

DECEMBER 2003
KISLEV/TEVET 5764

SHABBAT SERVICES

Friday 5, 6 pm

Kabbalat Shabbat

2nd & 3rd class participation & dinner

Saturday 6, 10 am

Bar Mitzvah of Zarek Brot-Goldberg

Friday 12, 7:30 pm

Tot Shabbat, 6 pm

Saturday 13, 10 am

Shabbat Chavurah

Friday 19, 6 pm

Kabbalat Shabbat

First Candle, Chanukah

Saturday 20, 10 am

Bar Mitzvah of Matthew Eshed

Friday 26, 7:30 pm

TEMPLE ACTIVITIES

Chevrat Nashim –

Sundays 7, 14, 21, & 28, 10:30 am

Food For Families

Sunday 7, 1 pm

Chanukah Sale

Sunday 7, 10:30 – 3 pm

“It’s Not Your Fault”

Sisterhood Program/SAVI

Sunday 14, 10:30 am

Congregational Chanukah Dinner

Friday 19, 7:30 pm

Family Chanukah Celebration

Sunday 21, 1 – 3 pm

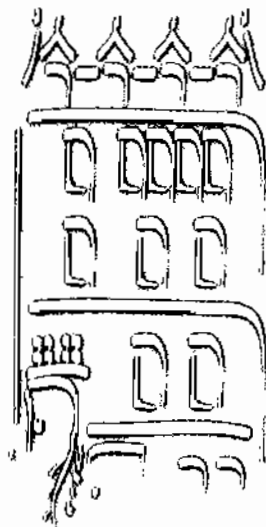
“IT’S NOT YOUR FAULT”

Sisterhood Program/SAVI

Sunday 14, 10:30 am

CHANUKAH FAMILY CELEBRATION

Sunday 21, 1-3 pm



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KISLEV: A TIME FOR GIVING

This is the month we are approached by charities of all types. Here, from the instructions of Maimonides, are the eight steps of *Tzedakah*, in ascending order of virtue:

1. To give, but reluctantly
2. To give willingly, but less than is appropriate
3. To give, but only on request
4. To give before being asked
5. To give where the donor does not know who the recipient is
6. To give where the recipient does not know who the donor is
7. To give in such a way where neither the donor nor the recipient knows the identity of the other
8. The highest form of charity is not to give money, but to make work available to the poor, and for society to eliminate the need for alms, thereby maintaining self-respect for all

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• SEE CALENDAR FOR ALL CLOSING DATES

MEET THE AMBASSADOR

by Florence Peloquin

I recently attended a lecture given by the Israeli Ambassador to the United States, Hon. Daniel Ayalon. It was conducted in a "Meet the Press" format, with Rabbi William Berkowitz as the interviewer; it was held at the Center for Jewish History.

There was no question-and-answer session following the interview, so we heard only the Likud point-of-view, which is reflected in this report. Having just returned from his first trip to Williamsburg, VA., Mr. Ayalon expressed his respect for America's struggle for beginnings, much as the settlers of Israel were still struggling to establish *their* freedom. In no uncertain terms, he stated that Israel's current peril is directly related to the well being of Jews all over the world, all 12 million.



Jewish Assimilation

Commenting on the assimilation of Jews in the United States, Mr. Ayalon said we were a victim of our own success. Maintaining Jewish continuity is a constant battle, but Jewish education of the children, with Israel as the center, is essential to keeping the ties of history. He referred to the "Birthright Israel" free program and encouraged parents "to send the kids".

When the subject of the rise of anti-Semitism came up, he deplored the anti-Semitic remarks made by the prime minister of Malaysia to an all-Arab audience, which gave him a standing ovation. And, the further outrage was that there was no outrage from the international community, excepting a mild comment from the U.S. government. Politically, the anti-Semitic agenda in the Arab world is that "Israel is here to stay as a nation," is not accepted.

