

APRIL 2004
NISAN/IYAR 5764

SHABBAT SERVICES

Friday 2, 6 pm
Kabbalat Shabbat

Saturday 3, 10 am
Bar Mitzvah of Joel Hochman

Friday 9, 7:30 pm
Tot Shabbat, 6 pm - Passover

Saturday 10, 10 am
Shabbat Chavurah: Torah Study

Monday 12, 10 am
Pesach & Yizkor Services

Friday 16, 6 pm
Kabbalat Shabbat

Friday 23, 7:30 pm

Saturday 24, 10 am
Shabbat Chavurah: Torah Study

Friday 30, 6 pm
Kabbalat Shabbat

TEMPLE ACTIVITIES

Chevrat Nashim
Sundays 4, 11, 18, & 25, 10:30 am

Women's Seder
Thursday 8, 6 pm

Young Members Dinner
Friday 16, 7:30 pm

Rosh Chodesh Potluck Brunch
Sunday 18, 10:30 am

Downtown Kehillah

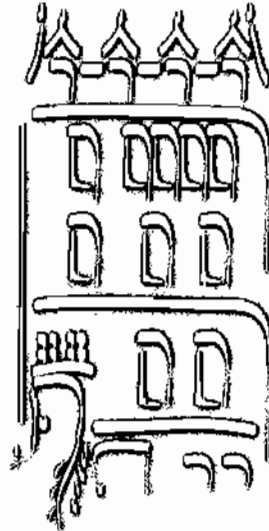
Yom Hashoah Observance @ EET
Sunday 18, 5:30 - 6:30 pm

Board Meeting
Monday 19, 7:15 pm

**March for Women's Lives in
Washington, DC**
Sunday 25, All Day

Special Congregational Meeting
Wednesday 28, 7:30 pm

Congregational Dinner
Friday 30, 7:30 pm



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DOWNTOWN KEHILLAH YOM HASHOAH OBSERVANCE

Sunday 18, 5:30 - 6:30 pm

SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Wednesday 28, 7:30 pm

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FOOD FOR FAMILIES RANKED TOPS

*In the future world, man will be asked,
"What was your occupation?" If he reply,
"I fed the hungry," then they reply,
"This is the gate of the Lord: let him enter."
(Psalms 117:20). -Talmud: Midrash Shochar Tov*

One of the proudest social action projects that East End Temple participates in is Food For Families. We have just been listed on the City Harvest website as one of their TOP FOOD DONORS. It is an Oscar category honor as there are many other bigger and richer organizations participating in this program.

Sisterhood has been the initiator, the guiding light and the coach of Food For Families as it evolved over ten years from Sandwich Saturday to its present format. To date, EET has provided over 8,000 meals to New York's hungry men, women, and children - all made one sandwich at-a-time by our volunteers. Teenagers get community service credit at school, which is an extra incentive for their participation.

Our dedicated committee, headed by Marian Fish, Cynthia Dubensky and Babette Hollister do a great job of buying and schlepping the staple ingredients needed for the meals. Starting with the fall season, there will be six programs, beginning October 2004. You should think about being a partner in this worthwhile social action project; there are many ways to participate and/or sponsor this EET work.

Florence Peloquin

• SEE CALENDAR FOR ALL CLOSING DATES

Dear Friends,

As many of you know, I got married in November. What some of you may know is that just a month later, in December, Rabbi Deborah Hirsch, my predecessor at East End Temple, also got married. Rabbi Hirsch and I were each fortunate enough to find the right woman for us. I am currently enjoying the full legal benefits of being married, and Rabbi Hirsch is not.

Same-Sex Marriage Is a Civil Rights Issue

The struggle for gay men and lesbians to be granted the same legal status and rights as straight people is the civil rights struggle of our time. We cannot tell how long this struggle will take to achieve the success of full equality under the law for all. But just as those who fought for an end to slavery, for voting rights for women, and for full civil rights for African-Americans, we know that the denial of rights to a category of members of society will not stand. A basically moral society, as we are fortunate to live in here in the United States, will not tolerate such injustice forever.

