As always, there is no admission charge for this event. It is the library’s gift to our temple community. Friends and family are also very welcome to join us.

Triangle is an intriguing historical mystery based on the historical tragedy of the Triangle Shirtwaist Factory fire. It is a New York City story, as well as a Jewish story. The plot revolves around the last survivor of that infamous fire, feisty 106 year-old Esther Gottesfeld, whose own version of the fire and subsequent events, begins to be questioned, first by a persistent feminist professor, and subsequently by Esther’s geneticist granddaughter, Rebecca, and Rebecca’s longtime partner, George, a genius avant-garde composer. The gradual unraveling of the layers of Esther’s secret provides the meat of the story and will likely lead to some exciting surprises for the reader. The author also brings a family connection to the story: her own paternal grandmother worked at the Triangle Shirtwaist Factory, where her job was finishing buttonholes. She left when she became pregnant with her son, Katherine Weber’s father. You will not want to miss what promises to be an enlightening, enjoyable afternoon. See you on the 28th.

Barbara

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Books-by-Request Only, Please

While we appreciate donations of books to our library, please do not drop off books in the office. Our policy is to have donors submit a list to the office of books they wish to donate. Our librarian consultant will examine the list to determine whether we are able to add them to our collection. We do have space constraints and cannot accept all donations. Thank you for your cooperation.



As the year winds down and we look forward to 2007, we gratefully thank all of the members who have attended a Synaplex™ Shabbat during 2006. We also want to thank those of you who helped organize the immigrant experience events at our December Synaplex and helped make that weekend such a success.

Now, while we note that 2006 is coming to a quick close - and the Chanukah candles are almost all finished - let the prospect of another Synaplex Shabbat brighten your 2007. Resolve to be at East End Temple on January 19th and 20th for a Synaplex weekend dedicated to wellness.

Friday (19th) starts with Tot Shabbat Squad and continues with Kabbalat Shabbat featuring Rabbi Adelson, Cantor Ginsburg, and the music of Daniel Lease and his trio. Shabbat Kids Club with Emily Gressel will provide dinner and supervision for kids 6-12 years old until 9 pm. After the service, adults can relax, enjoy the dinner, while the 20s/30s attend their Oneg.

Fulfill your New Year's resolutions that Saturday (20th) by joining us for yoga, meditation, Torah study and a morning service with Rabbi Adelson, Cantor Ginsburg and Ben Wish on piano. Following lunch, three special guest speakers will offer programs on

nutrition, addiction and medical ethics, which will provide unique perspectives on these timely topics.

Reserve your place at Friday's adults or kids dinner or Saturday's healthy buffet lunch by sending in your reservation form and/or calling the Temple office by noon on Monday, January 15^h. There will be no charge for lunch on Saturday, but reservations are required.

Details on Synaplex Shabbat programs can always be located in each month's Temple insert. For those interested in helping to arrange these programs, call the temple office or send an email to caukramer@gmail.com. As always, please invite your friends to share in Synaplex at EET, too.

B'shalom,

Ellen Wiewel, Cindy Au-Kramer, and Henry Kramer



Synaplex™ is an initiative of STAR (Synagogues: Transformation and Renewal). Synaplex is made possible by grants from UJA-Federation of New York and STAR.

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Tot Shabbat Squad at 5:15 – 6:15 pm:

On January 19th, join our Friday evening services for young children and their parents, grandparents and friends. Perfect for toddlers and pre-school age children, this ritual helps young ones welcome the Shabbat in a warm and spirited environment. Jody Prusan leads the service with songs and stories.



EET SYNAPLEX™ SHABBAT RESERVATION FORM

FRIDAY, January 19, 2007 and SATURDAY, January 20, 2007

Join us for dinner after Kabbalat Shabbat at 7:30 pm Jan. 19 and a healthy lunch on Jan. 20 @ 12:15 pm.