JUDAICA SHOP FINDS

Fran Kolin

Chanukah has already arrived at the Shop! Stop by and see our MENORAHS, CANDLES, and HOLIDAY BOOKS and GIFTS. Also, a big surprise... we've got the WISSOTSKY MAGIC TEA BOX again! A fabulous gift, especially for yourself! Not available anywhere in the neighborhood

Wait until you see it!

Fran

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Camp David 2000

When queried about Arafat, Mr. Ayalon was very clear since he was present at the Camp David 2000 summer meeting with Clinton, Barak and Arafat. He said Arafat was intelligent, had a good memory, questionably religious, denies all relationship of the Jews to Israel and does not understand reality. At Camp David, Arafat refused all offers, even though his assistants begged him to sign with Barak. He refused again and again, much to the impatience of Clinton who walked out a few times. Arafat believes in the one-state solution: Palestine, with no Jewish rights. He does not understand the impact of the Holocaust on establishing Israel. At the end of the segment on Arafat, Ambassador Ayalon reminded the audience of a favorite saying of Abba Eban, "The Arabs do not miss an opportunity to miss an opportunity".

That Security Fence

Commenting on the "security fence" going up, Mr. Ayalon maintains that it is to keep terrorists out, and that they are coming from the West Bank and not from Gaza where there is a fence. When asked about the settlements, he said that was the "code word" for denial of Israel's existence; these settlements are on Jewish historical land (his words). "The reality is that the acceptance of two states, with Israel's right to exist is the issue, not the settlements."

On the subject of Jerusalem, he stated this city can be the capitol of only one nation: Israel for now and future generations. Mr. Ayalon commented that Jerusalem was mentioned hundreds of times in the Bible, never in the Koran where only Mecca and Medina are mentioned.

At the end, we all stood and sang "Hatikvah"

The Rabbi Stepped Out for a While...

Our Rabbi David Adelson has temporarily vacated this editorial spot to enjoy a brief honeymoon with his new wife, Lynn Harris. Their joyous wedding took place Sunday, November 16, 2003 in Brooklyn, New York. His column will be back next month in this place.

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PRESIDENT'S PERSPECTIVE

Edna Rosen

Imagine spending Shabbat with 4,000 other Jews – Reform Jews! You can do this every two years at the Biennial convention of the Union for Reform Judaism. URJ – what's that? I thought it was UAHC? At this historic convention in Minneapolis, MN, November 5-9, the congregational delegates voted to adopt a name that really identifies us. Be proud to be a Reform Jew!

The spirituality, beauty and excitement of the worship service is difficult to put into words. In a few weeks we will show a videotape of highlights of the convention so you can see for yourself. From East End Temple, I attended as well as Helene and Leonard Spring. I hope that in two years there are more EET congregants ready to have an incredible Jewish experience – this time in Houston, TX.

Sooner than that... I'm looking for EET congregants to join me at our regional biennial October 28-31, 2004 in Greenwich, CT. Come, let us take a step outside the Jewish life of our congregation and into the larger Jewish world!

Rabbi Eric Yoffie delivered the Presidential Sermon on Saturday morning. You can find the entire text at uahc.org/yoffie/biennialsermon03.shtml.

I challenge East End Temple to take on one of Rabbi Yoffie's initiatives: "I propose that we call upon every member congregation of the Union to adopt a specific project of support for a Reform Jewish community in Israel or in Eastern Europe." Let us work together to select a project, a congregation, where we can be of help.

Edna

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TEMPLE FACILITIES AVAILABLE FOR RENTAL

Starting with the New Year 2004, temple facilities will be available to EET members and non-members. This includes the Sanctuary, social hall and kitchen.

For rates, dates and details, contact Sharon at the temple office, 212/477-6444.