Equal Treatment Is a *Mitzvah*, a Commandment

Judaism is clear in commanding equal treatment among people. The *mitzvah* of equal treatment is explicated in the injunction that "there shall be one law for the citizen and the stranger who dwells among you" (Ex. 12:49). This same commandment, in reference to many different areas of ethical, ritual and community life, is repeated again and again throughout the Torah. Gay men and lesbians are citizens, but they are relegated to the status of stranger by being denied basic rights. We Jews know

too well the experience of being kept on the margins of society, of being made "the stranger," and then being scapegoated and blamed for society's ills. Extending to lesbians and gay men the same rights currently enjoyed by heterosexual citizens will both strengthen society and the institution of marriage, and will enable us to proudly fulfill the *mitzvah* of equal treatment under the law. I have recently participated in protests here in the city, and I encourage us all to support this cause however we can.

Join the Rally for Reproductive Rights on April 25

Another important defense of rights is that of reproductive rights for women. The challenge to reproductive freedom is not only in the courts, but even more so in access. Only thirteen percent of counties in the U.S. had abortion providers in 2000, and the number of providers is diminishing. The cost of travel, missing work, and paying for the procedure, in addition to many local legal restrictions, render little "choice" for many women. A march on the Capitol in Washington in support of reproductive freedom for all, with over one million people expected, will take place on April 25. Please join members of East End Temple at this important event. We will travel by bus with other Jews from NYC, and meet at the march in the area reserved for the contingent from the Reform Movement. See details in this Temple on how to register. Join your community and make your voice heard.

In hope,

David Adelson

JUDAICA SHOP FINDS Fran Kolin

April brings us Passover, and we focus on things we need for the holiday. Maybe you need a Seder Plate, or a new Silk Matzah Cover. Or maybe you're dining with others, and need a gift to bring, like a Lucite Matzah Box, or the Wissotzky Tea Box, which is kosher for Passover. Maybe you need to occupy the kids at the Seder table, and could use an Itty Bitty Kaleidoscope, decorated with Stars of David, or the Noah's Ark Magnet Set for quiet play. Our Judaica Shop has these, and many other things to delight the senses. Stop by and take a look.

Fran

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PRESIDENT'S PERSPECTIVE

Edna Rosen

Several days ago I met with a group of congregants new to EET. Each one told a story about feeling welcome in this congregation, never made to feel like an outsider. These were interfaith/intercultural couples discussing what they would like to do as a group to explore questions dealing with their spouse's religion and culture. I have heard similar remarks from other families who joined our community within the last year or two.



This is a great compliment to the East End Temple community's openness, to our warm welcomes on Shabbat and at other Temple events. I always wonder what our reputation is out in the world – To these couples we are an extraordinary community that made them feel as no other congregation did during their "Temple shopping" experience.

I thank all of you who have participated as ushers for Shabbat and festival services. For a stranger to be welcomed by a member of this congregation is very meaningful to that person. I thank all of you who have started a conversation with a stranger at an Oneg Shabbat, or while waiting for your kids to be dismissed from Religious School.

Since we moved into our new building in June, we have welcomed more than 40 member families into our congregation. I sincerely hope that every one of them continues to feel welcome and by now feels an integral part of this community. This openness and warmth to strangers – this is the character of our community, which is made up of individuals of similar character. Bravo!

Contact: president@eastendtemple.org

CANTOR'S

Hayley Kobilinsky

Thanks to all of you who have shown interest in joining our BRAND NEW East End Temple Choir!!! For those of you who have spoken to me or called, I have been keeping track and will have binders full of new music at our first rehearsal, so mark your calendars and please come! For those of you who have not yet spoken to me, we still want you! Please call or email, or just show up at our first rehearsal, and I will have music for you!



