

DECEMBER 2004

TEVET 5765

SHABBAT SERVICES

Friday 3 @ 6 pm

Saturday 4

Torah Study @ 10 am

Musical Mizmor @ 11 am

Friday 10 @ 7:30 pm - 4th Candle

EET Choir Performance

Tot Shabbat @ 6 pm - Chanukah

Friday 17 @ 6 pm

Saturday 18 @ 10 am

Bat Mitzvah of Mili Burger

Friday 24 @ 7:30 pm

Friday 31 @ 6 pm

TEMPLE ACTIVITIES

Open School and Book Fair

Wednesday 1 & Thursday 2 @ 4 - 6 pm

Chevrat Nashim

Sundays 5, 12, 19, & 26 @ 10:30 am

EET Annual Book Fair

Sunday 5 @ 1 - 5 pm

Chanukah Celebration

Sunday 5 @ 2:30 - 4:30 pm

Food For Families

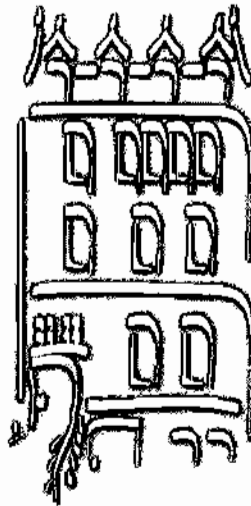
Sunday 12 @ 1 pm

Congregational Dinner

Friday 17 @ 7:30 pm

Book Club - The Wife

Tuesday 21 @ 7:30 pm



Templet

**O CHANUKAH,
O CHANUKAH,
COME LIGHT THE MENORAH...**

The first thing that God created, in the beginning, was light. In fact, the sun, moon and stars were not created until the fourth day, but from the very beginning the universe was never entirely dark.

The struggle to create light in the middle of darkness is what Chanukah is all about. It comes every year on the 25th of Kislev (this year very early by the Gregorian calendar), which is always the moonless part of the darkest month of year.

The metaphor is readily evident. There will always be dark seasons, in our lives and in our world. We cannot control that, but we can commit ourselves to lighting flames, to creating light. Every act of love, kindness and connection will not eliminate darkness entirely, but they are flames of warmth, comfort and a beacon for finding our way.

HAPPY CHANUKAH!

Rabbi David Adelson

EAST END TEMPLE

Congregation El Emet

245 East 17th Street

New York, NY 10003

ph: 212-477-6444

fax: 212-477-6619

www.eastendtemple.org

Info@eastendtemple.org

Rabbi David Adelson

Cantor Hayley Kobilinsky

Karen Feuer, President



SEE BACK CALENDAR FOR ALL CLOSINGS

Dear Friends,

The death of Yasir Arafat is good news for the prospects of peace. That is not because any new solution has immediately presented itself. Rather, it is because the situation with Arafat in control guaranteed there would be no motion at all. He was corrupt in the classic way: concerned only with maintaining his own control and having entirely abdicated pursuing the goals he espoused. I agree with the assessment of Thomas Friedman, who wrote "The prospect of his [Arafat's] death seemed to unlock more hope and possibilities than the reality of his life."



Long Range Prospects

By the time you read this, two more weeks will have transpired, and I have no prediction what immediate events will bring. But the loosening of the political stranglehold among the Palestinians can only be good in the long run. Things may be messy at first to be sure. Have you ever known a family where no one really talks to each other or asserts their own wishes until a patriarch or matriarch dies? The Palestinian leadership now is such a family. And we know that some of what family members say after the death can be unpleasant, and destabilizing for a while. But eventually, new solutions for living with one another can be found.

The new configuration will put to the test our faith in democracy and our commitment to the Jewish ideals of recognizing the divine in every human being. But with a new marketplace for ideas to compete there is real hope

that talks between Israelis and Palestinians can re-emerge. Fortunately, among Palestinian leadership are many who advocate talks, who recognize the futility of violence as a primary negotiating tool and who are pragmatists. And yes, there are plenty of fundamentalists and hard-liners, too. But my basic belief is that while there is still even the glimpse of hope of a real settlement, the general population will listen to those leaders who can bring it to them. That goes for Israelis as well as Palestinians. Retired Admiral and chief of Israeli Shin Bet (Intelligence Agency) Ami Ayalon and President of Al Quds University in East Jerusalem, Sari Nusseiba, have written a document outlining a basic peace treaty, looking very much like the Camp David near-agreement, and including a description of how to divide Jerusalem and solve the issue of Palestinian refugees. They claim that well over fifty percent of both populations support such an arrangement.

I cannot be shaken in my belief that people just want to live their lives: work, eat, educate their children, love, and rest. Anyone who can bring this to them will be listened to. Let us pray that both sides will have leaders brave enough to offer not fantasy, but the reality that can move us forward.

In hope,

Also, please join us on December 17th when Rabbi Andrew Davids of ARZA will speak during services and at dinner about liberal Judaism's growth in Israel. Also, please let me know if you are thinking of coming on our congregational trip to Israel in March.

MUSICAL MINYAN

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 4th @ 11 am

Join us for a spirited, participatory Shabbat experience led by Rabbi Adelson and songleader-guitarist, Chanah Rothman.