RITUAL INITIATIVE COMMITTEE Abby Drucker

The Ritual Initiative Committee and the Temple that it represents are reaching out to you to collect your thoughts, feelings, and comments about your experiences here at East End Temple. Constructive criticism centered around prayer and ritual helps us to grow. If we are doing something right, tell us! If we are doing something wrong, tell us! You will be receiving a questionnaire in the mail with your January Templet about worship issues. Please return it to the Temple as soon as you can. Everyone's comments will be read and discussed at Ritual Initiative meetings. Keep those thoughts coming. Creating a Temple is an on-going process. Help us to help you be a part of this community.

Rabbi's New Column

Just to let you know what we have planned to date: The rabbi will be starting an "Ask The Rabbi" column to answer questions about liturgy, services, history, etc. If you have any questions along these lines that you would like answered, email, snail mail, or call the Temple--and you may see your answers in print.

Our next committee meeting will be on Wednesday, December 10, 2003 at 7PM. Everyone is welcome! The discussion will center on the High Holy Days. Some potential topics are: Whether to continue combining community and congregational Yizkor Services on Yom Kippur; whether to have the rabbi's interactive service in the evening before Neilah or in the afternoon; does the congregation want to continue interactive services at all; whether new melodies should be taught during High Holy Day services or prior; and do we need a choir? Also, how do you feel about changing venues from the NYU Dental School in the AM (on Yom Kippur Day) to our 17th Street location in the PM? Bring your own comments or concerns; write or call or email me before the meeting.

B'shalom,

Abby

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MAH JONGG PLAYERS

Help Sisterhood

You can do the above by submitting your Mah Jongg list to Helen Doneger at the Temple. Please make checks payable to Helen Doneger.

Cards are \$6 each (Sisterhood receive \$1).
Deadline is February 10, 2004.

I just returned from the Rabbi and Lynn's wedding! Mazal Tov! One of the rabbis who performed the ceremony mentioned that we are just halfway between Sukkot and Chanukah, holidays about creating a fragile dwelling-place. The Sukkah one builds is obviously not a strong, permanent structure (though I'm sure that Bobby Kolin could build us one that is!), but the mention of Chanukah puzzled me. How is Chanukah in any way fragile?

My childhood memories of Chanukah are anything but fragile, with the exception of those thin orange candles that would inevitably break in half! Standing around the menorah, singing the blessings and Maoz Tsur/Rock of Ages, and perhaps S'vivon Sov Sov Sov, always gave me a peaceful, warm, secure feeling. The joy of this holiday, and of the Maccabee's success over persecution, reminded me that the Jews were strong. As my grandparents managed to survive in the concentration camps during the Holocaust, so did Jews all those years ago, and today, we survive in much better conditions.

Precious Freedoms

Then I thought of all the Jews who cannot celebrate freely, even today. For Jews in some parts of the world, placing a menorah in their window could put them in danger. Even in our 21st century world, we haven't quite made it to religious freedom. And this is where I realize that Chanukah is still that fragile space. Chanukah was never about the eight days of gifts, or about eating latkes, or about the miracle of the oil lasting so long; in my family, it was about the knowledge that we have survived through the years.

With that in mind, I would like to take this opportunity to wish the East End Temple family a happy and healthy Chanukah! Good luck to Zarek Brot-Goldberg and Matthew Eshed, and their families, who will be celebrating their Bar Mitzvahs this month!

Musically Yours,

Hayley

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Celebrate Chanukah with East End Temple
 Sunday, December 21, 1-3 pm
 Join us for some Chanukah fun, latkes and sufganiot. Only \$5 per family and an UNWRAPPED NEW GIFT for a little girl or boy.
 See you at the Temple!



Dear Parents and Congregants,

Our school is up and running on a smooth course. Soon it will be time for us to review, improve and strengthen our curriculum and teachers' performances.

If any of you want to join us in our prayer time, you are welcome on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 4 pm, when the children recite the whole service. They all take part and it is heart-warming to watch them.