Our first rehearsal is Tuesday, April 20th, at 8pm. The remaining rehearsals are tentatively scheduled for (Tuesdays) April 27, May 4, May 11, May 18, and a "dress rehearsal" on Thursday, June 3 for our first performance, Friday, June 4, at 6pm! Again, all are welcome, even if you've never sung before.

I would also like to thank all our East End Temple music lovers who attended our concert on March 20th. It was a wonderful evening, and it was my pleasure to perform with Alex Mekinulov and Joe Rutkowski! The next EET concert won't be for a year or so, but until then, you can catch us at your very own synagogue, East End Temple, most Friday nights!

Finally, I would like to wish Joel Hochman and his family good luck for Joel's Bar Mitzvah, which will be on April 3

Musically yours,

Hayley Kobilinsky

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EET INDIAN STYLE CONGREGATIONAL DINNER

FRIDAY, APRIL 30, 7:30 PM



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

MAKE YOUR DINNER RESERVATIONS BY APRIL 23!

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East End Temple, 245 East 17th Street, New York, NY 10003
Congregational Dinner April 30, 7:30 pm

Member Adults @ \$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 April 30 dinner

NAME _____

PHONE _____

FOOD FOR FAMILIES Marian Fish

The final Food For Families of the 2003-2004 season was held on March 14th, sponsored by Sara Siegel in memory of her granddaughter, Galit Hen.

Thanks to Merle and Rachel Brenner; Cynthia, Ron, and Tracey Dubensky; Mohammed Hogue; Barbara and Bob Hodes; Lynn Harris Adelson and Rabbi Adelson; Florence Peloquin; Phil Gollance; Evelyn Hendline; Elizabeth and Emily Ginsburg; Linda Hetzer; Saar, Sivan and Sharon Shemesh; and Marian, Robert, and Gregg Fish for packing 340 meals whisked off to City Harvest pantries in upper Manhattan and the Bronx.

Here are some impressive numbers for our five (5) Food For Families this season: 1231 individual meals and 400 family meals; we fed a total of 2831 people between November and March. That translates into approximately 3,623 pounds of food. Thank you to all our dedicated participants. Look for a return of Food For Families in October 2004.

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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.

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Progressive Dinner Windup:

Thanks to the Cooks: Karen Feuer, Bonita and Harvey Ganot, Ursula and Paul Ofman, Alice Schlesinger, Sharon and Shaul Shemesh

Kudos to the Bakers: Lynn Harris Adelson, Hagit Halperin, Florence Herz, Beth Labush, Pearl Polifka Barbara Ringel, Sharon Shemesh

Nods to the Diners: David & Lynn Adelson, Richard Bengloff, Jelena & Miki Blumenberg, Ron & Cynthia Dubensky, Suellen & Boris Eshed, Phil & Carolyn Gollance, Hagit & Avi Halperin, Evelyn Hendline, Carole Hyman, Fran & Bobby Kolin, Beth & Jerry Labush, Bea Marcus, June Morse, Marcia & Michael Muskat, Carol Nimberger, Florence Peloquin, Barbara & Paul Ringel, Edna & Sam Rosen, Fern & Steve Stampleman.

We had fun, raised funds and fully appreciate your participation.

Todah Rabbah,

Edna and Marcia

EDUCATOR'S CORNER Hagit Halperin

Shalom to all,

This past month was busy-busy, as we moved from one event to the other. The first holiday event was Purim that opened with a Megillah "singing" and continued with a festival. We owe all the "hallel" (praise) to our active Youth Group. The Megillah performance was directed by **Kaitlin Ofman** and performed by some of our Religious School children. The children's Purim Carnival that followed was organized and run by the Youth Group members, with the help of Mark, their leader, and his wife, Rachel.

