

JUNE 2004

SIVAN/TAMMUZ 5764

## SHABBAT & HOLIDAY SERVICES

Friday 4, 6 pm

*Kehila Wall Dedication  
& Choir Performance*

Saturday 5, 10 am

*Shabbat Chavurah: Torah Study*

Friday 11, 7:30 pm

*Board of Trustees & Officers Installation*

*Tot Shabbat, 6 pm*

Saturday 12, 10 am

*Bat Mitzvah of Melissa Gollance*

Friday 18, 6 pm

*Sisterhood Shabbat*

Saturday 19 10 am

*Bat Mitzvah of Anne Levine*

Friday 25, 6 pm

*Kabbalat Shabbat*

## TEMPLE ACTIVITIES

Board Meeting

*Monday 1, 7:15 pm*

Chevrat Nashim -

*Sundays 6, 13, 20, & 27, 10:30 am*

Ritual Initiative Meeting

*Tuesday 8, 7 pm*

Congregational Meeting

*Wednesday 9, 7:30 pm*

Rosh Chodesh Potluck Brunch

*Sunday 13, 10:30 pm*

Sisterhood Meeting & Challah Making

*Thursday 17, 7 pm*

Book Club - *Welcome to Heavenly Heights*

*Tuesday 22, 7:30 pm*

The Interfaith & Intercultural Group Shabbat Dinner

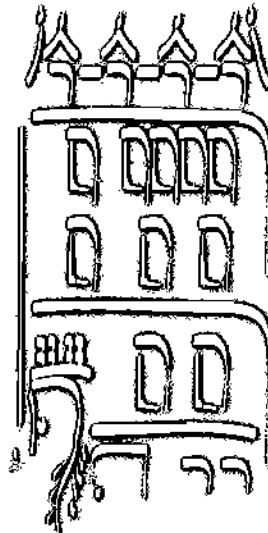
*Friday 25, 7:30 pm*

KEHILA WALL DEDICATION & CHOIR PERFORMANCE

Friday 4, 6 pm

EET CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Wednesday 9, 7:30 pm



# Templet

## “BREAKING THE GLASS MECHITZAH”

This was the clever title of an article in *Hadassah* magazine written by a feminist author and Torah scholar seeking to become an Orthodox rabbi in Israel. The author, Haviva Ner-David, persists in her goal because she believes it connects her to generations past, to her roots and ancestors and it “feeds her Jewish soul”.

In our secular society, women are still striving to break the glass ceilings in corporate boardrooms (check any annual report for proof) and the progress is too slow. However, in the religious world, especially in Reform Judaism, women are making their mark as rabbis, heads of congregations and as executives of national religion – affiliated organizations.

We wish Haviva Ner-David well in her quest to break the “glass Mechitzah”.

*Florence Peloquin*

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• SEE CALENDAR FOR ALL CLOSING DATES

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Dear Friends,

### My Mission

At East End Temple, I teach, counsel, lead prayer, spend time with kids, and officiate at life cycle ritual moments. In all of this, a central theme motivates me, and is the mission of my work: to guide people in figuring out what is meaningful in their lives, and how to talk about that meaning in Jewish ways.

Spirituality is about figuring out how we are connected to all that is more than we are, in everything we do. Some people call this being connected to God. Others call it finding meaning. Still others describe the spiritual journey as seeking moments of connection with other people. I believe whether we say we are a part of God, or of the universe, or of some system that is greater than ourselves, we are saying the same thing. Living a spiritual life simply means viewing everyday life with a slightly different lens.