In this past month the **seventh graders** and their families had a workshop, led by the rabbi and me, about what Bar/Bat-Mitzvah is. We tried to find out how families can instill more responsibility in their children as they approach their Bar/Bat-Mitzvah, and what the issues are that parents and children agree or disagree about in regard to taking responsibility. This workshop is first in a three-part Family Education series that we run on Sunday mornings throughout the school year. This event gave me a good opportunity to get to know the families and I am looking forward to widening this relationship.

Our youngest children, the Gan (pre-k), kindergarten and the 1st graders had their first event, a **Shabbat Service & Dinner**. Each class in our religious school will have a scheduled Friday night, on which they will present some of the things they have learned at the religious school. Their parents will have an opportunity to get to know other parents and to meet the teachers.

Plan now: the 2nd & 3rd grade will have a **Shabbat Family Program** prior to their **Shabbat Service & Dinner**. It will take place on Friday, December 5th. The program will start at 5 pm, followed by the Service & Dinner.

Our main and exciting event in December is the **Family Chanukah Celebration**. This event will take place on Sunday, December 21st at 1:00 pm and will be a lot of fun with crafts, competitions, food. Please mark you calendar.

I will need a few parent volunteers to run activity stations and help out. Please call me to volunteer.

Keep in touch, if anything comes up. Do not hesitate to call or email, and I always like to know in advance if your child can't come to school on a certain day.

Bivrachah

Hagit

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On Sunday November 2, we held our first annual Youth Lounge Party and it was a great success! Twelve kids were there. We started the afternoon with a couple of mixers since we had several new members including three members from the Village Temple Youth Group who joined us for the celebration. The rabbi also joined us for a ceremonial dedication of our new home, as did our Temple president, Edna Rosen, for a game of ping-pong. We hung a mezuzah, which the Rabbi brought back from his travels to Jerusalem. Thanks, David! We also shared our wishes for the Youth Group's future and then kicked the party into high gear. Overall, it was a fun, relaxed afternoon. My thanks to everyone who helped plan the party, brought food for the potluck meal, made mix CD's, brought board games and other supplies, as well as to those who arrived early to set up or stayed late to clean up.

Events To Come

We also have several exciting events coming up in the next few months.

1. Youth Group Meetings – December 2 @ 6 pm, December 11 @ 6 pm, January 8 @ 6:00 and January 22 @ 6:00. *Please note that these times may, and often do change, so please check your e-mail or call the temple before attending.*
2. Comedy Club Night – Date TBD. The Village Temple Youth Group has invited us to join them for a night of comedy followed by a Havdalah service.
3. Sexual Assault and Violence Intervention – December 14 @ 10:30 am - this event is sponsored by the Temple Sisterhood, but I am encouraging the Youth Group to attend as well. \$5.00 per person, includes brunch.
4. Chanukah Party – Date TBD. Details to come, but we will be making potato latkes and celebrating not only the Festival of Lights, but also the end of the semester! *NOTE: this event is open to 8th graders as well, in order to get them interested in joining the Youth Group. Parents – please encourage your 8th graders to attend!!!*
5. Food For Families – January 25 @ 1 pm. The Youth Group will help make sandwiches for City Harvest, and will follow with a lunch of our own.

Well, I think that's it. As always, feel free to e-mail me with any thoughts, ideas or questions on how to improve and expand the Youth Group. I hope that you all have a safe and healthy Thanksgiving.

Marc

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Sisterhood presented, "A Talk With Beth Labush and Rabbi David Adelson: Living With End-Of-Life Issues" on Nov. 2. Though this is a delicate subject, our presenters were prepared with a wealth of professional knowledge, special stories and both personal and professional insights. This opened the door for the rest of us to share stories, insights and concerns of our own and to have questions answered such as, "Is there an afterlife in the Jewish tradition?" and "How can we let our loved ones, or others, know what our wishes are?" Beth distributed Health Care Proxy Forms; Rabbi Adelson recommended books and the Judaica Shop sold out of "A Time To Prepare, A Practical Guide for Individuals and Families in Determining A Jewish Approach to Making Personal Arrangements, Establishing the Limits of Medical Care and Embracing Rituals at the End of Life" (contact Fran Kolin if you wish to order one). A process of networking began and ideas emerged for future exploration. Sisterhood would like to thank Beth and the rabbi for providing us with this invaluable experience, and to those who joined us - our deepest appreciation. Beth invites congregants to contact her by calling the Temple Office with questions or any concerns you have about hospice care.