We will sing, read from the Torah and discuss the portion together.

This service is appropriate for all ages and will meet once or twice every month, from 11am until noon. Musical Minyan is being sponsored by the EET Sisterhood.

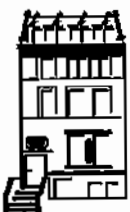
Also join us on all Musical Minyan Shabbats for Torah Study earlier at 10 am.

Torah Portions this month

12/04	Vayeshev	Gen. 37:1-40:23
12/11	Mikerz	Gen. 41:1-44:17
12/18	Vayigash	Gen. 44:18-47:27
12/25	Vayechi	Gen. 47:28-50:26

East End Temple
TEMPLE T
 245 East 17th Street
 New York, NY 10003

Editor **Florence Peloquin**
 Production **Sharon Shemesh**



Dear Friends,

East End Temple like many other synagogues is struggling with financial problems, the changing community demographics, the indifference of the unaffiliated and also, competition from other institutions. The leadership of EET must consider ways to attract unaffiliated Jews and retain them.

In just a few weeks the Vice Presidents of our core committees: Education, Ritual, Strategic Planning, Programming, Membership, House and Finance will come together to begin the process of planning short-term as well as the long-range planning that is crucial to attracting the next generation of members.

We need you to participate in the planning process and to take a personal interest in strengthening our Temple. One of the myths about the Membership Committee is the notion that one committee alone can ensure the stability and growth of a congregation. In fact, it requires the intense involvement and cooperation of the entire congregation. Consider yourselves members of a team called into service on behalf of ensuring our future and the ways in which you can assist those of us in leadership positions to meet our goal of building our membership base.

Phase one in this process is your response to the following questions. The Union of Reform Judaism (URJ) calls them "The Four Kashas and One More".

1. If our congregation did not continue to _____, I would lose interest in remaining a member.
2. The things that concern me most about our congregation are _____.
3. If our congregation would _____, I know I'd call my friends and tell them what wonderful things they are missing.
4. If with the stroke of a pen I could change one thing about our congregation, I would _____.
5. The two or three most significant changes I would like to see in the congregation are _____.

Email your responses to: KFFNYC@aol.com or send them to: EET Survey, 245 East 17th Street, New York, NY 10003.

I look forward to hearing from you and celebrating Chanukah together on December 5th at the Temple. May the lights of Chanukah illuminate your life.

Sincerely,

Karen Feuer

Contact: president@eastendtemple.org

Some of my favorite memories of the Jewish holidays come from big family events. I vividly recall gathering at Grandma's house to help cook and eat festive meals on Rosh Hashanah and Pesach. I also fondly remember lighting our Chanukah menorah, whether the wood-and-Elmer's-gue version I made in kindergarten, or the one with the light bulbs, or the one that held the waxy candles of all different colors that would drip all over. We would always follow the lighting with a medley of Chanukah songs, most of which we sang with only half the words! To help your families with the singing, I've included a link to a website with words and music files of many favorite Chanukah melodies!



<http://www.rainmall.com/hanukkah/hanusong.htm>

Menorah Safety

I would also like to take this opportunity to remind those of you using the real wax candle menorahs to exercise fire safety around your candles! Please make sure you light your candles away from all loose paper or flammable materials, and if you plan to place your menorah in the window, make sure your curtains are out of the way, or place the menorah far enough away!

I am very pleased to report that our East End Temple Choir has grown, and I'm sure we will represent EET well at Rodeph Shalom's Fifth Annual Festival of Choirs, which will take place on **Sunday, December 12, at 3 pm**. I hope that many of you from EET will come to enjoy the music and support our choir! Congregation Rodeph Shalom is located at 7 West 83rd Street, just west of Central Park West, and admission is FREE! Just bring a photo ID to be admitted. Over 250 adults and children will be participating, along with cantors from all around New York City, celebrating Chanukah in song. Additionally, our choir will perform some Chanukah-themed pieces during EET services on December 10th. If you can't make it to the festival, come hear our choir sing with their "home field advantage!"

Before I conclude, I would like to thank my choir members for their enthusiasm and dedication! As I always tell them, I learn more from them than they do from me!

Musically Yours,

Hayley Kobilinsky

Contact: cantor@eastendtemple.org

Shalom to all,

December starts off with a Book Fair and Open School, and ends up with the winter vacation. In between we'll have three weeks of Religious School and Chanukah week, which comes when the children are at their busiest in school, and parents are trying to manage between major holidays and buying presents.



Our Book Fair and Open School week will start on the last day of November, Tuesday, 11/30. During that week parents are invited to attend classes, accompany their children and visit any of the activities going on in the Religious School. This is an opportunity for parents to get a better understanding of their children's experience at East End Temple. I would especially like to recommend visiting the Tuesday and Thursday Services. The first is conducted by the rabbi and cantor and the second is run entirely by the children (4th – 6th grades). Parents of younger children can attend the lovely music session with our cantor, Hayley Kobilinsky.