### Our Diversity is our Blessing

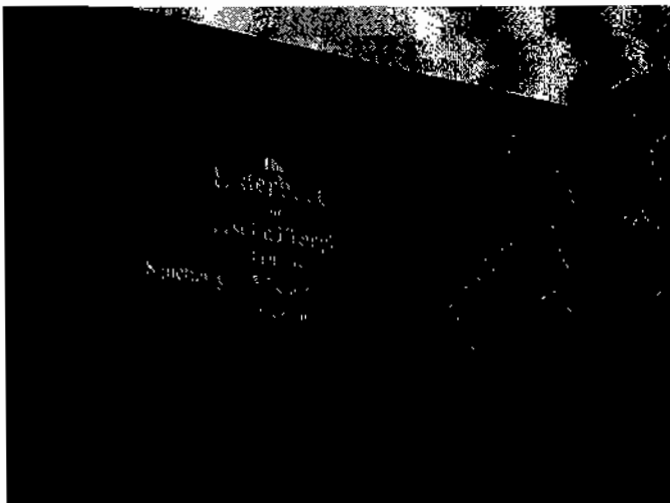
It is important to me that all members of our Temple family have full opportunity to explore what they believe, how they practice Judaism, and how they fit into Jewish community. We are such a gloriously diverse community of different ages and backgrounds. Our Temple is comprised of children, young singles and couples, people in middle age and older, interfaith families and couples, people who have been here a long time, and those who have just joined. Our diversity is

our blessing. Being a supportive synagogue community is about sharing what moves us, even when those experiences are different from one another. It doesn't matter if we say we believe in God or not. A sense of divinity, or meaning, flows through each of us, and we all perceive and describe that sense in different ways.

### Our Challenge

Jewish practice works the same way. We are a liberal Jewish community, and we see Jewish modes of living as opportunities for us to find meaning. Still, it is up to each of us to decide what moves us. One person's Shabbat might include coming to synagogue to pray with the community, while another's might be having dinner at home with family or friends. For someone else, grappling with the layers of Torah on Saturday morning might be most meaningful. Others prefer simply to make time for rest, friends and family, or being in nature. All are authentic Jewish ways of connecting to Shabbat, to our tradition, and to one another. The challenge for all of us is to try to bring our spiritual life – what we deeply, personally experience – and our religious life – Judaism – together. Can we bring our true selves, our deepest needs, fear and desires, to our prayer, study and community life? Can we find language that starts with “Baruch atah Adonai...” to express what is on our hearts? My job as spiritual leader – in services, counseling, teaching, and in important life moments – is to help us as individuals, and as a community, to meet those challenges. If there are additional ways I can support you in bringing your spiritual life and your Jewish life together, please let me know.

*David Adelson*



**Bobby Kolin installing the plaques that will be dedicated on June 4th.**

### The Cold Weather Project is going on strong

Going on vacation this summer? On a cruise? To the beach? The bungalow colony? The country house? All that travel and relaxing time could add up to big mitzvot! Come to the Temple and pick up some yarn. Make a hat, or a scarf, or any other warm winter accessory. You know what they say about idle hands...

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Production **Sharon Shemesh**



EAST END TEMPLE is *my* congregation, a very special one. This is my second home, my spiritual home. It has been my honor to serve as East End Temple's president during this unique period in its history.



These two years have been very full as we "transitioned" from one president to another, and one building to another:

- A busy last year in our cramped location on First Avenue
- Packed up the Temple, ready to move at a moment's notice – for several months
- Worked with contractors to have 17th Street building ready for us
- Held our Services, our Religious School amongst the packing boxes
- **\*\*Moved into our 17th Street building**
- Held our Services, our Religious School amongst the unpacked boxes
- Set up our school in new, expanded quarters
- Created a new set of procedures to run EET in this new location
- Hired our outstanding maintenance staff
- Monthly congregational dinners
- Continue to iron out all the kinks
- Work with our incomparable office staff to continue the temple's business
- Rabbi Adelson moved into his study with a view of the park
- Cantor Kobilinsky sits in the first Cantor's office ever at EET
- Shabbat services for more than 150 people
- Bar & Bat Mitzvah ceremonies for six of our students
- Meetings and adult education classes in our new Library
- Continue to grow and prosper

But just because I have decided not to continue as president doesn't mean that I won't continue to be very involved in Temple life. However, I hope not to be here three or four nights a week every week; I want to stay married to Sam.

Le'hitraot,

Contact: [president@eastendtemple.org](mailto:president@eastendtemple.org)

## Great Summer Reads

*One People, Two Worlds*, by Ammiel Hirsch and Yosef Reinman (Schocken, 2002)

Over a year-and-a-half, Hirsch (a Reform rabbi, head of ARZA, and former assistant rabbi at Shaaray Tefila) and Reinman (an Orthodox rabbi and scholar) did something astonishing. By e-mail, they discussed and debated every major issue of Judaism, from God to the origin of the Torah to the role of women to modern-day Israel. Smart, passionate, and respectful, the two men illustrate the great range of our religion in this unprecedented, and controversial, book.

