

JANUARY 2004
TEVET/SHVAT 5764

SHABBAT SERVICES

Friday 2, 6 pm
Kabbalat Shabbat

Friday 9, 7:30 pm
New Members Shabbat
Tot Shabbat, 6 pm

Friday 16, 6 pm
Kabbalat Shabbat

Saturday 17, 10 am
Shabbat Chavurah

Friday 23, 7:30 pm

Friday 30, 7:30 pm

TEMPLE ACTIVITIES

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

Board Meeting
Monday 5, 7:15 pm

Library Dedication
Sunday 11, 1-4 pm

Book Club
The Nazi Officer's Wife
Tuesday 13, 7:30 pm

Ritual Initiative Meeting
Tuesday 20, 7 pm

Temple Retreat
Friday - Sunday, 23 - 25

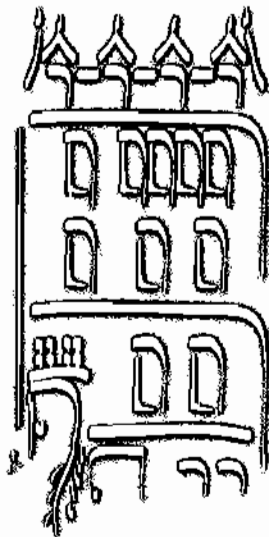
Food For Families
Sunday 25, 1 pm

NEW MEMBERS SHABBAT & ONEG

Friday 9, 7:30 pm

LIBRARY DEDICATION & RECEPTION

Sunday 11, 1 - 4 pm



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SHEMA YISRAEL - LISTEN, ISRAEL

We don't have to know what all the words mean to be present in prayer. The whole trick to feeling a part of what is going on in services is to have a general sense of what a prayer is about, and what that has to do with our own lives. The individual Hebrew words are not as important.

So, for example, the Shema talks about the Oneness of God. What does One mean? More than simply being about monotheism, it is a statement that ultimately, the universe is unified. (See the root uni at the beginning of universe). That is, it is all one whole. We are intrinsically a part of the great whole. "Us", the "world", the "universe", "God", are all saying the same thing. Each of us is a wave on the great ocean. Therefore, not only are we never alone, but we are connected to everything else in ways we can only imagine.

The challenge, then, in services, is can we try to feel a part of the big everything when we sing Shema Yisrael? Can our prayer help us to feel, and to be, One?

Rabbi David Adelson

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• SEE CALENDAR FOR ALL CLOSING DATES

Dear Friends,

I want to share with you a change in personal policy regarding my officiating at weddings. As of now, I will officiate at the weddings of a Jew and a non-Jew, under very specific conditions, about which I will talk further below. I have struggled with this issue for years. During this time, it gradually became clear to me that my duty to the Jewish community calls on me to officiate at these interfaith marriages.

For my first four years as a rabbi, I did not officiate at interfaith marriages. I felt that because I am authorized as a clergy person by the organized Jewish community I am also beholden to uphold its norms. To this day, the great majority of Reform rabbis will not officiate at interfaith weddings. Not long after I was ordained, I had to tell a childhood friend of mine that I could not officiate at his wedding to a non-Jewish woman. It was a painful experience for me, and it contributed to our drifting apart as friends.

The Jewish Community

Since then, other friends and congregants have shared with me that my policy, and that of others who share it, makes them feel left out of Jewish community. I have also heard the stories of Reform rabbis who have made the decision to officiate at interfaith weddings, what their conditions are, and what caused them to shift their position. I have also solicited the counsel of colleagues who encouraged me not to officiate. All of this input made a strong impression.

But I have learned most of all from interfaith families themselves: families who maintain Jewish homes, raise children as Jews, and in which the non-Jewish partner has a comfortable and accepted place in the Jewish community. These are interfaith families, and they are also Jewish households. These couples are raising children as Jews — and they need all the help and support they can get. The liberal Jewish community in the United States includes an ever-growing population of Jews-by-choice and non-Jews, and we are all so much richer for their presence in our synagogues. We should be proud that so many people who grew up as non-Jews

find a place within the embrace of the Jewish community.