Time to Buy Books

During that week, children will accompany their teachers to shop and purchase books. Each class will have a time slot of 15 minutes for shopping. Please make sure to send money with your child if you'd like him or her to purchase books. This Judaica Book Fair provides an opportunity to enrich your library and ours with contemporary Jewish writing, besides being an important fundraising effort for our Temple.

The week will conclude with our exciting **Chanukah Celebration** on Sunday, December 5th, 2:30 – 4:30 pm. The celebration actually falls two days before Chanukah starts, and will jumpstart you into the holiday spirit, with Chanukah stories, Chanukah songs, holiday food, crafts and games. Parents will have another opportunity to explore the books as the Book Fair will take place in the Social Hall while the celebration will take place in the Sanctuary and on the fourth floor.

December is the time to come to the Temple, enjoy and learn. We hope to see many of you. Winter Vacation will take place the last two weeks of December (12/21 – 12/30)

Happy Chanukah,

Hagit



Contact: educator@eastendtemple.org

Hello all,

By this time, the youth group will have had (I hope) a very successful event: the Regressive Dinner on November 20. This was basically a dinner that was served in reverse, with dessert first, followed by the entrée, salad and then last but not least, the appetizers. All the food was prepared by the youth group, as well as the evening's "party games." A fun night of relaxing and being together, with a little silliness thrown in.

Then on December 4, we will be joining the Downtown Kehillah, a united group of downtown congregations for a youth Chanukah Party. This amazing event will be held at the Knitting Factory, a local concert venue and will feature a "battle of the bands" as well as mixers, food and drink and a general party atmosphere. I am very much looking forward to it and hope that I'll be able to report next month that it was a success.

Confirmation Class Doings

I know that typically this column is focused solely on youth group, but I thought I would also give a brief update on the Confirmation Class, which the rabbi and I co-teach. In the 8th grade class, we continue to study the roots of Jewish humor, both through a series of essays and practical examples. Last class we even watched an episode of Seinfeld! This week we will be "studying" the comic genius of Mel Brooks. We also have focused on contemporary issues including the election and the recent passing of Yasir Arafat.

Our Marathon

Finally, I want to thank those of you who made a generous donation to the Youth Endowment Fund in honor of Rachel and me for running the marathon. It was truly a dream come true for both of us, an overwhelming experience of personal accomplishment and civic pride. And the generosity of those in the congregation only further sweetened what, for us, was one of the highlights of our lives. Thank you.

Until next month, Happy Chanukah.

Marc

Contact: eerny@hotmail.com

Some Fun with Jewish Puns:

TORAHFIED: Inability to remember one's lines when called to read from the Torah at Bar/Bat Mitzvah

RE-SHTETLEMENT: Moving from Brooklyn to Miami and finding your old neighbors live in the same condo.

IMPASTA: One who eats leavened foods before the end of Passover.

SISTERHOOD-AT-A-GLANCE

* In case you have forgotten, this is a membership dues reminder: your \$25 check payable to East End Temple Sisterhood, at your earliest convenience.

* As per our November letter, new women members of East End Temple receive a complimentary one-year membership to Sisterhood. If you did not receive a letter, please contact me at sfhstamps@aol.com

* Tuesday, December 16th, at 7 pm: at this Sisterhood Meeting we're mixing business with pleasure! That's literally mixing. Add sufганиot to your Chanukah menu this year after you learn how to make this delicious treat, instructed by our own Sharon Shemesh. Let us know if you plan to be there by calling Sharon in the Temple office at (212) 477-6444 or contact me sfhstamps@aol.com by Friday 12/12. There will be a \$3 materials fee.

Cold Weather Project

Our heartfelt thanks go to the women who produced 65 hats, 23 scarves, 12 pairs of socks, 5 baby sweaters, 2 vests, 2 blankets and 2 pairs of mittens this season. This is our Cold Weather Project. Many of the items have already been taken to Hebrew Union College where clothing is distributed at their Monday evening soup kitchen and to Peter's Place, a shelter for homeless seniors.

Other Sisterhood Activities

Be sure to look elsewhere in the Temple for information regarding the Judaica Shop which is chock full of Chanukah items, the Helene Spring Library which will bring you author Tova Mirvis in January (mailing to follow) and Food For Families, a Sisterhood project to feed the homeless.

Thanks for supporting US, Sister-to-Sister,

Fern Stampleman

Contact: sfhstamps@aol.com

THEATRE SHOWS... for 2005

"All Shook Up" March 9th
"Dirty Rotten Scoundrels" April 13th



Call the Temple office 212/477-6444 to reserve your ticket today.



Rabbi Andrew Davids to speak at our Shabbat Services, December 17th @ 6 pm

The Reform Movement in Israel and Israel in the Reform Movement: Our Successes and Future Challenges

Rabbi Andrew Davids, executive director of ARZA (the American Reform Zionist Association) will speak at services and at a congregational dinner to follow.

Join us for an important discussion and up-to-date news of the growth of liberal Judaism in Israel.

Sign up for dinner and discussion at the Temple office with Sharon.

December 17 – service at 6 pm, dinner at 7:15 pm.