*The Woman Who Laughed at God*, by Jonathan Kirsch (Penguin Compass [paperback], 2002)

If you think the only Jewish choices are Orthodoxy and "everything else," Kirsch has news for you. The premise of his book is that Judaism is a religion of constant reinvention, innovation, and diversity—and he presents characters both Biblical and modern to prove it. Fascinating and readable, Kirsch's wide-ranging take on history is accessible to everyone.

*The Ladies Auxiliary*, by Tova Mirvis (Ballantine Reader's Circle [paperback], 2000)

What happens when an uninhibited, but devout, convert enters an insular Orthodox community in the South? Much more than a clash-of-cultures story, this character-driven novel allows us a glimpse of a subculture within a subculture, a world in which Friday-night dinner means fried chicken.

*Six Days of War*, by Michael B. Oren (Oxford University Press [hardcover], 2002)

This comprehensive account of the Six-Day War draws on newly available resources from around the world. Oren goes far beyond battlefield narrative to delve into the events leading up to the conflict and its implications for the region and the world. (To be released this month in paperback.)

*Want more suggestions? An excellent readers' resource is the Reform movement's Web site ([www.uahc.org](http://www.uahc.org)), which highlights two important Jewish books each year and maintains a list of previous years' choices.*

**For Library Fund contributions, please call Barbara Ringel (212) 477-6625, or send donations directly to her. This will ensure timely handling of your offerings.**

Contact: [Bringel@aol.com](mailto:Bringel@aol.com) or [BKLYNYC@aol.com](mailto:BKLYNYC@aol.com)

Sisterhood board members (past and present) and invited guests from East End Temple, Village Temple and Temple Israel, gathered at Village Temple for the annual Tri-Sisterhood Dinner on Tuesday, May 11th. We traded news and listened to Lily Rivlin, film maker/feminist, talk about the ways in which we define ourselves and the continued need for women's voices. Lily spoke about her films, women's rights still being denied in other cultures, and the recent march for reproductive rights in Washington, D.C

**One more opportunity** remains to attend a Rosh Chodesh brunch led by Miriam Warshaviak. It's Sunday, June 13th, 10:30 am – 12 pm. Miriam leaves for a year in Israel soon. In addition to our spending a thought-provoking morning together, we wish to bid Miriam a safe journey. Please call Sharon at 212-477-6444 to let her know what you intend to bring or contact me at [sfhstamps@aol.com](mailto:sfhstamps@aol.com). You needn't have attended previously to enjoy this program.

**A Sisterhood Meeting / Challah Making Workshop** with Sharon Shemesh is scheduled: Thursday, June 17th at 7pm. Please note the departure from our regular Tuesday meetings. The fee for the workshop is \$3.00 for materials. Bake on Thursday and enjoy your very own Shabbat challah on Friday. So... don't delay! To reserve a space, call Sharon at 212-477-6444.

Finally, in honor of Sisterhood, please join us for services, Friday, June 18th at 6 pm before or after you taste that delicious challah! Hear Florence Peloquin speak about her career in magazine publishing and the many barriers she had to break in order to succeed. It is both an honor and a treat when one of our own addresses the congregation, so be sure to mark your calendars if you haven't already done so.

#### **SISTERHOOD SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE:**

- \* June 13th Rosh Chodesh
- \* June 17th Meeting / Challah Workshop
- \* June 18th Sisterhood Shabbat

**MANY THANKS** to all of the women who set out the goodies enjoyed by congregants following Friday evening services this year. **YOUR HELP... Priceless.**

Remember to check elsewhere in the Temple for Judaica Shop, library and theatre activity. It's been quite a year on 17th Street. Mazal Tov, East End Temple. Happy Anniversary.

Have a great summer and as always, thank you for supporting US, In Sisterhood,

*Fern*

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### **Reminder: Kehila Dedication Wall Unveiling Ceremony, Friday, June 4th!**

Hope you have your calendars marked! Plan to join us for the dedication of the Kehila Wall, unveiling of the donor plaques honoring the first families to give to the Kehila campaign, and a celebratory Oneg after Shabbat services on **Friday, June 4, 2004 at 6 pm.**

If you have not yet made your gift to the Kehila Campaign, please consider doing so now. Your name will be read at this initial dedication and your plaque will be unveiled in the Fall. Yours just might be the gift that completes our dream house.