Therefore, I will now officiate at the wedding of a Jew and a non-Jew when a few criteria are met. The couple must commit to raising any future children as Jews. The non-Jewish partner must be comfortable supporting the Jewish life of his or her spouse and kids, and participating in Jewish life him or herself. To prepare for that kind of life, the couple must embark together on an appropriate course of study about Judaism, such as an Introduction to Judaism class, or its equivalent. They also must commit to being active members of Jewish community, such as by joining a synagogue.

Our Congregation

I have been so moved by the interfaith families in our congregation with whom I work daily. Non-Jewish parents bring their kids to religious school, attend services, serve on committees, and support the Temple and general Jewish community in myriad ways. Sometimes they play clarinet at services. Sometimes they even convert to Judaism years after being married. I am so proud of all of the interfaith families in our congregation and how hard they work to experience the richness of Jewish living. I am proud to stand under the chuppah with such couples and help them have such a wonderful shared Jewish moment that it will be the beginning of many more shared Jewish moments.

I am now convinced that by officiating for couples ready to make these commitments, I am helping not only individual Jews, but the greater Jewish community as well. These families will help increase the total number of Jews — and in turn, they will help all of us live deeper Jewish lives. My mission as a rabbi is to enable people to connect with people, the universe, God, and all that is meaningful to them, by means of Jewish living. I am honored to help people — and potentially help fill the world with more Jews — by officiating at these weddings.

As always, I welcome your responses.

In hope,

David Adelson

EAST END TEMPLE BOOKCLUB

Tuesday January 13, 7:30 pm

The Nazi Officer's Wife, by Edith H. Beer

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PRESIDENT'S PERSPECTIVE Edna Rosen

We Jews have the opportunity to celebrate the New Year twice in twelve months.

At the Jewish New Year we atone; we ask everyone we know for forgiveness. We look back at the year just ended and make amends. We hope to be written in the Book of Life for yet another year. We spend a lot of wonderful time with our families.

At the Gregorian (secular) New Year we are encouraged to make resolutions, to resolve to be a better person in the year to come. In this country, January is the biggest sign-up month of the year for self-help programs – especially diet and exercise programs.

We can also resolve to lead a more spiritual life in the New Year. Since Shabbat comes once every week, you have plenty of opportunities to celebrate Shabbat with your family at home and to pray with your congregation at any time during the year.

At East End Temple, your spiritual home, Shabbat is always very special. Our monthly congregational dinners help to bring us even closer together. If you haven't yet attended one of our dinners, plan to be with us on Friday, February 20.

At our Chanukah dinner on December 19, my husband Sam and I lit the first candle at our table, along with 75 other members of the East End Temple community, many of whom had brought their own Chanukia. We had too many potato latkes, sang Chanukah songs, ate sufganiot for something sweet and generally had a wonderful time with our East End family. Joining us were ten members of the Eshed family who were in town for Matthew's Bar Mitzvah the next day. What a way to celebrate, with their East End family as well!

Hoping to see you at the next Shabbat dinner -

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JUDAICA SHOP FINDS Fran Kolin

Seeing Baby New Year made me think of all the great new baby gifts we have at the Judaica Shop! We have The Jewish Baby Book, of the fill-in variety, and from Pockets of Learning, we have the Stuffed Noah's Ark, and the fabric Jewish Holidays Book. This company replaces pieces that go missing! Always appropriate is the Tree of Life Menorah, which comes in a velvet presentation box, or any of the kid-oriented Menorahs, like Noah's Ark, or Mickey Mouse, or Pooh. Think about our Judaica Shop for all your gift-giving occasions.

Fran

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RITUAL INITIATIVE COMMITTEE Abby Drucker

Our congregation is diverse in many ways: gender and age being the most visible. What is not always so visible are the diverse religious backgrounds each of us comes from. These backgrounds range from the totally secular with no religious experience at all, to Orthodox, to Classic Reform and anything and everything in between. The challenge that this committee has been given by our Board of Trustees is to blend the traditional with the modern, the old with the new, so that each of our members, and those potential members who come through our doors, will want to return again and again to our services.