**In Memoriam
Gertrude Wiener**

East End Temple records with sorrow the death of its long-time member, Gertrude Wiener. Known as "Gert", she was retired as an elementary school teacher and took great pride in her experiences in the New York City school system. She was a true partner to her husband, Sol Wiener, who passed away earlier this year. Karen Feuer recalls Gert's active participation a few years ago when she served on the Rabbinic Search Committee and contributed valuable service at that time. And I remember exercising on the treadmill at the 14th Street Y, alongside Gert who outlasted me and outpaced me, only a few short years ago. The congregation sends condolences to daughters, Willa Ehrlich and Marjorie Wiener.

Florence Peloquin

SAVE THE DATE / SAVE YOUR RECIPES

For our very first

EET Jewish Comfort Food Fair

Sunday 2/6/04 4 – 6 pm

- Members will be asked to cook their favorite recipes
- Members and the community will be invited to sample the dishes (Admission \$5 p.p.)

Call Frances Lee (212) 254-6502 and/or Lisa Binder (212) 473-0751 with questions, comments or confirmation of your participation

FOOD FOR FAMILIES Marian C. Fish

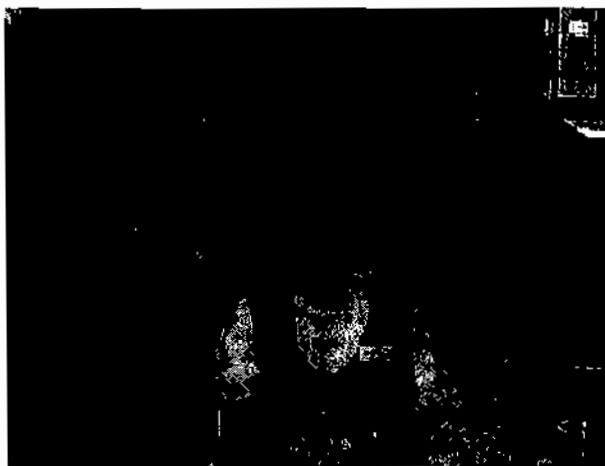
We had a great turnout for the November 7th Food For Families. Nineteen of us schmeared peanut butter and jelly, made cheese sandwiches, laughed, talked, and packed bags with drinks, fruit, sandwiches, cookies, and pudding. We made 328 meals (yes, we're counting!) that were picked up by the City Harvest truck and went straight to the pantry. Our gratitude to the participants: Cynthia, Ron and Tracey Dubensky, Florence Peloquin, Sharon, Shaul, Saar and Sivan Shemesh, Marian, Robert, and Gregg Fish, Steven Novick, Lauren Weinberger, Greg and John Connuck, Mohammed Hoque, Babette Hollister, and Lori and Alanna Weissman. The sponsor of this FFF was Shirley Lipton; the shoppers were Cynthia and Ron Dubensky, and the good feelings belonged to everyone.

Our next FFF will take place on December 12th. The sponsor is Sara Siegel in memory of her granddaughter, Galit Hen.

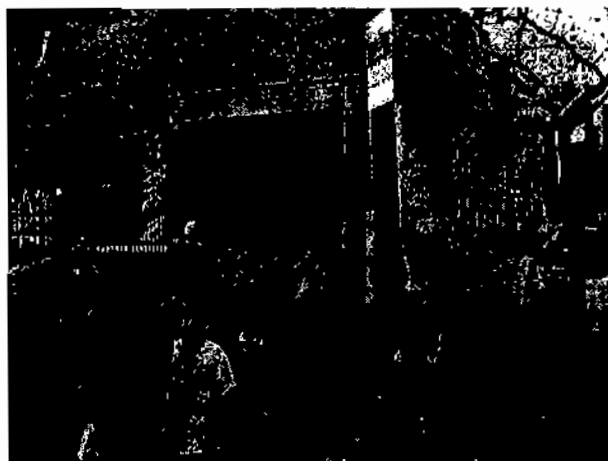
On December 12th at 1 pm, please bring: four breads (preferably whole wheat) and 16 pieces of fruit. Health Dept. regulations require that we wear hats. This is holiday season and many people will be hungry. Please join us.

Marian

Contact: mfish1211@aol.com



Marian Fish, Babette Hollister, Cynthia Dubensky



Volunteers loading the truck in process...



EAST END TEMPLE DONATION FORM

Please use this order form to send contributions to any fund(s) you choose. You may use the form below by filling out the information and sending it with your check to the Temple office, attention to the fund chairperson. Please use separate check for each fund.