Contact: [iberanbaum@dc37.net](mailto:iberanbaum@dc37.net) or [jhs@nyc.rr.com](mailto:jhs@nyc.rr.com)

### **Anonymous Matching Grant:**

**Doubles Your Money,  
Doubles Our Fund**

A generous "friend of the Temple" has offered to match, up to \$50,000, any donations to the Matching Grant Fund made by June 30th. This offer is a historic first for EET's new home, and we want to make certain that we complete this match. The people listed below have already responded to our appeal, and helped us raise \$42,300. We have \$6,700 left to raise in the next few weeks. Won't you please help? Your gift will be doubled, dollar for dollar. And, we will have \$100,000 to continue to enhance and maintain our lovely Temple.

(Send a check ATT: Carole Hyman, or call Joan Beranbaum at 212.254.5740 or Judith Sussman 212.982.0382 to make your pledge before June 30th.)

**Matching Grant Fund donors as of 5/18/2004:** Assemblyman Steven Sanders' staff in Albany, Richard Bengloff, Betty Beranbaum, Joan Beranbaum & John Stackhouse, James G. Collins, Helen Doneger, Susan Epstein, Friends of Seminerio, Karen Feuer, Dorothy Geller, the Gollance Family, Ernestine Grafton (Estate of), Sarita Gupta & Mark Jofe, Babette Hollister, Judith Jacobson & Dan Lavin, Amy Kates & Muhamed Saric, Doris Litt, Shirley Lipton, Norma Kartzmer, Babs & David Marcus, Beatrice Marcus, Martin J. McLaughlin, June Morse, Marcia & Michael Muskat, Andrea Nimberger, Florence Peloquin, Pearl & Robert Polifka, Adele Reis, Edna & Sam Rosen, Elaine & Malcolm Sampliner, Arthur & Eve Sanders & Family, Rachel & Paul Shapiro, Sara Siegel, Alice Schlesinger, Mel Schweitzer, Audrey & Martin Schlanger, Helene & Leonard Spring, Fern & Steve Stampleman, Judith Sussman, Jeffrey Thomases Charlotte Wilson, Barbara & Donald Zucker.

Hello to all,

When a school year ends, it always seems as if it just started. You've just gotten the hang of it, and it's over. With all that said, it's a relief, as we pushed many things aside during the school year and now it is time to relax. Our youngsters seemed to be sorry that the year is over while the older children are probably relieved as sports and other activities kick in.

**May was a busy month** for the 7<sup>th</sup> graders. With their parents, they were introduced to the reality of homelessness in New York City, as they prepared Mother's Day gifts for women, occupants of a new women's shelter run by the Bowery Mission. We were lucky to have a guided tour of the shelter, lead by the Bowery's executive director prior to its opening.

We also had a last Family Service & Dinner, with the 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> graders. The 6<sup>th</sup> graders held a debate surrounding Bar-Kochva, the hero of Lag Ba'omer (the holiday happened to coincide with that event). The 7<sup>th</sup> graders told us how they envision 'cool' Jewish institutions and education. We kept our ears open, knowing that the young ones show us which way the wind is blowing.

**Another responsibility** that was given to the 7<sup>th</sup> graders was to choose the recipients of the Tzedakah money collected during this school year. The three chosen organizations are to be presented for a vote by the rest of the children in the school, and the money is to be divided and donated, according to the children's selection.

The main event in May was the End of the Year & Confirmation ceremony, on Shavuot eve. As I write this before the event took place, I hope it will be a heart-warming event and a great way for children, teachers and parents to say goodbye before we part for the summer.

**June gives us**, the people involved in education, time to look back and see what went well and what needs improvement. We always seek the best and if any of you would like to share an idea, or frustration, please discuss it with the rabbi, Suellen Eshed (YEC committee chair) or me.

Le'hitraot (See you)

*Hagit*

Contact: [educator@eastendtemple.org](mailto:educator@eastendtemple.org)

**In Memoriam – Murray Sanders**

Murray Sanders, long-time Board of Trustees member, treasurer and officer of East End Temple, passed away May 8, 2004

An admired and respected member of the community, Murray was known for his sound thinking on financial matters and advice on Temple money matters. He served as EET's Treasurer for almost 20 years.