A Different Approach

This task is not an easy one. We need to know what we are doing that pleases you and what we are doing that might make you uncomfortable. It has been decided that a questionnaire is too impersonal a way to collect your thoughts and feelings. We need to speak to you face to face. Our plan is to schedule Focus Groups, probably starting in February and March, made up of randomly selected members from our congregation. When you receive your invitation, please make every effort to attend. We cannot move forward without you.

Please join us at the next Ritual Initiative meeting on Tuesday, January 20, 2004 at 7 pm.

Abby

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Temple Facilities Available for Rental

If you or your friends are looking for a beautiful new facility in which to hold a party or a meeting, East End Temple is ready to host your event.

There are flexible spaces available for rental, including large and small rooms that will accommodate 10 – 100/150 people. An equipped kitchen is available for your personal use or in conjunction with a caterer.

Available for rental are the following rooms:

- Sanctuary
- Social Hall
- Kitchen and Social Hall/combination
- Classrooms

For further information, rates and specifications, call Sharon at the Temple office 212/477-6444.

A New Year's Resolution That You Can Keep

1. ~~Lose weight~~
2. ~~Get to the gym three times a week~~
3. ~~Watch less TV, Read more~~
4. **Give to the Kehila Campaign**

We all know what happens to New Year's resolutions, no matter how well intended they are. A month from now, as you look back at your resolutions list, don't you want the satisfaction of knowing that you kept at least one of them? Giving to the Kehila Campaign is relatively easy and painless.

We've already received generous pledges for dedicating the Sanctuary Lobby, the Sanctuary Doors, the Menorah and the Youth Lounge, the Wrought Iron Gates and seven of the 18 Golden Prayer Strips, among others. There are many other dedication opportunities available such as the six classrooms, the musical keyboard/piano, the sanctuary pews and Bima chairs.

NOW is when the Kehila Campaign needs YOUR pledge, and we hope you will be as generous as possible as you think about the future of our beautiful new Temple building.

Gifts at All Levels


Consider a gift of \$5,000 or more (payable over 5 years) and your name will be engraved on a plaque on our Dedication Wall. There are still other dedication opportunities at all levels that Joan Beranbaum or Judith Sussman will be happy to tell you about. Or pledge yourself to designating just *one dollar a day* for the five-year duration of the Campaign, which totals \$1,800. Your name will then be inscribed on the permanent Chai Scroll that will hang in the Temple.

We hope the beauty and warmth that infuse our new Temple home also spread over you throughout the coming year. And may you get that special glow from keeping your New Year's resolutions. Here's to a more svelte, erudite, philanthropic you!


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THANK YOU TO OUR DECEMBER USHERS

Gil Morgenstern, Suellen & Boris Eshed, Richard Bengloff, Cynthia & Ron Dubensky, Carolyn & Phil Gollance, Leonard Spring, Steve & Fern Stampleman, Marcia Muskat



EAST END TEMPLE
THE HELENE SPRING LIBRARY



We are delighted to invite you
to the
Dedication and Opening
of the
Helene Spring Library
on
Sunday, January 11, 2004
from
One to Four PM

Be with us as we
Affix the Mezuzah
Brew our sholems
Share a reading by Edith Velman - Edith's Story

Join us afterward
at a Festive Celebration
in our
Social Hall

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Please be sure to be with us, and you may still purchase a copy of "Edith's Story" at the Temple to read before the event."

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Happy New Year! Winter is already in the air as I write, but it is with warm appreciation that I want to send some special thanks. The Hamermesh Music Fund, to which many of you have donated in the past year-and-a-half, has enabled me to purchase the newest published Jewish music and to mount the Temple's concerts which are always a treat! We are already planning the March 20 concert, which looks like it will be a huge hit! Among the planned repertoire is a famous Schubert piece for voice, clarinet and piano, "Shepherd on the Rock," in which I will be joined by our own musicians, Alex Mekinulov and Joe Rutkowski.