Plan to be with us once again on Dec. 14 when SAVI presents, "It's Not Your Fault!!", a program addressing the epidemic of domestic violence in America. If you are interested in this program but have questions about the content, PLEASE CONTACT Elissa Macklin at emack@nyc.rr.com or call the Temple Office.

On Dec. 19, the first night of Chanukah, Sisterhood will host our college students at the Congregational Dinner. Watch for invites in the mail!

Finally, our Women's Rosh Chodesh Series got off to a wonderful start. Don't worry if you missed the first one. Join us on February 1. We'll see you then.

REMINDERS:

- Please send in your dues.
- Check other places in the Temple for information about Food For Families, the Helene Spring Library AND The Judaica Shop, which is READY FOR CHANUKAH!!
- Support fundraising by ordering your Mah Jongg cards through Helen Doneger, by Feb 15.

Mazal Tov to our Rabbi David Adelson and Lynn Harris who were married on Nov. 16. We wish you the very best!

The next Sisterhood Meeting is Tuesday Dec 2, 7:30 pm. Thanks for supporting "us".

In Sisterhood! Fern

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31 Days Left:

Have You Given Yourself a Gift This Year?

There are probably a few things you wished for this year and didn't get, but there *is* one gift that you can still do something about: Join your fellow EET congregants in the warm glow of satisfaction that comes from helping to realize the dream of our new home. And, if you make a gift to the Kehila Campaign within the next 31 days, that feeling of satisfaction is enhanced next April 15th when you claim a tax deduction for 2003.

The Kehila Campaign Committee is busy planning a dedication ceremony during which we will unveil the plaques for donations already pledged. The plaques are being engraved soon with the names of the families who have given and/or pledged. If you would like to be part of that first group of donors, please contact Joan Beranbaum or Judith Sussman immediately at the emails below. If you want to discuss a specific dedication opportunity they are prepared to do that as well.

We close the calendar year knowing that in spite of the down economy and the building delays we experienced, the Kehila Campaign has raised more than 50% of its goal of \$650,000, and we moved into our beautiful new Temple. We face the new year with a commitment to finish the campaign, which will enable us to complete the building renovations, sanctuary decorating, religious school furnishings -- and to establish financial security for the future. Won't you join us and get your own warm feeling of doing good -- for yourself, your Temple community, and your tax return?

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Funds from the Kehila Campaign will help us to complete our new home, create innovative programs, to engage our community and establish financial security for the future.

Retreat... Retreat... Retreat

With Your Temple Family - Weekend of January 23rd at Kutz Camp in Warwick, NY.

See enclosed flier for details!



Week by week, our Helene Spring Library takes shape with volunteers cleaning the books and our professional librarian, Marsha Labovitz, culling, organizing, advising, getting us ready to open for business. Our formal dedication will take place on Sunday, January 11, 2004 from 1 - 4 pm. The highlight of this memorable afternoon will be a reading by Edith Velmans, author of Edith's Story: The True Story of a Young Girl's Courage and Survival During World War II, followed by a book signing and an opportunity to ask her questions. Rabbi Adelson will celebrate our official opening with a special dedication: we will affix a Mezuzah, and adjourn to the social hall for a festive reception.

Edith Velmans's story is a powerful account of being hidden by a Dutch Christian family during the Holocaust; she uses excerpts from her teenage diary as well as letters from her parents to convey the horror of that time and to describe a candid portrayal of herself as a teenager hidden in plain sight. We have copies of her book available for purchase in the temple office for \$10, a substantial discount. We encourage you to buy her book now and read it before the event. We extend a special invitation to our teenagers, 7th grade and up, to join us and meet the author of this memoir.