After graduating from City College and becoming a CPA, he joined an accounting firm in New York. He then worked for the IRS for many years, becoming an officer in charge of a group of auditors, and also responsible for upstate territory. When he retired from the IRS, he joined the Fashion Institute of Technology as CFO in charge of their accounting department. He also taught accounting at night.

Murray was an avid sports fan, a participant as well as observer. He was a good tennis player, was on the boxing team at CCNY and boasted that he won all his matches, except one.

Murray Sanders is survived by his dear wife, Helen, his son, Assemblyman Steven Sanders, daughters Doreen and Arlene, five granddaughters, and brother Abby.

*Florence Peloquin*

***Excerpts from Eulogy by Helene Spring***

One of my most favorite people. I read once that some people come into our lives and quickly go – some stay awhile and leave footprints on our hearts and we are never the same.

So it is with Murray. A humble man – a gift to each and every one of us here today and those multitudes whose lives he touched. We are here to celebrate a life well lived. He deserved honor every day of his life because he was the epitome of an honorable man. We are diminished by his death.

From his dear and special family to his prowess with numbers. His wise counsel to our congregation, East End Temple. He epitomized honor coupled with fierce and penetrating loyalty. He had generosity of spirit and intellect. He was a truly ethical and brilliant man who brought joy to all who knew him. He never had a bad word to say about anyone – and – more importantly – no one could ever say anything bad about him. He was respected and loved.

Murray deserved the admiration, respect, loyalty and love he was given. He treasured all those to whom he was a powerful force of stability. We all share priceless memories. He was special. He was Murray Sanders.

## SAVE THE DATE!

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For more information, call GNYCRS at (212) 286-8060  
or visit <http://urj.org/gnycrs>

## EET Memorial Park: Cemetery Plots Available

While the decision to purchase a cemetery plot is an issue we frequently postpone or avoid, it is something that should be planned and not done under duress, or in an emergency. East End Temple maintains a section in Mount Moriah Cemetery, located in Fairview, NJ. Please call for the prices of a single or double grave, including the cost of endowed care. If you are interested in the purchase of one or more cemetery plots, please contact Sharon at the office (212) 477-6444.

## World Trade Center Health Registry

Anybody who responded to the 9/11 emergency by working at St. Paul's Church can be registered with the World Trade Center Health Registry. The registry plans to study the full scope of health effects related to the 9/11 disaster.

Through information you provide, guidelines will be developed that may save lives and reduce injuries in the event of future disasters. For further information, contact the registry at 1-866-NYC-WTCR or go to [www.wtcregistry.org](http://www.wtcregistry.org).



## 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)	<b>Elizabeth Gross</b>	<b>(718) 335-8459</b>
	<input type="checkbox"/> FLORAL FUND	(\$54)	<b>June Morse</b>	<b>(212) 689-5557</b>
	<input type="checkbox"/> HELENE SPRING LIBRARY FUND	(\$10 per listing)	<b>Barbara Ringel</b>	<b>477-6625</b>
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	<input type="checkbox"/> SIMCHA FUND	(\$10 per listing)	<b>Temple Office</b>	<b>477-6444</b>
	<input type="checkbox"/> FOOD FOR FAMILIES	(\$18 per listing)	<b>Temple Office</b>	<b>477-6444</b>
	<input type="checkbox"/> FOOD FOR FAMILIES DAY SPONSOR	(\$250)	<b>Temple Office</b>	<b>477-6444</b>

The following funds are handled by the Temple Office - 245 East 17<sup>th</sup> 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"/> 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: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

## The Interfaith and Intercultural Group NEWS...

"God creates new worlds constantly- by causing marriages to take place" (Zohar I, 89a)

The Interfaith and Intercultural Group is flourishing with the sharing of ideas on how to handle the rich experience of being an interfaith family.

"Holidays: Delights and Dilemmas" was our first meeting, but we also spent time getting to know each other. Matt Riez and Maria Randazzo discussed the challenges of bringing their different backgrounds together, while Alexandra Cheng and Matthew Eichhorn discussed how their courtship led to their unconventional wedding (they eloped)! The group discussed the meaning of holidays in all religions and looked at symbols of the holidays up close and personal. We discovered that discussion of these symbols promotes incorporating them into our lives.