Thanking people isn't easy, and the words I write cannot begin to show the appreciation I feel on behalf of the Temple, but these Hamermesh Music Fund contributions have made a major difference in the music at East End Temple. So thank you all, and as we move into 2004, I hope you will keep this Fund in mind for commemorating special events in your family's and friends' lives. You play a major role in creating and shaping the music we sing.

Finally, I want to congratulate Zarek Brot-Goldberg and Matt Eshed, along with their families, on their Bar Mitzvahs!

I look forward to seeing you at services and singing new music together – Shiru L'Adonai, Shiru Shir Chadash! Sing to God, Sing to God a New Song!

Musically Yours,

Hayley Kobilinsky

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Temple Sanctuary Sayings:

Prayer Strips on the right wall as you face the Bima:

"For your wonders and your acts of goodness which exist at all times, evening, morning and Noon"

"You stand this day, all of you, before Adonai your God"

"Repeat them to your children"

"How awesome is this place"

"Spread over us your shelter of peace"

"Love your neighbor as yourself"

It is already January, and our first major break from school. If we look at the Hebrew Calendar, it is Tevet, the fourth month, and that is how we stand in regard to the School year, almost half way through. It seems like we should have a long routine period, after two weeks vacation, but this is not the case here.

On January 24, 40 youngsters and adults from our congregation, along with the cantor, the rabbi and me, will travel upstate to Camp Kutz, for East End Temple's Annual Retreat.

Israel as Theme

This year the leading theme is Israel. The program will include a reenactment of episodes from the early days of the newly born Israel (roughly the first 50 years of independence and the years before) and will give us an opportunity to "meet" some of the characters that helped to shape Israel as a modern state. Besides the educational program we will have games (some Israeli) and songs (also some Israeli) and for the dancers, we will have our dance-smart Sharon to lead the Israeli folk dance session.

The fact that we stay at the camp on Saturday night will give us an opportunity to celebrate the ceremony of Havdalah together, the separation from the Shabbat. We hope for snow and a lot of congregational sport spirit.

Please note these dates:

Tuesday, January 6 - Religious School resumes

Sunday January 11 at 11 am - 7th grade Family Education program

Last note and reminders:

- Our next Family Education Programs will be held on February 8 (*Tu-Bi'shvat*) and on March 21 (*Pesach*). Each family has to sign up for at least one program. The sign-up sheet was sent to you at the beginning of the year, but so far I have received only a few back. I will email the form so that you can sign-up on-line.
- Since October, we have assigned a teacher to sit in the social hall on Tuesdays and Thursdays, before school starts, to monitor and help children in their school and their Hebrew homework. Please let your children know that they can use this service.
- Please let us know (Sharon or me, by phone or email) if your child is going to miss a session.

Shalom to all of you and keep in touch,
Hagit Halperin

Contact: educator@eastendtemple.org

Next Date: Sunday, January 25

After two days of relentless snow, Sunday, December 7th dawned sunny and cold. Concerned that many people would be suffering in this weather, our intrepid volunteers used their sandwich-making skills to produce 190 individual meals for the hungry. Each bag was filled with two sandwiches, a drink, fruit, chocolate pudding and cookies. Despite the snowy streets, the City Harvest truck arrived right on time. Thanks to Cynthia, Ron, and Tracy Dubensky, Babette Hollister, David Cooper and Liz Ivry, Leonard Spring, Rabbi Adelson, Edna and Sam Rosen, Barbara Katersky and Michael Katersky-Sturm, Mohammed Hoque, Marian and Robert Fish. Our sponsor for the day was **Babette Hollister**.

department regulations. This month's sponsors are **Paul and Helen Levine**. See you on Sunday, January 25.

If you would like to support our new **Food For Families Sponsorship Program** by helping to underwrite the costs, a contribution of \$250 will make you Sponsor for the Day. Our next Sponsors for the Day are **Paul and Helen Levine**. **Shirley Lipton** is our sponsor for February 22 and **Sara Siegel** is our sponsor for March 14. Other levels of contributions are of course accepted for our food fund.

Come one, come all! It's a community thing!