Purim opened the weeklong Book Fair, combined with the school's Open House. Our children purchased many Judaica books, thereby contributing to our school both financially and by the donation of books to our growing Sara A. Spencer Children's Educational Center/Library.

Before we could rest, Passover was waiting for us. Since our school takes a long Spring Vacation, we held a Family Education Program two weeks before the holiday. Participants found ways to make the Seder more meaningful and engaging. We finished the event with a production line of two kinds of matzah and then decorated colorful matzah bags.

Film Outing

Our 7th graders and the confirmation class had a nice event together. They went to see a movie as part of the **Jewish Film Festival**, called "Divan". This movie follows a journey of a young woman from a Chasidic family, who goes to Hungary in a search of a sofa bed that her rabbi's grandparents used to sleep on. The movie provided a unique opportunity for our young adults to peek into the Chasidic world. The movie's director, Pearl Gluk, appeared after the screening to meet with us for a short discussion.

After all that, students and teachers deserve some vacation from **March 29th - April 13th**. Our Religious School will resume on **Wednesday April 14th**, but after that vacation we have only six weeks left for the Religious School.

Main Events in April are **Holocaust Remembrance Day (Yom Hashoah)** and **Israeli Independence Day (Yom Ha'atzmaut)**. We will keep you informed about the details of these two events. Meanwhile, enjoy your Seder, and I hope your children will take an active role in it.

Chag Sameach,

Hagit

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Movie Review: "Broken Wings"

The new Israeli movie, "Broken Wings", will break your heart, give you a different (if changed) view of lower class Israeli life, and also give you a new look at the creative cinematic talent that is coming out of Israel. Producing fewer than twenty films a year, the Israeli studios usually focus on political themes fraught with intelligence, intrigue and military engagements.

"Broken Wings" however, focuses on the family, this one headed by an unskilled widowed mother who is struggling to support her four children. The two teenage kids are rebellious, angry and, in the boy's case, suicidal. The younger kids are occasional-school-goers, frequently left on their own because the mother cannot afford gas for the car, let alone a baby-sitter.

Economic Undercurrents

The failing economy of Israel is made evident when we are told that the midwife-mother is still on rotating shifts with no stability, after 20 years at the hospital. While there is no mention of the impending military service of the older son and his girlfriend, there is a scary scene where both of them, naked, sit on a window ledge overlooking a basketball court and she says, "Let's see if I can score three points from here". You know she means herself when you notice that both wrists are bandaged from a probable previous suicide attempt.

Other family crises follow, one very touching that involves the seven-year old boy. The movie tries to cheer us up at the end with some hope for the future, particularly in the symbolic reconciliation scene between mother and daughter.

As they say in Israel, all stories are political. Go see it.

Florence Peloquin

KEHILA CAMPAIGN UPDATE Sarita Gupta

Kehila Board Dedication Friday, June 18, 6 pm

Join a special Shabbat Service and Dedication Ceremony as we honor the first 20 families to make dedicated gifts to the Kehila Campaign by inscribing their names on the Kehila Dedication Wall. Come and celebrate with us.

It is not too late to make a dedicated gift to the campaign or have your name inscribed on the Kehila Dedication Wall or Chai Scroll, which will be installed next Fall. Please contact Joan Beranbaum at 212.254.5740 or Judith Sussman at 212.982.0382 to help us build a strong community and maintain our beautiful new Temple home.

Contact: jberanbaum@dc37.net or jhs@nyc.rr.com

LIBRARY BUZZ :: Barbara Ringel & Beth Labush

The recent Temple book fair was a resounding success, and our library has clearly benefited from the generosity of so many congregants. We were fortunate in having nearly all of the books on our wish list donated. The eagerness and enthusiasm exhibited by those who donated was overwhelming, and we are grateful for such caring and investment. We have enhanced our collection further with additional books on spirituality, Jewish life-cycle events, Jewish cooking, and Jewish life in general. Please take advantage of the wonderful opportunity our library provides.