### Interfaith Lifestyle

The May meeting brought Rabbi Adelson into the discussion of Jewish law and the interfaith lifestyle. Nadine and Arie Kaplan discussed her decision to convert, and Andrea Deszo explained how she raises her non-Jewish son in a Jewish home. It was enlightening to hear the perspective of Irish Catholic – bred Paul McCullough on raising his daughter, Madison as a "nice Jewish girl," and the importance of supporting this choice. Marc Block recounted the changes in his perspective on Jewish custom. Ursula and Paul Ofman offered words of advice on creating a loving family environment, in spite of the inevitable breakdowns in communication. June Paek and Justin Farahan came up with the idea for next meeting after explaining how they incorporate diverse cultures into Jewish ritual (food!).

The IFIC Group uncovers common ground with family members, encourages bridge building in everyday life and supports our families in the most profound spiritual ways we can. With a healthy dose of humor and love, our lives are not just 100% full, but even, "150% full!"

The next Interfaith/Intercultural Group Meeting will be a POTLUCK Shabbat Dinner on June 25, 2004!

Please contact us if you would like to attend and tell us what dish you will bring: 718-858-5345 or email us at: [adamandkarenschartoff@yahoo.com](mailto:adamandkarenschartoff@yahoo.com)). EVERYONE: Please join us in June as we celebrate foods in the Jewish Diaspora!

*Adam and Karen Schartoff*

### In Memoriam

#### Solomon Wiener

A past-president of East End Temple, Sol Wiener died on May 8, 2004. Known for his highly educated and inquiring mind, Sol lit up many a congregational meeting with provocative questions.

Sol worked for the Civil Service, responsible for testing and wrote several books on the topic. He was a principle force in shaping the NYC Civil Service system. He also taught English as a Second Language at Washington Irving Evening Adult School.

He was very proud of his Army military career. Sol was an officer in the chemical warfare division during World War II, remained in the reserves and retired as a Colonel in 1966. He also won the Bronze Star.

Sol was an EET president in the late 70's and was interested in the intellectual aspect of Judaism. He was also very active in UJA-Federation, honored twice by them.

A devoted family man, he is survived by his wife, Gertrude, daughters Willa and Marjorie and four grandchildren.

(Note: this notice was written with the help of Rabbi Larry Sebert)

### JUDAICA SHOP FINDS Fran Kolin

June brings us the opportunity to celebrate Father's Day. Our Judaica Shop can help! Maybe this year Dad would like a ritual item to enhance his appreciation of Shabbat. We have hand-painted suede kippahs in all designs, including Dad's favorite sports teams! We have tallises, mezuzahs on neckchains, and even a ceramic cup that says "Abba", the Hebrew word for father. Take a look, and make your shopping experience easy and a mitzvah, too. Shop the Shop!

*Fran*

Contact: [thekolins@worldnet.att.net](mailto:thekolins@worldnet.att.net)

### 5765/2004-2005 WOMEN OF REFORM JUDAISM ART CALENDAR

Now available at the Temple office  
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## THE TEMPLE FAMILY

### **Congratulations and Best Wishes to**

- Melissa Gollance, daughter of Carolyn and Phil and sister of Sonia Gollance, on becoming a Bat Mitzvah
- Anne Levine, daughter of Helen and Paul and brother Grant, on becoming a Bat Mitzvah
- Talia Gail Yett, born February 2, 2004, on her Baby Naming Ceremony. Mazal Tov to the proud parents, Sheldon & Sharon Yett and big sister, Ariana
- Our Confirmands: Rachel Brenner, Gregg Fish, Dana Harris, Daniel Hochman, Elaine Lavin, Madison McCullough, their parents and families
- Karen and Adam Schartoff, on the birth of their son, Jacob Pittman. Born Friday, May 14, 6lbs 8ozs
- Edna and Sam Rosen, on the graduation of their daughter, Adrienne Rosen, from George Washington Law School
- Abigail Rubin, who graduated from Rice University and who will begin Fordham Law School in August

### **EAST END TEMPLE BOOKCLUB**

June 22, Welcome to Heavenly Heights by Risa Miller

August 18, book to be selected at the June 22 Bookclub

Call for location of meeting

### **REMINDER**

Have you paid your Temple bill in full yet? Remember, we must receive your payment in full no later than June 15, 2004.