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The next Food for Families will be Sunday, January 25, 2004 from 1:00 to 2:30 pm at East End Temple. The EET Youth Group will join us that day. We are going to try to attain a new high of 250-300 individual meals at our next FFF. Each person is asked to bring **four loaves of bread** (other than white bread), and **16 pieces of fruit**. Don't forget to wear a hat to meet health



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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Shalom!

For the past several months, I've shared with you my thoughts on how the Youth Group has come together, expanded its membership, planned many fun, exciting events and set even bigger goals for the future. But now, I would like to let the members speak for themselves. So, for the next several months, I've asked our Youth Group board members to share their thoughts and feelings about the Youth Group. This month, I'm happy to introduce Elizabeth Ginsburg, one of our EERNY² Co-Presidents:

"Hi! For those of you who do not know me, I have been a part of East End Temple for most of my life and am proud to be a part of such a great community. Our meetings have been great successes and we are happy to welcome our new members. So here's what's been going on:

Latke Party

"We held our third annual Chanukah latke-making party on December 21st. We had a great turnout and spent the afternoon eating delicious latkes that everyone helped make and also enjoyed sufganiot from Gertel's bakery. We played some competitive dreidel games and exchanged gifts. Everyone had a great time and we were thrilled to share our latkes with anyone who stopped by. We also extend a huge thanks to Ursula Ofman and Elissa Macklin for lending us their electric frying pans to make latkes.

"We are looking forward to participating in Food for Families on January 25 at 1pm. It will be the first time that EERNY goes as a group and we hope to make it a regular activity. I hope everyone had a great New Year... *Elizabeth Ginsburg*

My thanks to Elizabeth for taking the time to share her thoughts. I also want to thank everyone who has helped me in my first six months as the Youth Group Advisor. It has been a lot of fun, but I could not have done it without the support of the Temple staff, board and leadership. And, of course, the students, whose hard work planning the events has paid off tremendously.

I hope you all are well, and had a wonderful Chanukah and a safe, Happy New Year.

Marc

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A BIG THANK YOU to Elissa Macklin for bringing us Rita Abati and Shareen Islam from SAVI, the Sexual Assault and Violence Intervention group affiliated with Mt. Sinai Medical Center, operating through Cabrini Hospital. The first thing we did at this Sisterhood program on December 14, was to reach a common definition for sexual assault and domestic violence. Then we learned how to identify specific symptoms of assault and abuse; finally, we found out how, as lay people and as friends, we could approach, talk and listen to and help survivors express themselves and locate appropriate counseling. One issue that came up was date rape. Not addressed in this presentation was, "What can we tell our teenagers to help them protect themselves in social settings without frightening them too much?" If this is a topic you are interested in and would like addressed or would like to work on, please contact me at sfhstamps@aol.com. FYI, leaflets from SAVI are available in the Temple office.

Thank you, Fran Kolin, for planning and ordering brunch; Elissa Macklin, Barbara Ringel and Cynthia Dubensky for setting up, and to everyone who braved the latest winter storm. You all made this informative program another Sisterhood success!

Rosh Chodesh Brunch

If you missed the first of six Rosh Chodesh Pot Luck Brunches led by Miriam Warshaviak devoted to the study of women in Torah and midrash, MARK YOUR CALENDARS for Sunday, February 1 from 10:30 am – 12 noon. All you need do is call Sharon in the Temple office @212-477-6444 or e-mail me to let us know what you're going to bring. This is not difficult as it doesn't require large quantities of foodstuffs. You're in for a treat!

Please join us for the next Sisterhood Meeting on Tuesday, February 3 at 7:30 pm. We are currently organizing a social (vs. social action) event for the spring, one or more possible programs to round off the season and our annual Women's Seder (April 8, 6 pm) and Sisterhood Shabbat (May 14, 7:30 pm).

Thank you for doing your holiday shopping at the Judaica Shop as well as purchasing Mah Jongg cards through Helen Doneger. Remember to check other sections of this Templet for upcoming Food For Families dates and the Helene Spring Library Dedication.

Best wishes for a happy, healthy secular New Year...