	Jan. 19	Total
Adult meals	_____ x \$25	\$ _____
Adult meals – vegetarian	_____ x \$25	\$ _____
Kids meals	_____ x \$10	\$ _____
	TOTAL ENCLOSED	\$ _____

How many people will be attending the January 20 healthy lunch (free)? _____

NAME _____ PHONE _____

Please make checks payable to East End Temple. Space is limited; reserve early. Dinner reservations by mail only, not phone. Reservations and any payment must be received at the Temple office by noon on Monday, January 15.

FOOD FOR FAMILIES

Celia Vimont

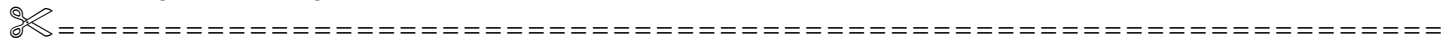
A dedicated group of volunteers made over 300 hundred meals for hungry New Yorkers during the November 12 Food For Families. Volunteers were rewarded for their hard work with delicious pastries courtesy of **Helene and Leonard Spring**, who sponsored the event in honor of the first birthday of great-grandson Luke Mason Polatsch.

Volunteers included Dan Diamond, Robert and Marian Fish, Janet Frank, Phil Gollance, Evelyn Hendline, Linda Hetzer, Babette Hollister, Mohammed Hoque, Paul, Ursula and Julia Ofman, Sharon, Shaul and Sivan Shemesh, Daniel Simms, Helene and Leonard Spring, Austin and Peter Tipograph, Lauren Weinberger, and Celia and Ben Vimont.

Thanks once again to Trader Joe's, which donated a luscious array of fresh fruits as well as breads.

The December Food For Families was sponsored by **Florence Peloquin** in honor of daughter Michele Simon's new book, *Appetite for Profit*. Details will follow in the February issue.

The next Food For Families will take place on January 7 from 1-3 p.m., sponsored by Babette Hollister in honor of her two grandchildren, William Lev Robin Hollister and Rena Katharine Robin Hollister. It promises to be a lively afternoon, with many families from our religious school grades 4-7 who are



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participating through the temple's Learning Through Living Program. If you haven't experienced Food For Families yet, come this time. It's a great way to liven up a cold, dreary January Sunday. You'll have fun, make new friends and do a mitzvah.

Please remember that each volunteer brings: four loaves of non-white bread, 16 pieces of fresh fruit, and a hat or hair covering to meet Health Department regulations.

For more information or questions about Food For Families, contact Marian Fish at mfish1211@aol.com.



JUDAICA SHOP FINDS

Fran Kolin

Happy 2007. The new year is often a time for beginning new rituals. Come take a look at *The Jewish Home, A Guide for Jewish Living*, by Daniel B. Syme. This is the definitive how and why of Jewish living in the home. In question and answer format, it includes information on everything from how to hang your mezuzah, to why we eat latkes on Chanukah, to how Jews regard autopsies. This is a valuable reference book and an excellent guide for explaining Jewish observances. Come shop the Shop!



Fran

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Frances Lee: Hooked on NYC and EET

At age ten, Frances was in major culture shock. Five years earlier, due to her dad's asthma, her family had to relocate from the Tremont section of the Bronx to the outskirts of Tucson, Arizona. After her dad's untimely death, she and her mom returned to the loving support of her mom's Bronx family. Far be it from Frances to know that the NYC public schools looked nothing like the welcoming one-story, earhttone Santa-Fe style schoolhouse of her Tucson days. And forget about finding commonality in Tucson and Bronx speech patterns. But with an eagerness to make new friends and a boost from her Elementary School speech teacher, Frances was poised to reestablish her New York City pedigree. In fact, Frances's sweet sixteen party at the legendary Lower East Side Jewish nightclub, Moskowitz and Lupowitz, said it all.