### **THANK YOU TO OUR MAY USHERS**

Barbara Katersky, Lauren Weinberger, Lisa Binder, Sanya Burger, Paul Ofnan, Peter Gordon

### **ART EXHIBITION & AUCTION**

**Sunday, May 16**

Great Art, Wonderful People, Terrific Auctioneer,  
Raised funds for the Temple,  
Wine & Cheese Deluxe  
Art Purchased for EET

We missed you if you weren't there!  
Hope to do this again next year.

### **Typewriter Needed For Library**

If anyone has an electric typewriter in good working condition, our library staff would be grateful for its donation to the library.

Donors can contact the temple office 212.477.6444

### **SAVE THE DATES... SIGN UP TO HELP EET 2004 OPEN HOUSE**

#### **Dates:**

Sunday, August 29, 4-7 pm  
Wednesday, September 1, 5-8 pm  
Thursday, September 9, 5-8 pm

We're asking for volunteers to create interesting ways to publicize the Open Houses (PR), as well as volunteers to work the Open Houses. We need greeters, tour guides, and front desk people to supervise sign-in sheets give out nametags, and order and supervise refreshments.

### **INCREASED MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS US ALL!**

Please contact Membership Subcommittee Chairs, Lisa Binder, at (212) 473-0751, or Frances Lee, at (212) 254-6502, if you would like to serve in any of the above-mentioned capacities or make suggestions.

### **Cyber-wall to Wall**

*from the World Jewish Congress newsletter:*

Israel's Bezeq telephone company has announced a new service that allows users to log onto the Internet to send e-mail notes to be placed in the crevices of Jerusalem's Western Wall – the retaining wall that surrounded the Jewish temple – from where, according to Jewish tradition, the pleas will be granted by Heaven.

The service is an expansion of the company's existing fax service to the Wall, which receives about 200 notes a week, and more on holidays.

### **G.I JEW Exhibit**

The inaugural exhibition of the Robert M. Morgenthau Wing of New York's Museum of Jewish Heritage, *Ours to Fight For: American Jews in the Second World War*, examines and celebrates the heroic role of Jews who were part of the American War effort on and off the battlefields of World War II.

The exhibit, which includes an interactive program, invites visitors to record their own wartime experiences via a video-capture kiosk, and to bring photos of themselves or loved ones in uniform during World War II to be scanned and eventually displayed in the exhibition.

## Sara Siegel... A People Person!

She was born Southern Baptist in Norfolk Va., raised with five sisters on a country farm in North Carolina, sold American Women Voluntary Services World War II Bonds on the streets of New York, met her Jewish husband while cashiering at a Loews Movie Theater, and now shuttles between NY and Israel bearing witness to her four grandchildren's growth and celebrations. It's been a great ride for Sara Siegel, thanks to the wonderful people she's met along the way.