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ATTENTION NEW MEMBERS

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

Cordially invite you to attend the
Annual New Member Shabbat
January 9, 2004 7:30 pm Service

Followed by an Oneg Shabbat in your honor

RSVP 212-477-6444

**ATTENTION MEMBERS: PLEASE JOIN US
TO HONOR AND WELCOME ALL OF OUR
NEW MEMBERS**

THEATRE NEWS
"FIDDLER ON THE ROOF" Sunday, February 8th --
Call Helene Spring for details 212/677-3314

Next Date: Sunday, December 7th

Our beautiful new social hall was the setting for the first Food For Families of the season. The room provides lots of space for making sandwiches and packing bags. Over 300 sandwiches and 100 family meals were picked up by City Harvest on a summer-like Sunday. Thanks to Paul, John and Gregg Connuck and Lauren Weinberger; Cynthia, Ron, and Tracey Dubensky; Marian, Robert, and Gregg Fish; Melissa and Phil Gollance, Evelyn Hendline, Babette Hollister, Helen Levine, Florence Peloquin, Edna Rosen, Ben and Celia Vimont, Sivan and Sharon Shemesh. Our Sponsor for the Day was Florence Peloquin.

Please be sure to join us for the next Food For Families on Sunday, December 7th from 1:00 to 2:30 pm at East End Temple. Your ticket of admission is **four loaves of bread** (no white bread because it's too soft for spreads) and **16 pieces of fruit**. Also, please come with a baseball cap or a hat to cover your hair. We expect to make our delicious peanut butter and jelly sandwiches as well as some new varieties.

Community and Connection

We all share a strong sense of community and connection as we work together at our different stations, but more important, we know we are helping to feed those who are hungry. And we know City Harvest will be distributing our food that night. 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 Sponsor for the Day, December 7th is **Babette Hollister**. **Paul and Helen Levine** are sponsors for January 25 and **Shirley Lipton** is our sponsor for February 22. Future dates are Jan. 25, Feb. 22, and March 14. Other levels of contributions are also accepted for our food fund.

If you have any questions please email Marian Fish.

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

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In loving memory of my parents, Ben
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In memory of Gertrude Schiff, a very
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In memory of Gertrude Schiff

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In honor of their son, Zarek, on his
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Congratulations to Rabbi Adelson on
his recent marriage to Lynn Harris

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Best wishes to Rabbi David Adelson
& Lynn Harris for their future life
together

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Congratulations to Helen Staloff on
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In honor of East End Temple

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**Congratulations & best wishes
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Mazal Tov to Rabbi David Adelson
& Lynn Harris on their wedding

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Congratulations to my wonderful
rabbi and Lynn on their marriage

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In memory of Lesley Sanders

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Deepest condolences to Susan
Levkoff & family on the death of her
dear father, Milton Shapiro

Bea Strasnick
To thank Gloria & Bill Adler for
their generosity & concern during the
Washington weekend

Lorraine Weiss
Condolences to my brother-in-law
Martin Spencer on the loss of his
brother, Harold

FOOD FOR FAMILIES

Marian & Robert Fish
In loving memory of Gladys
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Babette Hollister
To commemorate the 15 anniversary
of the terrorist bombing of Pan Am
Flight 103 on Dec. 21, 1988 in which
270 innocent victims, including my
daughter Kate, were murdered

Helen & Paul Levine
In memory of Margaret Dungan

Shirley Lipton
To help feed hungry families

Adele E. Reis
In loving memory of the Lakind,
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Remembering my husband, Morton,
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Deepest love & sympathy to
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To wish Florence Herz a speedy and
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To David & Lynn with all good
wishes & everything you wish
yourselves on your marriage