The library is open whenever the Temple is open, and the check-out instructions are clearly defined in printouts on the bookcase beneath the front window. Lists of the library's inventory by both author and title are available in binders on the checkout shelf. Books may be borrowed only by temple members.

Enjoy

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

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



Slavery Today As Well As Yesterday

At our Passover Seders, we will hear the story of our exodus from Egypt, our escape from years of slavery. On Friday evening, March 19th, Maria Sliwa, a human rights activist and sister of Curtis Sliwa, founder of the Guardian Angels, spoke at our Shabbat services about slavery in the world today. The narrative she presented was concise and horrifying. The estimated number of people enslaved today is 27 million. In some countries this is illegal, but in others, it is business-as-usual, Sudan being the worst offender in the abuse of human rights. She explained that the word "trafficking" was often used to obfuscate the truth, as the word "slavery" not only elicits a negative response, but is illegal in the international courts.

"Disposable People"

Maria explained that a whole class of "disposable people" has been created, and their value to their "owners" is often so low as to make it difficult for them to survive. These people have frequently been tricked into situations that were supposed to provide employment, but instead made them dependent on their overseers for all life's necessities.

At our Oneg Shabbat, Maria showed us a short documentary film entitled "Slavery Today," and provided a lot of printed materials, but most importantly, discussed the website www.iabolish.com. Here, there are always updated ways to help, and an ongoing e-mail campaign to put pressure on companies and organizations to cease dealing with businesses that are involved with slave labor.

The hope is that righteous people everywhere will make a difference by demanding that the practice of enslaving adults and children be abolished in all countries.

Fran Kolin

MARCH FOR WOMEN'S LIVES

Once again the threat to women's rights is alarmingly present in America today. Show your solidarity with all women across America and give voice to the protest against the loss of women's rights throughout the country. Some of us marched in Washington in 1989, and the fight continues as new challenges, national and local emerge all the time.

Sunday, April 25, 2004 will bring hundreds of thousands of men and women of all ages to Washington, DC, to let the Congress and the Courts and every county of the U.S. know that women's rights cannot be usurped. March with members of East End Temple and other Reform Jews.

To register: Please send your form and check by Friday, April 9th to EET.

We must know by April 9th if you are joining EET and Rodeph Sholom for the Rally.



IN SISTERHOOD Fern Stampleman

THE WOMEN'S POT LUCK SEDER will take place in the Temple Social Hall, for the first time, on Thursday Evening, April 8, 2004, at 6 pm, led by Cantor Hayley Kobilinsky playing her guitar! This is an event for all women of East End Temple who wish to attend – your daughters who are approaching Bat Mitzvah age and older, other women family members, and your friends! As we imagine ourselves in this timeframe, let us remember the courage and faith of the women in the Passover story.

TO BE A PARTICIPANT in this special event, call Sharon in the Temple office at 212-477-6444. Tell her how many people in your group, and she'll suggest what to bring. To cover incidental expenses, there will also be a minimal charge of \$5 per person.

HERE ARE THE DATES for the last three Women's Rosh Chodesh Pot Luck Brunches; April 18, May 23 and June 13, (all Sundays) from 10:30AM-12 Noon. Thus far, our topics have been, "Understanding Courage: Women in the Chanukah Story," "The Barren Women of the Bible" and "Courage and Faith: Women in the Passover Story." All you need to do is contact Sharon (or me at sfhStamps@aol.com) to let us know what you'll bring. There is no additional charge.

FRIDAY, MAY 14, is the date of the Sisterhood Shabbat. Check the May Templet and your e-mails for further details. Support your Sisterhood by joining us on this memorable occasion.

FOLLOW-UPS

We have a date for the "Challah Making Workshop" led by Sharon Shemesh. It will take place as part of the next Sisterhood Meeting on June 17. PLEASE NOTE: We have moved the meeting from a Tuesday to a Thursday so that the Challah can be freshly baked and eaten at dinner on Friday evening! More details to follow in the May Templet.