Sisterhood Funds	<input type="checkbox"/> COLLATION/ONEG SHABBAT	(\$50)	Elizabeth Gross	(718) 335-8459
	<input type="checkbox"/> FLORAL FUND	(\$54)	June Morse	(212) 689-5557
	<input type="checkbox"/> HELENE SPRING LIBRARY FUND	(\$10 per listing)	Barbara Ringel	477-6625
	<input type="checkbox"/> TORAH FUND	(\$10 per listing)	Carole L. Hyman	477-6444
	<input type="checkbox"/> SIMCHA FUND	(\$10 per listing)	Temple Office	477-6444
	<input type="checkbox"/> FOOD FOR FAMILIES	(\$18 per listing)	Temple Office	477-6444
	<input type="checkbox"/> FOOD FOR FAMILIES DAY SPONSOR	(\$300)	Temple Office	477-6444

The following funds are handled by the Temple Office - 245 East 17th Street NYC (212) 477-6444

<input type="checkbox"/> EET BROTHERHOOD YOUTH ENDOWMENT FUND (EETBYEF)	(\$10 per listing)
<input type="checkbox"/> EL EMET FUND	(\$10 per listing)
<input type="checkbox"/> FUND FOR THE FUTURE	(\$100 per listing)
<input type="checkbox"/> HAMERMESH MUSIC FUND	(\$10 per listing)
<input type="checkbox"/> KEHILA FUND	Joan Beranbaum 212/254-5740 and Judith Sussman 212/982-0382 (\$1800 minimum)
<input type="checkbox"/> MEMORIAL BOARD PLAQUE	(\$720 each)
<input type="checkbox"/> SIMCHA TREE LEAF	(\$236 each)
<input type="checkbox"/> RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY	(\$25 per listing)
<input type="checkbox"/> SARA A. SPENCER CHILDREN'S EDUCATIONAL RESOURCE CENTER	(\$10 per listing)

FROM (name of contributor): _____

MESSAGE: _____

RECIPIENT TO BE NOTIFIED, NAME & ADDRESS: _____

AMOUNT ENCLOSED: \$ _____

Save January 30, 2005

If you haven't reserved the date, please do so now! Our much anticipated event, headlined by noted author, Tova Mirvis, is coming up next month. Her two novels, *The Ladies Auxiliary*, and *The Outside World*, will be available for sale at our Book Fair this month and at our event on January 30, 2005, when Ms. Mirvis will personally sign all purchased copies. You may sign out her books from our library as well. All congregants will receive a personal invitation to our library event, but is open to non-members as well, and we encourage you to invite family and friends to what promises to be an engaging, enlightening reading and discussion, followed by a reception, highlighted by Ms. Mirvis' book signing. We hope to see you then.



Please come see our exhibit of library "wish list" books at the Book Fair this week. Just as we did last year, we have selected a number of books recommended by Rabbi Adelson and our committee, books that would enhance our already enviable library collection. If you purchase one of these books as a library donation, your name and/or the name of the person in whose honor or memory you are donating the book, will be placed on a bookplate inside the book cover. Thank you in advance for considering turning our "wishes" into realities! Beth and I will be there Sunday, December 5th, to personally thank you!

Barbara & Beth

Contact: Bringel@aol.com or BKLYNC@aol.com

ATTENTION: MAH-JONGG PLAYERS

June Morse has taken over managing the Mah-Jongg list of players from Helen Doneger. Please submit your players' list to June Morse at the Temple, and make checks payable to June Morse. Each card costs \$6 with \$1 benefitting Sisterhood. The deadline is February 1, 2005. Thank you.

Sisterhood's Cold Weather Project thanks the Coats & Clark Yarn Company for their recent donation of a carton full of beautiful yarn. Thank you, Carole L. Hyman, for arranging this contribution.

Now is the time to come to the Temple and pick up your complimentary yarn to knit or crochet into warm winter accessories for the needy. See Sharon in the office

Happy Chanukah, friends. The first Chanukah candle will be lit on Tuesday evening, December 7th. Our Judaica Shop is stocked with all your holiday needs, from WRAPPING PAPER and GIFT TAGS to MENORAHS and CANDLES to GIFTS for kids and adults alike. We've got the best price on so many things, like the 2005 ENTERTAINMENT BOOK and DESIGNER CHANUKAH CANDLES. We are featuring some old favorites like the beautiful CRYSTAL DREIDLE, and have added some new fun things, like a STRING OF CHANUKAH LIGHTS and CHANUKAH KALEIDOSCOPIES. Come take a look. Spending money at the Judaica Shop benefits our Sisterhood, which helps to support our whole Temple community. On Sunday, December 5th, the Judaica Shop will be open from 1-5 p.m., during the Temple Chanukah Party and Book Fair.

See you at the Temple.

Fran

Contact: thekolins@worldnet.att.net

Website News

There's lots of exciting news about our Temple on our new website (www.eastendtemple.org). Please check it out. We're sure you will find it informative and helpful. It's easy to read and professionally designed.

You will find links to our current and previous issues of Templets, information about upcoming events, details of future Shabbat services and information about our community. Upcoming features "in the works" for our website include pages with photographs of our beautiful building, and a photo album of Temple events.

We want to make sure that the website meets the needs of our members so if you have comments or feedback, please feel free to call the Temple office or send an E-mail to the Temple (info@eastendtemple.org) with the subject: Website, and we will try to incorporate your suggestions.

Stay tuned for the exciting changes to the website. Remember that it is available "at the touch of your fingertips" whenever you want to visit our website, and any time you want to feel the excitement of our busy, vibrant, active Temple community.