Once again, thanks for supporting US, in Sisterhood...

Fern

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THE TEMPLE FAMILY

Congratulations, Best Wishes & Mazal Tov to
Judge John Stackhouse on his induction as a Justice of
the Supreme Court of the State of NY

Roz Schwimmer, Marcia Muskat's mother and Jackie
Muskat's grandmother, on Jackie's engagement to Brian
Leitner. We did not include her name in the November
Templet. Congratulations. Our apologies.

Jeffrey Thomases on the birth of his grandson, Brody

Get Well Wishes to

Stanley Mishkin, Ellen Muskat and Betty Phillips

Welcome New Members

Jonathan and Lisa Wells and their son, Ellis

SAVE THE DATE!

EAST END TEMPLE'S TENTH PROGRESSIVE DINNER

Saturday March 13, 2004

WE'RE BACK with another evening of great dining
and even greater company. The Progressive
Dinner is the unique event that brings us together
to wine and dine in each other's homes and then
share desserts at our new home on
Stuyvesant Park.

Set aside the night and let us know if you can cook
dinner, make desserts, and/or want to dine at this
truly fabulous EET event!

Call EET 212/477-6444 with questions

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Hold the Date!

FOURTH ANNUAL EAST END TEMPLE FAMILY JUDAIC BOOK FAIR

Sunday, March 7 12- 4 pm

OUR TIMELY TEMPLET

To illustrate to you how timely our Templet is, on about
the same date that our December issue was mailed,
featuring on the front page, the eight-step program of
Tzedakah written by Maimonides, the *New York Times*
published a lengthy book review of a new book,
"Rambam's Ladder: A Meditation on Generosity" by
Julie Salamon.

The review went on to explain the value of the eight
steps, with particular reference to Maimonides'
emphasis on the "pursuit of righteousness" and how to
give with "compassion and common sense". The gift of
self-reliance (Responsibility) was again pointed out as
the highest form of charity, and Reluctance, or giving
grudgingly, as the lowest.

The author was motivated to do the research and write
the book following the September 11, 2001 disaster and
the extensive amount of charitable giving that followed
that catastrophic event.

Florence Peloquin

INVITATION

Rabbi David Adelson
Edna Rosen, President
East End Temple Membership Committee

Cordially invite you to attend the
ANNUAL NEW MEMBERS' SHABBAT

January 9, 2004
7:30 pm Service

Followed by an Oneg Shabbat
in
Honor of our Newest Members

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Mel Schweitzer Seizes The Moment

TRUE STORY: The summer prior to his college senior year (1937), Mel worked at an all-boys camp in Westchester County and, despite the strong competition, handily won the affection of Bernice, the only female on staff. So it goes for our Mel Schweitzer, a 50-year EET member and a man who strikes when the iron is hot. With college degrees in hand - Mel's in Business Administration from Michigan and Bernice's in Education from Hunter - Mel and Bernice happily engaged in several years of a formal courtship, with Mel paying more than his fair share of Triborough Bridge tolls, commuting between Flushing and Bernice's home in Washington Heights. They tied the knot in 1941 and spent 54 years of blissful marriage, proof positive of Mel's instinct for seizing the moment.

Military Service

While performing his 3½ years of military service at Fort Monmouth in New Jersey, and commuting home to Bernice (in Flushing) for the weekends, Mel's lifelong passion for electronics always kept him a step ahead. He made Second Lieutenant teaching radio in the Army Signal Corp and worked at the Signal Corp's Radar Labs in the very early days of radar development. In his civilian life, when television was not yet a household name, Mel and Bernice purchased one of the first TV's in their neighborhood. By day Mel was teaching Radio and Television repair to private trade school students while Bernice was teaching city elementary school children. By night their apartment was a hub of activity, with curious friends and neighbors vying for TV time with the Schweitzers.