The "swing dance" shindig that's been in the works has not been firmed up yet. We are working on this event for either the Spring, but more likely, the Fall. We've had a very busy season! Continue to check the Templet for further details or contact me at my e-mail address.

Check the Judaica Shop for your Passover needs. There are great books for kids and a beautiful Seder plate currently displayed in the glass case.

As always, thanks for supporting US, In Sisterhood,

Fern

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Chevrat Nashim Participates In International Study

The mature women who are members of EET's Chevrat Nashim have been invited to participate in an international study called "The Urban Ecology of Old Age: Neighborhoods, Social Interaction and Healthy Aging".

Some of our Chevrat Nashim are being interviewed by a director of the World Cities Project, International Longevity Center-USA, a collaboration with NYU. The purpose of the study is to explore what it is like to grow older in different neighborhoods of New York City and around the world. The researchers want to understand how the physical and social environment of a neighborhood influences the health and quality-of-life of its older residents.

The Stuyvesant Town area of New York City has been selected as one of four neighborhoods in the city in which interviews are being conducted. The other communities are central Harlem, Bay Ridge and the north shore of Staten Island since those areas have the highest concentration of 65+ residents. This international study will also involve older persons in London, Paris and Tokyo. The project is looking for volunteers, both men and women, in this age group. If you want to participate in the study, call Dr. Michael Gusmano or Rachel Johnston at (212) 517-1285.

EERNY NEWS Marc Sobel, Youth Advisor

This has been the best month yet for our youth group! On March 7, we hosted the Purim Carnival, which was a tremendous success. Fifteen members of our Youth Group organized and ran games booths, arts and crafts, snacks and prizes. I want to express my sincere thanks to all our Youth Group members who helped. A special thanks to my wife Rachel, who, in my absence, made sure that everything was set up and ran smoothly. Thanks, also, to Hagit for help with planning and setting up the carnival.

On Sunday, March 21, the Youth Group hosted a "creative" brunch. The theme was "bring your own waffle topping" and we had whipped cream, gummy bears, chocolate chips, fresh strawberries and several different kinds of syrup. Afterward, we spent a relaxing afternoon together playing Pictionary and ping-pong and complaining about our stomach-aches. ☺

We have several upcoming events in the plans, including a regular meeting on April 1, another bowling day (date TBD), and this time I promise we will actually get to bowl. Take care and enjoy the beautiful spring weather!

Marc

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THE TEMPLE FAMILY

Congratulations, Mazal Tov & Best Wishes to

Joel Hochman, son of Eugenia and David and brother of Daniel Hochman, on his Bar Mitzvah

Jennifer and Jason Eckert, on the birth of their little girl, Jordyn Ainslie, on February 28th

Steven and Lara Rudd and big sister Miriam, on the birth of, Lily Eugenia, on March 11th

Robert and Ali Hoffman and big sister Casey, on the birth of, Jesse Nathan, on March 15th

Jennifer Machado on her conversion to Judaism. Welcome to the clan

A Simcha Leaf Purchase for

John Stackhouse, in honor of his 65th birthday, by Joan Beranbaum and Ross Stackhouse

Deepest Condolences to

Leonard Spring, on the death of his brother, Dr. Julian Spring, an optometrist, who lived in Houston, Texas

Welcome New Members

- Bob Hodes and Barbara Thal Hodes
- Paul and Lori Weissman and their daughter, Alanna

SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Wednesday, April 28, 7:30pm

ALL EET MEMBERS URGED TO ATTEND

We will vote on Proposed Amended By-Laws, which will be mailed to you prior to this meeting. These amended By-Laws cover the proposed changes to the EET governance structure, presented at the March 5 Congregational Dinner.