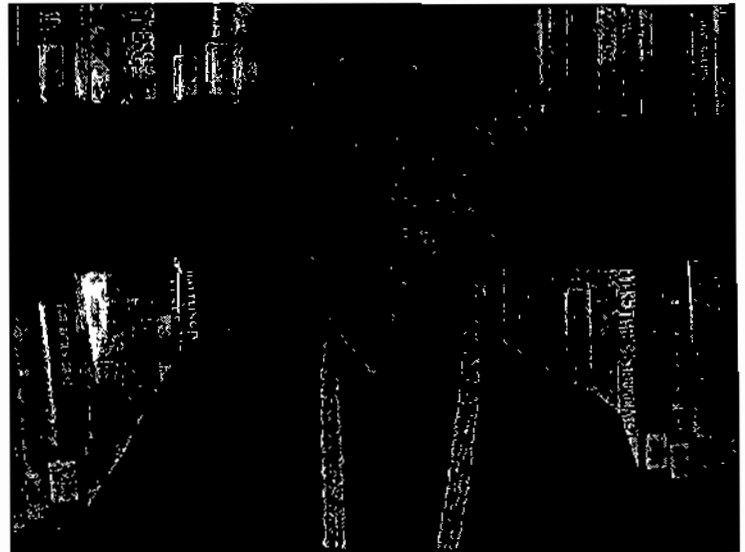
### Sara's New Home

For 16 years, as East End Temple's secretary and all-around girl-Friday, Sara won the love and affection of a congregational family that prized her sunny-outlook and no-job-too-big demeanor. Temple members stopped her on the street to shmooze; religious school students hung out at her desk for Band-aids and banter, and the rabbis in residence found Sara to be an open and curious student of Torah. Sara's conversion to Judaism was inspired by a 1968 EET sponsored trip to Israel, which she experienced with Rabbi Soloff and 50 other special EET members. Not surprisingly, Sara's people and management skills commanded the attention of the larger NY Jewish community. She landed the Central Conference of American Rabbis (CCAR) secretarial position and for 21 years coordinated many of their high-profile conventions that played host to the likes of Golda Meyer and Abba Eban in Israel.

Because of the outstretched arms that EET extended in her direction, Sara has been a quintessential EET member for the last 50 years. Back when the Temple was 400 families strong and Oneg Shabbat desserts were home-baked, Sara did her part for Sisterhood Bazaars, shows and dances. Today, she is a regular at EET's Chevrat Nashim senior women's program; a willing pair of helping hands in the Library and Temple office; and a devoted fan to a Temple that she calls her second home.

### Moving to NYC

Despite, or because of, America's devastating economic Depression, 19-year-old Sara took the advice of her worldly wise sister, a NYC nursing student, and sought work in the Big Apple. Though intimidated by the biggest city she had ever seen, Sara's appetite for meeting and greeting captured the hearts of many, including Arnold, the Loews Theater manager (and husband for 50 years). After Arnold's 16-month tour of duty under Patton's Army and the 1942 Battle of the Bulge, Sara, Arnold and daughter Judy became original tenants in Stuyvesant Town: a homestead for war



### Sara Siegel, long-time active EET member

veterans where doors were never locked and children crawled freely between apartments.

To a striking degree, daughter Judy also gravitated towards people. Growing up, she asked to be enrolled with all of her Jewish girlfriends at the EET's Sunday school and eventually she chose to call an Israeli Kibbutz her home. Judy married a fourth generation Israeli, converted with an Orthodox rabbi and is a lecturer at Haifa University while completing a PH.D in English Literature. Judy is also planning her daughter's September 2004 wedding, a 400-people filled extravaganza that Grandma Sara will surely attend. Upon Sara's return from Israel, and without a minute to lose, Sara will be back in her favorite city, hopping on a bus or taking in a lecture or catching a Temple program or exercising at Aqua Aerobics, all with the understanding that it is the people who make it worthwhile.

We'd love to hear your story. Call Marcia Muskat 212/477-6444 and tell her that you are ready to share.



### 2004 – 5765 HIGH HOLY DAY DATES

**Wednesday, September 15 – Erev Rosh Hashanah**  
**Thursday, September 16 – Rosh Hashanah**

**Friday, September 24 – Kol Nidrei**  
**Saturday, September 25 – Yom Kippur**

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## East End Temple

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 7:15 PM Board Meeting	2 Theatre "A Raisin..."	3	4 6:00 PM Shabbat Services Kehilla Dedication Choir Performance	5 10:00 AM Shabbat Chavurah: Torah Study
6 10:30 AM Chevrat Nashim	7 7:30 PM Membership Mtg	8 7:00 PM Ritual Initiative	9 7:30 PM Congregational Meeting	10	11 6:00 PM Tot Shabbat 7:30 PM Shabbat Services Installation of the BOT & Officers	12 10:00 AM Bat Mitzvah of Melissa Gollance
13 10:30 AM Chevrat Nashim 10:30 AM Rosh Chodesh Potluck Brunch	14	15	16	17 7:00 PM Sisterhood Meeting w/Challah Making	18 6:00 PM Shabbat Services 7:30 PM Sisterhood Shabbat	19 10:00 AM Bat Mitzvah of Anne Levine
20 10:30 AM Chevrat Nashim Father's Day	21 Summer Solstice	22 7:30 PM Book Club	23 7:00 PM YEC Meeting	24	25 6:00 PM Shabbat Services 7:30 PM Interfaith & Inter-cultural Group Dinner	26
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