In the early 50s, VOLT was a rapidly growing information services company that responded to Mel's pioneering approach to technology. At a time when computers were also not a familiar mainstay, Mel was preparing military maintenance manuals on the country's first large-scale computers. During his 30-year tenure at VOLT, he became a valuable logistics specialist managing their Eastern Regional offices and consulting on military proposals in Britain, France, Italy and Uruguay. Most memorable for Mel are his Stuyvesant Town homecomings with Bernice and sons, Frank and Marc, along with the travels shared with Bernice through London, Paris, Italy, Yugoslavia, Hungary and Austria. Today, Mel's son Frank is a California contractor and son Marc is a California architect, both married and respectively raising Mel's three wonderful grandchildren.



EET Beginnings

At East End Temple, it was Helene Spring who recruited Bernice and it was Bernice who subsequently recruited Mel for a lifetime of volunteer service. Some of his many hats at EET include: Executive Vice-President, Treasurer, and Ritual Committee Chair. It was Mel who discovered the High Holiday NYU Dental School location and it is still Mel today who actively drives important initiatives in matters of EET building, finance, technology and architectural design. Though no longer sharing adventures with his lovely Bernice, (she died in 1995) Mel continues to be very much part of the action. When he's not straightening out EET's wires and programming or checking out the latest in digital gadgetry, Mel can be found with special friends and family. He golfs in New York and Florida, mixes it up with family in California and shows his visiting granddaughter (and NYU student) Zoe how to seize many New York moments.

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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for the speedy recovery of Rose
Wright, mother of Carl Wright

Marcia & Michael Muskat
Best wishes for a speedy & full recovery
for Ellen Muskat

HAMERMESH MUSIC FUND

Rita Most

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In memory of Gertrude Schiff

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In memory of Murray Goldman

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In loving memory of Roslyn Myers
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Florence Herz
All good wishes to the Eshed Family
on Matthew's Bar Mitzvah

Carole L. Hyman
Mazal Tov to Matthew Eshed & his
parents on Matt's Bar Mitzvah

Congratulations to Judge John
Stackhouse on his induction

Ada & Herb Perlman
To wish Florence Herz a continued &
complete recovery

SIMCHA FUND

Shirley & Irving Roth
Mazal Tov to Matthew & his parents
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Best wishes to Rabbi David Adelson
& Lynn Harris for a long, happy life
together

Helen & Murray Sanders
Congratulations & best wishes to
Judge John Stackhouse on his
induction

Congratulations to Rabbi Adelson and
Lynn Harris on their marriage

Judith Sussman
In honor of John Stackhouse induction as
a Justice of the Supreme Court of New
York State

FOOD FOR FAMILIES

**Lauren Weinberger, John, Paul &
Greg Connuck**
Mazal Tov to Rabbi & Lynn

Paul & Helen Levine
Shirley Lipton
To feed the hungry

Adele E. Reis
In loving memory of Edna Lakind,
Ida Elentuch, Esther Mamber, Sylvia
Cohen & Jennifer Shapiro

Sara Siegel
In loving memory of my
granddaughter, Galit Hen

RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

Andrea Dezso
In honor of the Rabbi and EET

Barbara & Doyle Garner
To thank the Rabbi for making
Carry's & PJ's wedding so special

Rachel Goldstein & Marc Sobel
To wish Rabbi David Adelson Mazal
Tov on his marriage!

Judith Lorber
Anne & Sam Peskin
Marjorie & Judith Sussman
In honor of Rabbi David's & Lynn's
marriage

Myra Schiff
To thank the Rabbi for his sensitive
support at the time of my mother's
passing & funeral

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contributions for our various funds,
the surest way to ensure accuracy
is to put it in writing and send it to
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HELENE SPRING LIBRARY FUND

Doris Becker
In memory of my parents, Rose &
Alfred Becker on their yahrzeits

Phyllis Elsky
In memory of Rose Geier & Seymour
Bardowsky on their yahrzeits

Norma Hirsch
In memory of Cele Brody

In memory of Babette Hollister's
daughter, Kate

Best wishes to Florence Herz for a
speedy recovery

Nancy Lashine & Gary Sher
In memory of Lesley Sanders

Marjorie Nichols
Welcoming Jack Nierenberg into the
Nierenberg-Nichols family!