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In honor of Rabbi David Adelson &
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Congratulations to Rabbi Adelson &
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Congratulations to the rabbi on his
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Mazal Tov to David & Lynn on their
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Warmest congratulations for a long
& Happy life together to
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In memory of the yahrzeit of Maurice
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Paula & Kenneth Rothaus
In memory of Lesley Spring Sanders

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Abby Drucker's Got The Right Stuff

Abby responds readily to the give and take nature of community life. Eight years ago, in seeking a welcoming synagogue for her dad's Yizkor prayers, she found East End Temple which provided much needed comfort and belonging. As expression of her personal, religious journey, Abby uses her current position on the EET Board of Trustees and as the Chairperson of the Ritual Initiative Committee to inspire accessible and meaningful worship opportunities for others in the congregation. It didn't take long for Abby to join another Board of Directors – this one at her new Jackson Heights, cooperative apartment. With the paint barely dry in her newly renovated kitchen, Abby set out to uncover the unique cultural treasures in a neighborhood so distinguished by its ethnic diversity.



Abby's professional approach as a 37-year RN is a natural extension of her personal philosophy. Abby has always tried to create a sense of community for terminally ill hospice residents, HIV-positive military veterans, and relatively healthy people challenged by episodic illnesses. This translates to a respect and interest in her patients' lives and a sharing of her own life experiences with diversified people. Ever since her growing years in East New York, where her pediatrician made house calls, Abby has appreciated the satisfaction derived from giving and receiving good medical attention. Those early aspirations have led Abby to her current position as a nurse practitioner at the Inter Church Center, which is also known as the G-d Box, located at Riverside Drive, West 120th St.

Homeless Pets

One of the many heartbreaking consequences of the 9/11 attacks was the desperate need for foster care for shocked and homeless pets. Seven years earlier, Abby Drucker adopted Bo, an older sick cat slated for extinction at the City Animal Shelter. Knowing how Bo's presence had been such a generous return on her saving efforts, the 9/11 flyers caught Abby's attention. She offered to help another animal and to again experience the joy of giving. Enter Shabbatti, named after the Saturday that Abby found him and a welcome, whimsical addition to the Drucker home. Abby's animal protective instincts are further channeled through her choice of diet (vegan) and her gifts to The Farm Sanctuary, a Catskill non-profit organization that rescues animals. The knowledge that her gifts save cats' lives brings Abby rich rewards.

As an example of her penchant for giving and receiving, Abby extends her workday by singing alto in the Inter Church Center's choir. For the public's (and our) listening pleasure, Abby and company will be performing Britten's Ceremony of Carols, free of charge, at noon on December 10, 2003, in the chapel. Rounding out her personality, Abby will be the first to tell you that she gets back far more than she gives and admits to many creature comforts. Mark your December calendars for the 12/10 performance and enjoy Abby enjoying the benefits of giving.

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

Temple Sanctuary Sayings:

The saying directly over the Ark:
"Know before whom you stand"

The saying on the Eternal Light:
"For God shall be a light to you forever"

The saying on the vertical strip under the menorah, to its right:
"How good it is and how pleasant when brothers and sisters dwell together"

The long strip directly over the long bench on the menorah wall:
"The world is founded on three things: Torah, worship and loving deeds"

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

Muriel Okun & Bernard Deutchman
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Helene & Leonard Spring

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

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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.)

If you have thoughts and constructive suggestions, come ahead with them. Let us know by returning this note or e-mail.

Your Name: _____

Comments: _____

The Jewish Health, Healing and Recovery Network of JBFCs (Jewish Board of Family & Children Services) supports Jews and Jewish

organizations with services that blend Judaic tradition and social work practices, including spiritual counseling, group counseling, mutual support groups, volunteer opportunities, consultation, information and referrals, printed materials, training, and workshops. Many of these services are free of charge.