Ellen Ettinger

5765/2004-2005

WOMEN OF REFORM JUDAISM ART CALENDAR
Few available at the Temple office @ \$15 each

Congratulations and Mazal Tov to

- Leigh S. Blumstein and Stephen A. Cooper on their marriage
- June Paek and Justin P. Farahan on their marriage
- Babette Hollister and Jodi Robin and Ben Hollister, on the birth of grandson and son, William Lev Robin Hollister, 8 lbs. 9½ oz, on November 11, 2004
- Cheryl, Neil and big brother, Alec Pinchuk on the birth of Samantha Paige, 6 lbs. and 19 inches long, November 3, 2004

Welcome New Members

- Stephen Cooper and Leigh Blumstein
- Miriam T. and David Gross
- David A. Loewy
- Floranna and Seymour Miller
- Kerry Elizabeth and Jamie Noah Rosenblatt

Get Well Wishes to

Alice Abrash, James Chin, Helen Doneger, Ted Hetzer, Michael Ginsburg, Mel Schweitzer, Doris Stampleman, Marjorie Sussman

Deepest condolences to

- Marsha Leibowitz, our librarian, on the passing of her father, David Leibowitz

Join us for

**EET'S FIFTH ANNUAL
JUDAICA BOOK FAIR**

Sunday, December 5 1 - 5 pm

- * Chanukah gift ideas for readers of all ages
- * Book signing and reading by Grace Maisel, co-author of *A Year of Jewish Stories*
- * Pick up the new Philip Roth novel
- * Story time for our youngest guests
- * Donate books to the Helene Spring Library
- * Cash, checks & credit cards accepted



EAST END TEMPLE BOOKCLUB

The Book: The Wife
 The Author: Meg Wolitzer
 The Date: Tuesday, December 21
 The Place: Call for location 212.477.6444

**CELEBRATE CHANUKAH WITH
EAST END TEMPLE**

At a party, Sunday December 5,
from 2:30 to 4:30 pm.

Join us for some Chanukah fun: Sing along, games and crafts, latkes and sufganiot.

Only \$10 per family and bring an UNWRAPPED NEW GIFT for a little girl or boy. Some suggestions for gifts are stuffed animals, board games, action figures and books. And don't forget to stop and shop at our annual Book Fair.

See you at the Temple!



Interfaith and Intercultural Group News

Adam and Karen Schartoff report that their potluck dinner for the Interfaith Group held on November 5th was a huge success. New members joined with current members to enjoy lively conversation and exchange experiences. Everyone brought food to share with the group and all ages were represented. Adam and Karen point out that this group is a great source for outreach to encourage potential new intercultural members. For more information about the group, contact Adam at their email address adamandkarenschartoff@yahoo.com.

THANK YOU TO OUR NOVEMBER USHERS

Suellen Eshed, Marian and Robert Fish, Fred Kolikoff, Bobby Kolin, Frances Lee, Janie Listengart, Judith Sussman

THANK YOU TO OUR NOVEMBER BIMAH GUESTS

Fran Kolin, Julie Livingston, Marcia Muskat,

PAYMENT OF DUES FOR 2004 TAX PURPOSES

If you want to declare your 2004 contributions to East End Temple, to the extent allowed by law, we must have your payment no later than **December 20, 2004**. **The check must be dated in 2004**. You will receive a statement at the end of January 2005.

Memorial Plaques purchased for

Ben Solon and Gusta Weiner Solon, by Babette Hollister



Helen Doneger: A Voice of Passion and Principles

By nature, Helen is both passionate and prudent. She speaks from the heart and carefully considers her audience. She was raised in a kosher home in Washington, PA. and her three younger brothers called her "The General". Helen's verbal advantage contributed to her academic and professional successes. In 1941, with a BS in Home Economics from Carnegie Institute of Technology (now Carnegie Mellon), she was recruited as a Government Services Dietician in Washington D.C. She then enlisted as a commissioned officer and Dietician in the US Army, worked side by side with many non-Jewish doctors and nurses and never experienced an ounce of anti-Semitism. Helen served her country in the States and the Philippines from 1942-46, was attached to a medical unit, and earned the rank of First Lieutenant.

Early East Enders

In 1948, Helen and her dear husband Morton Doneger moved from East 71st Street to veteran friendly Stuyvesant Town. When their one year-old son, Alan, was barely ready for religious school, Helen used just the right words to convince Morty that there was never a better time to join East End Temple. When EET calls upon Helen to volunteer, she graciously expresses the honor she feels. From 1953 to 1963, she spoke words of wisdom as a Dietetics and Nutrition instructor at the NY Institute of Dietetics. Not surprisingly, she moved into a 20-year tenure as the school's director. From there, she managed the accounts for an ophthalmology office (1983-1990) and a computer company (1990-2000).