Youthful Aspirations

Frances hung out with her Orthodox friends, studied Political Science and English at Queens College and attended Orthodox services. As a student reporter and associate editor on the college's newspaper, *The Crown*, Frances found common ground with her fellow reporters' dedication to their causes, if not always with the causes they championed. After her 1957 graduation, a more enlightened Frances was drawn to the gender equality of Tremont Temple, a Reform congregation in the Bronx and participated in the temple's High Holy Day Services. She also landed a full-time assistant editor position at a book club publishing company and studied evenings to earn her Masters in Journalism at N.Y.U. Frances spent thirty-five years in the Publishing field as a writer and editor for trade magazines, including The Hearst Corporation's *American Druggist Blue Book*. Today, Frances freelances as a legal proofreader and copy editor. And although she often travels to some of her favorite destinations like Atlantic City, Washington D.C., California and the Canadian Rockies, Frances always happily returns to her New York base.

Mature Decisions

Six years ago, a City Opera co-volunteer suggested that Frances check out the family oriented East End Temple and its terrific woman rabbi. After a long hiatus from temple engagement, Frances purchased EET High Holy Day tickets. There she heard the temple president, Helene Spring, speak earnestly of a temple family that cares for one another in good times and bad. Shortly

after joining EET, Frances, a proud New York foodie, was recruited to help cater the EET Dedication Ceremony. Since then, she and Lisa Binder have been virtual in-house caterers, delighting EET members at the 2003 Gala Musicale and at Yom Kippur Break-the-Fasts. Frances has also served on the Membership Committee, the Caring Community Committee and at the 2004 Jewish Comfort Food Fair. Frances Lee is hooked on EET and EET is hooked on Frances Lee.



Frances Lee

We'd love to hear your story.

Call Marcia Muskat 212.477.6444 and tell her that you are ready to share



To our EET Family:

If you have a Jewish-related vintage story or Jewish related memory of your mother or father, or grandparents, send it along to the editor at the temple office. Not more than 150 words, please.

Let's share our Jewish family memories.

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- Hattie Greenberg

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Congratulation to Rabbi David and Lynn on the birth of their daughter, Bess Rimona

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In loving memory of her granddaughter, Galit Hen, on her yahrzeit

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To welcome Bess Rimona Harris Adelson to the world

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- In memory of Esther Lipkind on her yahrzeit
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Best wishes to Rabbi Adelson and Lynn on the birth of their daughter, Bess Rimona

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In honor of her two grandchildren, William Lev Robin Hollister and Rena Katharine Robin Hollister

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Congratulations & Mazal Tov to Rabbi David & Lynn on the birth of their daughter, Bess Rimona

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Marcia & Michael Muskat

- In memory of Evan Solomon's dad
- In memory of Helaine Gold's mom, Jean Tapper
- Get well wishes and appreciation for David Stein's poignant "Remembering" column
- In honor of Michele Simon's important first book (*Appetite for Profit*) and Michele's proud mom, Florence Peloquin

Helen Sanders

My heartfelt condolences to Beth Labush and daughters, Rachel and Kyle, on the passing of Jerry Labush

WE ARE GRATEFUL... to the following people for their contributions to the Congregation **KOL NIDRE APPEAL**

David Cohen & Alexandra Pomerantz, Bertha Moslin, David & Nancy Schneider

Mail all contributions with your check to the temple office at 245 East 17th Street NYC 10003. The exception is the **Library Fund**, which should go directly to Barbara Ringel, 431 East 20th Street – 4F, NYC 10010. Tel: 212.477.6625. Include your name, address, phone number and e-mail.

Todah Rabah to Our Dedicated Volunteers:

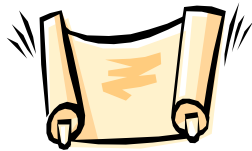
Bimah guests, Shabbat services ushers, office aids, committee chairs and regular helpers... who did their good deeds during the month of December. **THANK YOU!** We could not have done this work without your help.

COMMUNITY CARE

If someone in your family or in the EET family is ill and/or in need of community care, please do not hesitate to call the Temple office, 212.477.6444.

Leave a message for Rabbi Adelson or Karen Feuer (president) or Marcia Muskat (ritual chair). Someone will return your call.

From the Ritual Committee



The Ritual Committee Brings you **Many Roads To Torah**

When you sing *Hinei Mah-tov umah na-im, shevet achim gam yachad* at Friday night services, you are singing about the joy of worshipping together as a community on Shabbat. East End Temple offers many other opportunities to come together, communally and spiritually.