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- * Serious illness or injury
- * End-of-life care
- * Loss and bereavement
- * Divorce and single parent programs and support
- * Addiction recovery
- * Making healthy life choices
- * Community care and support

For more information, call (212) 399-2685. Check us out on the web at www.jhhrn.org and www.jbfc.org.

THE TEMPLE FAMILY

Congratulations and Mazal Tov to

Zarek Brot-Goldberg, son of Alisa Brot and Carl Goldberg, on becoming a Bar Mitzvah

Matthew Eshed, son of Suellen and Boris Eshed, on becoming a Bar Mitzvah

Jackie Muskat on her engagement to Brian Leitner.
Congratulations to parents, Marcia and Michael, grandmother Elaine and the rest of the Muskat clan

Mazal Tov to Rabbi David Adelson and Lynn Harris on their joyous wedding on November 16

Welcome New Members

David Cooper and Elizabeth Ivry
Stanley and Phyllis Mishkin

EAST END TEMPLE BOOKCLUB

Tuesday January 13, 7:30 pm

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

THANK YOU TO OUR NOVEMBER USHERS

Marian and Robert Fish, Mel Schweitzer, Marcy Einhorn, Alice Schlesinger, Abby Drucker, Susan Epstein, Jana Krause, Jedd Wolchok

In Memoriam

Gertrude Schiff: A Woman of Refinement

The East End Temple family is saddened by the death of Gertrude Schiff in November. Known by her many friends as the perfect lady, she excelled as a gourmet cook, superlative hostess and adventurous connoisseur of international restaurants. Mrs. Schiff continued to take courses at NYU and the New School until her failing eyesight interrupted these pursuits.

She was an avid Philharmonic and ballet patron until shortly before her death. Along with her sister, Belle Hamermesh, she loved music; after Belle and Harold Hamermesh (EET Members) died, Gertrude Schiff spearheaded the Hamermesh Music Fund at our Temple. She and her late husband, Donald, established the Schiff Family Fund at NYU to help medical students apply for loans; this was set up in memory of her son who died of cancer at age 26.

East End Temple offers deepest condolences to her daughter, Myra Schiff, who lives in Toronto and to the rest of the family.

EET CHANUKAH DINNER

If you've missed the first and the second congregational dinners... join us for the third!

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 19, 7:30 PM

First night of Chanukah



Let's pray together, light the candles together, sing together, break bread together, enjoy together

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

MAKE YOUR DINNER RESERVATIONS BY DECEMBER 5 SPACE IS FILLING UP QUICKLY!

East End Temple, 245 East 17th Street, New York, NY 10003
Congregational Dinner, December 19, 7:30pm

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 December 19 dinner

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East End Temple

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
7 10:30 AM Chevrat Nashim 10:30 AM - 3:00 PM Chanukah Sale 1:00 PM FFF	8 7:15 PM Exec. Meeting	9 9:30 AM Melton Mini School 4:00 PM Religious School 7:00 PM YEC	10 4:00 PM Religious School 7:00 PM Ritual Initiative	11 4:00 PM Religious School 5:30 PM 7th grade meeting 6:00 PM Youth Group	12 6:00 PM Tot Shabbat 7:30 PM Shabbat Services	13 10:00 AM Shabbat Chavurah
14 10:30 AM Chevrat Nashim 10:30 AM Sisterhood Program - SAVI	15	16 9:30 AM Melton Mini School 4:00 PM Religious School	17 4:00 PM Religious School	18 4:00 PM Religious School 5:30 PM Confirmation Class	19 6:00 PM Kabbalat Shabbat 7:30 PM Congr. Dinner January Temple Closing	20 10:00 AM Bar Mitzvah of Matthew Eshed
21 10:30 AM Chevrat Nashim 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM Family Chanukah Celebration	22	23	24 Theatre "Never Gonn..."	25 Office Closed Rosh Chodesh Tevet	26 7:30 PM Shabbat Services	27 Last Candle
28 10:30 AM Chevrat Nashim	29	30	31	Winter Recess - 12/22 through 1/2/04		
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