Love of Judaism

To listen to Helen's story is to hear of her love for Judaism. Before lights out on her first Friday at Basic Training at Fort Belvoir, Virginia, she was already in attendance at the army base's Shabbat service. She also fondly recalls EET's earliest Shabbat services in the Labor Temple, on 14th Street. Helen and the other women carried hot coffee pots up and down several flights of stairs so that Temple members could chat and chew during their weekly Oneg Shabbat. Helen has more than earned her community service stripes stuffing Temple envelopes and cataloging Temple library books. She has taken on the leadership responsibilities of Sisterhood President and multiple term Board Trustee, and has always been a voice of reason. Morty, a garment center salesman, partnered with Helen in supporting EET and found his own niche in the Men's Club. In fact, when Morty passed away after 25 years of marriage, it was EET that came to Helen's rescue. On



Helen Doneger

Sunday mornings at EET, Helen continues to feel the warm embrace of her dear friends and of the group facilitator (Bette Levy) at the Chevrat Nashim senior women's group. And whenever Helen's youngest and only surviving brother, Bob, invites Helen to c'mon down to live in sunny Orlando, Florida, she candidly lets him know that she wouldn't feel at home in another city or another Temple.

Bragging Rights

Helen never tires of talking about her son Alan, her daughter-in-law Myra, or her granddaughter, Morgan. Alan was raised on a healthy EET diet of Religious School, Bar Mitzvah and Confirmation. In 1975, he and Myra were married by EET's Rabbi Cole. In turn, Morgan (now a freshman at U. of Rhode Island) attended EET's Religious School. At age 11, Morgan announced that because Grandma Helen loves Judaism so much, Morgan would devote more time studying for her Bat-Mitzvah. Like her grandmother, Morgan is skilled in the art of diplomacy.



We'd love to hear your story.

Call Marcia Muskat

212.477.6444 and tell her that you are ready to share...



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

Kathryn L. Bleiberg & Gary R. Brendel
Jelena & Miki Blumenberg
Carolyn & Phillip Gollance
Norma Hirsch
Cynthia S. Kern and Jane Boisseau
Lisa Denby & Ron Orland
Muhamed Saric & Amy Kates
Barbara Katersky & David Sturm

- * If you have contributed and your name has not been listed, forgive us. We will include it next month.
- * If you have not yet contributed, it is not too late to do so.

While we accept phoned-in contributions for our various funds, the surest way to ensure accuracy is to put it in writing and send it to the Temple office with your check.

The exceptions are **Library Fund contributions**, which should go directly to Barbara Ringel, 431 East 20th Street – 4F, NYC 10010. Telephone number: 212.477.6625. Be sure to include your address, phone number and e-mail.

RIVERSIDE MEMORIAL CHAPEL

Charles S. Salomon

*76th & Amsterdam Ave.
212-362-6600*

For Generations
a Proud Commitment
to the Jewish Community

Riverside Memorial Chapel is a Subsidiary of Service Corporation International, 1929 Allen Parkway,
Houston, TX, 77019, (713) 522-5141

**New dates for EET trip to Israel:
March 13 – 21, 2005
Contact Rabbi for details**

KOSHER IN COSTA RICA

If you are vacationing in Costa Rica this winter, there is a new Jewish community Center in San Jose. Six years in the planning, the new center includes a 950-seat synagogue, a study hall, a Jewish museum and community library. There is also a Holocaust Remembrance Wall, a day care center for the elderly and a kosher restaurant. L'chaim to our friends in Costa Rica!

EET CONGREGATIONAL DINNER and conversation with Rabbi Andrew Davids of ARZA FRIDAY, DECEMBER 17th @ 7:30 PM

Join the East End Temple community for the entire evening beginning with Shabbat Services @ 6 pm

MAKE YOUR DINNER RESERVATIONS BY DECEMBER 10th!

✂=====

East End Temple, 245 East 17th Street, New York, NY 10003

Congregational Dinner December 17th @ 7:30 pm

Member Adults & Teens @ \$18 _____ Member's Children 6-13 @ \$9 _____

Non-Member Adults @ \$25 _____ Non-Member Children 6-13 @ \$12 _____

Children under 6 (No Charge) _____

Enclosed is \$ _____ in payment for the dinner

NAME _____

PHONE _____



CONTRIBUTIONS. We are grateful to the following people for their generosity

EL EMET FUND

Yahrzeit Observances

Donor names are given first

Annabelle Cohen

Roslyn Myers

Ron & Cynthia Dubensky

Mildred Dubensky

Marjorie & Richard Gilbert

Gus Goldberg

Norma Hirsch

In memory of Louis Mast

Martha, Seth & Amy Levin

Irving Levin

Susan Rosenstock

Charles Rosenstock

Peggy Garrison

In appreciation of Shabbat Chavurah

HAMERMESH MUSTG FUND

Jelena & Miki Blumenberg

Thank you Cantor Hayley Kobilinsky

Phyllis Elsky

- In memory of my sister,
Rose Geier

- In memory of my brother,
Seymour Bardowsky

Barbara Thal Hodes

In memory of Gertrude Schiff

Marcia & Michael Muskat

Congratulations to Sara Siegel on the birth of her great-granddaughter

Myra Schiff

- In memory of my mother,
Gertrude Schiff

- In memory of my grandmother,
Sarah Landau

- To wish Marjorie Sussman a speedy and complete recovery

FLORAL FUND

Jelena & Miki Blumenberg

Thank you, Judith Lorber

Sanya Burger

In honor of her daughter, Mili,
becoming a Bat Mitzvah

Florence Peloquin

In memory of her parents, Anna and
Michael Rosenzweig

SIMCHA FUND

Bea Strasnick

Congratulations to Beth and Jerry
Labush on their double simcha:
Rachel and Kyle's engagements