Helene & Leonard Spring
Congratulations & best wishes to
Linda Polatsch & Martin Bodian on
their engagement

Deepest condolences to Richard
Horowitz & Mrs. Jeff Libshutz on
the death of dear Linda Horowitz

Congratulations to John Stackhouse
on his election as NY State Supreme
Court Judge

In memory of Arthur Shields, brother
of Diane Hirsch

FUND FOR THE FUTURE

Joan Beranbaum & John Stackhouse
To thank David & Hayley for helping
make John's induction special

Paul & Helen Levine
In honor of East End Temple

Mel Schweitzer
Heartfelt thanks to Rick Muskat for
the great work that assures a future
for East End Temple

EET YOUTH ENDOWMENT FUND

Merle & Jonathan Brenner
In honor of Rabbi David's & Lynn's
marriage

Judith Lorber
In honor of Rabbi David's & Lynn's
wedding

Nancy & Larry Schneider
In honor of Helene Spring's special
birthday

In honor of Rabbi Adelson's
marriage

In memory of Henry Schneider's
yahrzeit

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- * Community care and support

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EET SUGGESTION BOX: Now Open



We have opened a Suggestion Box to all members of East End Temple. If you have an idea about any of the following subjects, put it in a brief note or e-mail it to the Temple:

- Religious Services
- Oneg Shabbat, Holiday Observances, Special Events
- Religious School Curriculum/Procedures
- High Holy Day Services/Procedures/Break-fast
- Adult Education; courses to schedule
- Programs you would like to see/hear
- Community events in which you would like us to participate
- Passover Seder for families in our Temple Social Hall? First or second night preferred? (To be priced at cost to us.)

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Your Name: _____

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YIDDISHISMS WE USE

Yiddish Words	Definition	Sample Use
Bobkes	Beans, No value	My bubbe left me <i>bobkes</i> in her will
Chazerai	Pig food, junk	The flea market is full of <i>chazerai</i>
Farblondzhet	Mixed up	The computer instructions have me all <i>farblondzhet</i>
Farbisine	Bitter	Your <i>farbisine</i> neighbor turned you in to the landlord
Ganif	Thief	You bought your diamond ring from a <i>ganif</i>
Kvetch	Squeeze, complain	Don't <i>kvetch</i> the peaches Don't <i>kvetch</i> so much
Meshuginah	Crazy person	He was driving like a <i>meshuginah</i>
Pupik	Belly button	Current teenage style: <i>Pupik</i> ring

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East End Temple

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
4 10:30 AM Chevrat Nashim	5 7:15 PM Board Meeting	6 9:30 AM Melton Mini School 4:00 PM Religious School	7 4:00 PM Religious School	8 4:00 PM Religious School 5:30 PM 7th grade meeting 6:00 PM Youth Group	9 6:00 PM Tot Shabbat 7:30 PM Shabbat Services <i>New Members Shabbat</i>	10
11 10:30 AM Chevrat Nashim 11:00 AM 7th gd Program 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM Library Dedication	12	13 9:30 AM Melton Mini School 4:00 PM Religious School 7:00 PM YEC 7:30 PM Book Club	14 4:00 PM Religious School	15 4:00 PM Religious School 5:30 PM Confirmation Class	16 6:00 PM Kabbalat Shabbat	17 10:00 AM Shabbat Chavurah
18 10:30 AM Chevrat Nashim	19 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">Office Closed</div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">MLK Jr. Day</div>	20 9:30 AM Melton Mini School 4:00 PM Religious School 7:00 PM Ritual Initiative February Templet Closing	21 4:00 PM Religious School	22 4:00 PM Religious School 6:00 PM Youth Group	23 7:30 PM Shabbat Services	24 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">Rosh Ch. Shevat</div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">Family Temple Retreat</div>
25 10:30 AM Chevrat Nashim 1:00 PM Food For Families	26	27 9:30 AM Melton Mini School 4:00 PM Religious School	28 4:00 PM Religious School	29 4:00 PM Religious School 5:30 PM Confirmation Class	30 7:30 PM Shabbat Services	31
Family Temple Retreat						