A Little Passover Rhyme For You

*Wouldn't you think that the person who plans,
The person who changes the pots and the pans.
The person who suffers the elbowing crowd,
And brings home the matzo meal, bloody and bowed
Who battles the butcher, accumulates plates,
And races the clock to those Passover dates.
Who polishes silverware, commandeers chairs,
And goes around muttering "nobody cares".
Who fixes charoset and karpas and eggs,
And winds up with headaches and cramps in her legs,
Wouldn't you think when the matzo is hid,
SHE merits the prize, not one of the kids?*

REMINDER

Please remember to send in any outstanding membership dues, High Holidays pledges and any other unpaid fees by May 31st, 2004.

*Save the date: Friday, May 21, 2004
We will honor Edna Rosen, East End Temple's outgoing president at the Congregational Dinner following Shabbat Services on May 21st.*

Heads Up~Save The Date~Invite Your Friends

Art Auction at East End Temple Sunday, May 16

Preview: 2pm Auction: 3:30pm

Regency Fine Arts of Atlanta, GA
Presents an outstanding collection of art
In a broad range of prices

This is our major fund-raising event this year!!!
We need a lot of people to attend!!

We ask each member to send in a mailing list of friends, family, neighbors, etc.

Foods That Have an Ethnic Flavor

Goyish

Grape Soda
Velveeta Cheese
Tuna Melt
Gin Martini (Male)
Gin Martini (Female)
Potato Leek Soup
Prime Rib
Lime Jello Mold
Waldorf Salad
Boston Cream Pie
Finnan Haddie
Tapioca Pudding
Cream-of-Mushroom Soup
Green bean Casserole
Blueberry Bagels
Macaroni & Cheese
Instant potatoes
Fudge

Jewish

Black Cherry soda
Philly Cream Cheese
Tuna/Egg Salad
Seven + Seven (Male)
Wine Spritzer (Female)
Matzah Ball Soup
Oven Brisket
Canned Fruit Salad
Iceberg Lettuce
Sponge Cake
Filet of Sole
My-T-Fine
Potted chicken Casserole
Everything Bagels
Lox & onion omelette
Kasha
Barton's chocolate

EAST END TEMPLE BOOKCLUB

Motherless Brooklyn by Jonathan Latham on April 15th

Your Mouth is Lovely by Nancy Richler on May 19th

Helene and Leonard Spring... Up Close and Personal!

In the early 50's, a lawyer, a salesman and an accountant volunteer to build a new pulpit for the East End Temple Sanctuary on Second Avenue and 23rd Street. Before you could say "Hineni", Temple President Leonard Spring swings into action. He gets logistical clearance for volunteering members/carpenters, creates a special Shabbat Service in their honor, and gifts them with monogrammed denim overalls. Thus describes the standard-operating-procedure for Reform Jewish movement leaders, Helene and Leonard Spring. Helene's legacy, by virtue of her grandmother's leadership on the Lower East Side, her mother's leadership at Rodeph Sholom Synagogue, and Leonard's desire to connect with a Jewish environment after his family relocated from South Bend, Indiana, brought them together in the Rodeph Sholom and Regional Youth Groups. However, it was years before they really noticed each other romantically.



Leonard and Helene Spring
Both past presidents of East End Temple

Choice of Reform Judaism

At a time when Jewish New Yorkers were more likely to be raised Conservative or Orthodox, Helene and Leonard embraced the inclusive, communal spirit of Reform Judaism. Aware of their societal obligations, their contributions to the war effort (Leonard at the Office of War Information and Helene at the Temple Emanuel USO) paralleled their service to Jewish causes. Prior to their first real date (1/9/44) at a Broadway show (*Lady in the Dark*) and restaurant (The Tip Toe Inn), and before attending NYU Business School, Leonard had already been president of the Rodeph Sholom and Regional Youth Groups. He would go on to become the National Federation of Temple Youth president, a ten-year EET president, and the president of the Greater New York Council (GNYCRS).