FUND FOR THE FUTURE

Barbara Katersky & David Sturm

In honor of Michael's Bar Mitzvah

Jelena & Miki Blumenberg

HELENE SPRING LIBRARY FUND

Al & Rita Cohen

- In memory of Leo Kuhn
- In memory of Selma Lashine's
loving son, William

Shirley Lipton

- Mazal Tov to Sara Siegel on the
birth of her first great-
granddaughter, Tamar
- Best wishes for good health to
Helen Doneger
- Congratulations to Beth & Jerry
Labush on the engagements of
their daughters, Rachel & Kyle

June Morse

Congratulations to Sara Siegel on the
birth of her great granddaughter,
Tamar

Marcia & Michael Muskat

For the speedy recovery of Irv Roth

Towanda Robertson

In memory of Bill Lashine

Helen Sanders

- Wishing good health to
Helen Doneger
Marjorie Sussman
Lorraine Weiss
- In memory of Billy Lashine
- To congratulate Beth and Jerry
Labush on the engagements of
Rachel & Kyle

Steven A. Sanders

- In memory of Esther Lipkind
- In memory of Millie Sanders

Sara Siegel

- Happy Birthday to Helene
Spring
- In memory of Leo Kuhn
- Best wishes to

Lorraine Weiss

Helen Doneger

Helene & Leonard Spring

- Best wishes for a speedy and
complete recovery to Michael
Ginsburg

Hannah Wartenberg

- In honor of Helene Spring
- To thank the rabbi

Lorraine Weiss

- Thank you to Rabbi David
Adelson and all my Temple
family for their wishes for my
good health.

- Best wishes to

Helen Doneger

Mel Schweitzer

Irving Roth

Helen Sanders

Marjorie Sussman

Doris Becker

In memory of my parents, Rose
Becker and Alfred Becker

Robert Grobsteln & Simon Levine

In memory of William Lashine

COLLATION/ONEG SHABBAT FUND

Sanya Burger

In honor of her daughter, Mili,
becoming a Bat Mitzvah

RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

Jelena & Miki Blumenberg

Thank you, Rabbi David Adelson

Adele E. Reis

- In memory of Maurice Elentuch
- Comfort for sister Lila Schaber

Paul Shapiro, Rachel Gibbs & Lila

To thank the rabbi for a beautiful
Naming Ceremony

FOOD FOR FAMILIES

SPONSOR-FOR-A-DAY

Sara Siegel

In memory of her granddaughter
Galit Hen on her yahrzeit, is our
December sponsor

Thelma Spinrad

In memory of Abraham Spinrad

Helene & Leonard Spring

To help feed the hungry

TORAH FUND

Fay & Leslie Sherer

With all our love and best wishes to
Helen Doneger

ETI YOUTH ENDOWMENT FUND

Merle & Jonathan Brenner

Thank you, Rabbi Adelson and
Cantor Kobilinsky for preparing
Jamie for her Bat Mitzvah

Marcia & Michael Muskat

A speedy recovery for Sam Rosen

Nancy & Larry Schneider

- Get well wishes to
Helen Doneger
Irving Roth
Mel Schweitzer
- Condolences -- in memory of
Leo Kuhn
Ed Sobin
William Lashine

- In memory of Henry Schneider
on his yahrzeit

The Weinberger/Connuck Family

Congratulations to Marc and Rachel
Sobel on running the NYC Marathon

December 2004

East End Temple

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
5 10:30 AM Chevrat Nashim 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM ' Book Fair 2:30 PM - 4:30 PM ' Chanukah Celebration	6	7 4:00 PM Religious School First Candle Erev Chanukah	8 4:00 PM Religious School Open School and Book Fair 4 - 6 pm	9 4:00 PM Religious School 5:30 PM 7th class/dinner	10 6:00 PM Tot Shabbat 7:30 PM Shabbat Services w/EET Choir Performance	11 <i>Torah Portion: Miketz Gen. 41:1-44:17</i>
12 10:30 AM Chevrat Nashim 1:00 PM Food For Families	13	14 4:00 PM Religious School 6:00 PM Exec Meeting 7:30 PM Sisterhood Mtng & Sufganiot making Last Candle	15 4:00 PM Religious School	16 4:00 PM Religious School 5:30 PM Confirmation Class 7:00 PM YEC Meeting	17 6:00 PM Shabbat Services 7:30 PM Congregational Dinner January Temple Closing	18 10:00 AM Bat Mitzvah of Mill Burger <i>Torah Portion: Vaygash Gen. 44:18-47:27 Ushers: Daniel Lavin, Judith Jacobson</i>
19 10:30 AM Chevrat Nashim	20	21	22 Winter Recess December 21 - 30	23	24 7:30 PM Shabbat Services	25 <i>Torah Portion: Vayechi Gen. 47:28-50:26</i>
26 10:30 AM Chevrat Nashim	27	28	29 Winter Recess December 21 - 30	30	31 6:00 PM Shabbat Services <i>Torah Portion: Shemot Exod. 1:1-6:1</i>	