Because we encourage *darshanim* (interpreters of Torah), lay leaders/members are often asked by the rabbi to facilitate Torah study. At High Holy Day *divrei Torah*, Yom Kippur study sessions, Synaplex after-dinner discussions and Torah study classes, congregants take the lead in exploring texts through contemporary themes and personal journeys (in the Rabbi's absence). The rabbi [and cantor] also encourage and guide adult members through the experience of adult *b'nei mitzvah* as another avenue for deepening the Jewish experience.

Torah and Bagels

A core of members and Rabbi Adelson show up regularly on two Saturday mornings a month for Torah study and bagels* in the Social Hall. As the rabbi imparts his *Talmudic* knowledge and supports intellectual debates concerning the week's *parashah*, members exchange ideas and create new meanings from texts. The Thursday *Hasidic* Torah study* lunchtime crowd meets Rabbi Adelson in the inspiring Helene Spring Library to examine liturgy through a *Hasidic* lens. All are welcome!

Regardless of the level of knowledge that members bring to their exploration of Torah, they always walk away knowing more. With the winter ahead, it is a good time to come out of the cold and attend a Torah study class and/or contact the rabbi in order to make a personal connection with the East End Temple community and with Torah.

*Check Templet schedule for exact Torah study schedules.

Marcia Muskat & The Ritual Committee

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Kol College

By Kaitlin Ofman



Kaitlin is one of EET's star alumna. She is a freshman at Middlebury College in Vermont and will be writing a column for us periodically on her Jewish experiences at college.

When I was ten years old, I wrote a letter to the Teletubbies. After watching an episode with my sister, then five, in mid-December, I was enraged that they had aired a show about Christmas and only Christmas. What about all the non-Christian kids who watched this? What would they think? Three months later, I received a letter from PBS thanking me for my interest, along with a VHS of the Teletubbies' Easter episode.

Green and Red Everywhere

I am now faced with another dilemma. Immediately upon returning from Thanksgiving break, along with the first real snow, the campus was covered with green and red wreaths on all the doorways. They also decorated a massive evergreen tree that stands just down the hill from the chapel. About twenty steps away from my dorm, it is the first thing I see every time I leave or return to the building. That's not the problem, though. The problem is that I love it.

The Chanukah Challenge

How is it that I became the Jew who loved Christmas? Had I really lost pride in my own winter holiday? Walking back from doing some very distinct Chanukah shopping in the very *goyishe* town of Middlebury, I saw the lighted tree at the top of the hill. Behind it, stood the white marble chapel where High Holiday services had been held just two months ago. That's when it dawned on me: the school didn't mean the tree and all the wreaths to be symbols of Christmas or Christianity. They are trying to make the campus – (ever greyer as winter rapidly approaches) – brighter. Just as all major holidays are celebrated under one roof, all festive feelings are centralized under one very colorful tree. My beliefs don't have to be threatened by such cultural icons. I can appreciate and enjoy them and still feel faithful to my religion and traditions. I can participate in "Secret Santa" gift-giving games, and my roommate can keep a mini-evergreen tree in our room. What matters is that I will be home in time for the first night of Chanukah with my family.

Editor's note: "the rabbi's wife" column is on maternity leave for the next few issues.

Keep the Holiday Spirit Going: Give a Gift of Giving



There are probably a few things you wished for this year and didn't get, but there *is* one gift that you can still do something about: Join your fellow EET congregants in the warm glow of satisfaction that comes from helping to complete and maintain our dream-come-true home.

Whatever your giving level, you can pay tribute to your family and your temple through a donation to the *Kehila Campaign*. Please consider:

- marking the occasion of a Bar or Bat Mitzvah by dedicating a Classroom or Classroom Furnishings
- honoring a milestone birthday or anniversary by dedicating the Judaica Gift Shop or the Holy Ark
- celebrating a special graduation by dedicating a Golden Prayer Strip or the Digital Piano
- paying tribute to a departed loved one by dedicating the Holocaust Memorial Installation or a Yahrzeit Memorial Board

We gratefully acknowledge donations to the Kehila Campaign from:

Amy Kates and Muhamed Saric, Barbara Schildcrout

We recently mailed all members a package that further explains the *Kehila Campaign*, or contact co-chairs Joan Beranbaum 212-254-5740 and Judith Sussman 212-982-0382 for more details.