Today, while partnering in his marketing firm and teaching marketing at The New School, he continues to work for URJ and EET. Helene majored in marketing and journalism at NYU, married Leonard in 1946 and, at Leonard's insistence, paid the ten-dollar dues required to join a new little synagogue on 14th Street called East End Temple. In 1953, with Leonard at the helm of EET, Helene became EET Parents' Association president, and subsequently, its Sisterhood president. While guiding daughters, Lesley and Meryl, through their B'not Mitzvah and Confirmation years at EET, Helene held the position of EET president for 20 years. Helene is currently a Hebrew Union College docent and member

of its Dean's Council, an officer of the GNYCRS and on the Boards of Women of Reform Judaism, URJ, The 23rd Street Association, and The Stuyvesant Neighborhood Park Association. Her efforts greatly contribute to East End Temple's prestigious standing in the Jewish and greater New York communities.

People Who Like People

In essence, Helene and Leonard are people who make members feel like family. Fundraising programs, Sisterhood initiatives, Youth Group development, as well as their 50-year resolve to find a permanent home for East End Temple, could not have been realized without Helene and Leonard's intuitive knack for inspiring and valuing people. Many of Helene and Leonard's most cherished memories at EET revolve around people connections made during Friday night Shabbat Services: Firemen getting refuge at an Oneg Shabbat while battling the flames at the Epiphany Catholic Church; New Yorkers finding comfort in Rabbi Soloff's moving Shabbat Service on the day JFK was assassinated. Indelibly etched in their memories are their special moments shared with their daughters, sons-in-law, and three grandchildren. Though life will never be the same without their cherished daughter, Lesley, the family continues Helene and Leonard's tradition of staying up-close-and-personal.

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

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Notwithstanding, 2003 saw an increase in the number of tourists to Israel, but the figures are still low. "Even though the numbers show that tourism to Israel has increased slightly, it is still nowhere near where it

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For more information, please contact JNF Travel and Tours Department at (877) JNF-TOUR (563-8687), or visit www.jnf.org/jnftravel.

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East End Temple

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
4 10:30 AM Chevrat Nashim Daylight Savings Time Begins	5 Erev Pesach	6 Office Closed	7 Spring Recess 3/29 - 4/13	8 6:00 PM Women's Seder	9 6:00 PM Tot Shabbat 7:30 PM Shabbat Services	10 10:00 AM Shabbat Chavurah: Torah Study
11 10:30 AM Chevrat Nashim	12 10:00 AM Pesach & Yizkor Services Office Closed	13 Office Closed	14 4:00 PM Religious School 6:00 PM Begin. Adult Hebrew	15 4:00 PM Religious School 5:30 PM Confirmation Class 7:30 PM Book Club	16 6:00 PM Shabbat Services 7:30 PM Young Members Dinner	17
18 10:30 AM Chevrat Nashim 10:30 AM Rosh Chodesh Potluck Brunch 5:30 PM - 6:30 PM Downtown Kehillah Yom Hashoah Observance	19 7:15 PM Board Meeting	20 9:30 AM Melton Mini School 4:00 PM Religious School 7:00 PM YEC	21 4:00 PM Religious School 6:00 PM Begin. Adult Hebrew May Temple Closing	22 4:00 PM Religious School 5:30 PM 7th grade meeting 6:00 PM Youth Group	23 7:30 PM Shabbat Services	24 10:00 AM Shabbat Chavurah: Torah Study
25 10:30 AM Chevrat Nashim March for Women's Lives in Washington, DC	26 Yom Ha'atzmaut Program TBA	27 9:30 AM Melton Mini School 4:00 PM Religious School 7:00 PM Ritual Initiative	28 4:00 PM Religious School 6:00 PM Begin. Adult Hebrew 7:30 PM Special Congregational Meeting	29 4:00 PM Religious School 5:30 PM Confirmation Class	30 6:00 PM Shabbat Services 7:30 PM Congregational Dinner	