EAST END TEMPLE BOOK CLUB

The Book: *Fallen*
 The Author: David Maine
 The Date/Time: Tuesday, January 23 @ 7:30 pm
 The Place: Call for location 212.477.64

The March 7, book is *The Blue Mountain* by Meir Shalev.

The EET Book Club is open to ALL members of the congregation, men and women alike. Read the book and join us in a member's home for our 90 minutes (+/-) discussion and dessert



Sisterhood Cold Weather Project display

Isn't It Time You Learned to Read Hebrew?

Intensive Adult Hebrew Reading Courses at EET
 Beginners and Advanced Beginners

- Beginners class will learn the Hebrew Aleph Bet in 10 lessons
- Advanced Beginners class will learn more sophisticated reading techniques, beginning comprehension of the prayers, plus some fun spoken Hebrew! (for anyone who knows how to decode the Aleph Bet)

Beginners: Tuesday, 6:45 – 8 pm
 February 6, 13, 27; March 6, 13; April 17, 24;
 May 1, 8, 15

Advanced Beginners: Thursday, 6:45 – 8 pm
 January 18, 25; February 1, 8, 15;
 March 1, 8, 15; April 12, 19

Both classes taught by Danny Mond, our dynamic instructor. Bring a friend!

\$125/members \$150/non-members

Call the office by Tuesday January 2nd to reserve a place and order your book 212 477-6444.



THEATER TUNES...



The East End Temple Theater Party Group was founded over forty years ago. It was intended to provide popular hit shows to our members and community at fair prices and also, to raise funds for our Sisterhood by requesting small contributions as part of the ticket price. For further information, contact Helene Spring at 212.677.3314.

Upcoming shows are:

<i>Vertical Hour</i> (Julianne Moore)	2/28
<i>The Pirate Queen</i>	4/18
<i>Deuce</i> (Angela Lansberry/Marian Seldes)	5/14

January 2007

East End Temple

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
11:00 AM Chevrat Nashim 12:00 PM Religious School/LTL 1:00 PM Food For Families	7:30 PM Sisterhood Meeting	4:00 PM Religious School 6:00 PM Exec. Meeting	4:00 PM Religious School February Temple Closing	4:00 PM Religious School 6:00 PM RS/LTL	7:30 PM Shabbat Services	
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
11:00 AM Chevrat Nashim	Office Closed MLK Jr. Day	4:00 PM Religious School 7:00 PM BOT Meeting	4:00 PM Religious School	12:30 PM Hasidic Torah Study 4:00 PM Religious School 5:30 PM Confirmation/7th grad. Class & Dinner 6:45 PM Adult Hebrew	5:15 PM Tot Shabbat Squad 6:15 PM Shabbat Services Synaplex Shabbat	10:00 AM Torah Study 11:00 AM Musical Minyan Synaplex Shabbat
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
10:30 AM Rosh Chodesh Potluck Brunch 11:00 AM Chevrat Nashim		4:00 PM Religious School 7:30 PM Book Club	4:00 PM Religious School	4:00 PM Religious School 6:45 PM Adult Hebrew	7:30 PM Shabbat Services New Members' Shabbat	10:00 AM Torah Study
28	29	30	31	Be Sure to visit the temple website at www.eastendtemple.org for current news updates and schedules. Contact webmaster Adam Schartoff at aschartoff@yahoo.com with thoughts and suggestions.		
11:00 AM Chevrat Nashim 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM Library Event		4:00 PM Religious School 6:15 PM - 7:15 PM Zimriña	4:00 PM Religious School			
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	Office Closed	Winter Break - No Religious School		12:30 PM Hasidic Torah Study	6:15 PM Shabbat Services	10:00 AM Torah Study