

**NOVEMBER 2003/ 5764**

**SHABBAT SERVICES**

**Friday 7, 6 pm**

*Kabbalat Shabbat*

**Saturday 8, 10 am**

*Shabbat Chavurah*

**Friday 14, 7:30 pm**

*Festive Oneg in honor of the marriage of Rabbi Adelson to Lynn Harris*

*Tot Shabbat, 6 pm*

**Saturday 15, 10 am**

*Shabbat Chavurah*

**Friday 21, 6 pm**

*Kabbalat Shabbat*

*Gan, K & 1 grade class participate*

**Friday 28, 7:30 pm**

**TEMPLE ACTIVITIES**

**Living With End-Of-Life Issues**

*A Talk w/Rabbi David Adelson*

*& EET member/Hospice RN,*

*Beth Labush*

*Sunday 2, 10:30 am - 12 pm*

**Chevrat Nashim**

*Sundays: 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30,*

*10:30 am*

**Food For Families**

*Sunday 2, 1 pm*

**Adult Ed**

*Wednesdays: 5 & 12, 7 pm*

**Congregational Dinner**

*Friday 7, 7:30 pm*

**Board of Trustees Meeting**

*Monday 10, 7:15 pm*

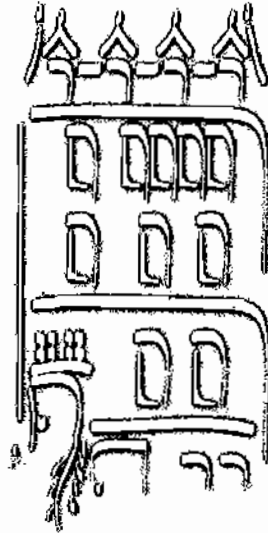
**Book Club - The Garden of the**

*Finzi-Contini*

*Tuesday 18, 7:30 pm*

**Rosh Chodesh Potluck Brunch**

*Sunday 23, 10:30 am*



# Templet

*The following is the last paragraph of Rabbi David Adelson's inspiring sermon on the morning of Rosh Hashanah 5764. Due to overwhelming response to this thoughtful expression of personal theology, we have reprinted it in its entirety in this Templet.*

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## WE START WITH WHAT WE KNOW

...It doesn't matter what we say we believe or don't believe. Whether we say God, or say the Universe, or say the big truth, or say everything that is more than just us, we are talking about the same thing. Our struggles are as individual as we are, and are as much the same as we are. They are the story of our people, and the story of all people. Whatever God may be or not be, this struggle to comprehend is a basic part of us and is how we are supposed to be. We start with what we know, and go from there.

• SEE CALENDAR FOR ALL CLOSING DATES

Rosh HaShanah 5764

Personal Theology: The Search for What is More than Just Us

**We Start with Doubt**

It has been ten years now since I applied to rabbinic school. In the application, I wrote that I loved the Jewish people and wanted to work in service to them. I thought I was well-suited to the diversity of the types of tasks I would be called on to do. Looking back over what I had written, I noticed what seemed like a glaring oversight. I hadn't talked about God at all. I was pretty sure they'd notice, and wondered if this would be grounds for rejection. But at 23 years old, I could say a lot more about what I didn't believe in than anything I did. So I wrote something about my doubts and my struggle to believe in God at all, and hoped for the best.

A decade later, this past summer at Camp Kutz, I was leading a discussion about personal theology with a group of teenagers. We talked about theologies that we had a lot of trouble believing, whether descriptions of God in the Torah, or modern philosophies like that of Martin Buber, or many of the ways God is described in the prayerbook. For many of these kids, as it had been for me, saying anything positive about belief was difficult, if not impossible.

It is always much easier to say what we don't believe than what we do. In fact, one of our greatest teachers, Maimonides, taught in the 12<sup>th</sup> century that we can never say anything positive about God, only negative, like that God has no end, God does not have physical properties, etc. Each of us has a long list of what we know God is not. God is not a man with a beard in the sky. That's a good one to not believe. God does not reward us and punish us. God isn't watching over everything we do. And maybe after all the suffering we've seen, and many of us have personally endured, we may say God is not all good, or God doesn't really care about us, and maybe, God doesn't exist at all. Maybe we never even had to get up to that point of rejection; maybe we just feel that the world is what we can see with our eyes, and that is all there is.

I cannot tell you the number of times people have sat with me in conversation and confessed, "you know, rabbi, I am just not sure I believe in God." Sometimes they apologize. I get to assure them that it's okay. They have not offended me, or in my opinion, Judaism. And many times I have heard cited, often with great relief, rabbis who have told these people in the past that to be a good Jew you don't have to believe in God. Do I agree with this, they may inquire tentatively? Yes, I do. Please, I say, let yourself off the hook about what you don't believe.

One of the most difficult descriptions of God in our tradition is the one we read this morning, *Akedat Yitzhak*, the binding of Isaac. It is almost impossible to read the story and not ask, what kind of God would demand such a test? Does God really test us? Did Abraham hear God right? This chapter of Torah is intense and compelling, and we can add it to the many other parts of Torah that describe a God we may have trouble with.

**It Doesn't Matter Whether or Not We Say We Believe**

Ultimately, it does not matter whether we say we believe or don't, or how we describe the God we do or don't believe in. It does not matter. In fact, we are probably doing a disservice by even using the word "God" in the first place. We all hear something different when we use it. It might be positive or negative. It might resonate with that bearded guy or a judgmental Torah God. Ultimately, all language does as much to hide true meaning as it does to illuminate. We may be saying that we believe or don't believe in very different things. It doesn't matter if we say we believe in God or not.

What does matter is that we give ourselves the opportunity to explore what we really do sense we might be connected to, what might be more than just us, in the universe. It matters because allowing

ourselves to feel connected to more than what we see and hear and touch can help to feel less alone and that our lives have more purpose. We can feel in contact with something of the truth, the big truth.

Torah and liturgy and theology can help us have a common language, but we have to start with what we experience with our own souls. Rabbi Larry Hoffman, professor of liturgy at Hebrew Union College, calls these two levels secondary and primary theology, or religious experience. The secondary experience is how you talk about religious experience, and how you make ritual out of it. Primary theology is about starting from where you already are.

### **My Personal Experience**

It's not easy to get beyond doubting, and allow ourselves to feel connected to something bigger, even if it doesn't make sense to us at first. I am hesitant to talk about my own experience, because I don't want anyone to think I am saying that what I have felt proves anything for anyone else. I also don't want it to sound like only rabbis can have genuine religious moments. But, with that caveat, I'll share an experience I have had in the hope that it will trigger memories of your own, of wondering if we are in fact in the presence of something bigger.

I was working as a chaplain at New York Hospital, and I had the on-call pager one night and got called in at about 3am. A woman had been rushed to the hospital to deliver a baby at 26 weeks. Her husband had been called back from a business trip, and was still on his way home. She didn't know if her baby would live or not, and she wanted a clergy person to talk and pray with. I got dressed, got in a cab, and went in to the hospital.

I sat with her, and we talked, read psalms and prayed. She was scared, felt very alone, and blamed herself for everything that had "gone wrong." She was inconsolable.

I sat with her and felt so sorry for her, and wished she knew that she was not alone. Just then I thought to myself, I wonder if this is how God feels sometimes. I wonder if God, or whatever it is that is more than us, wishes in the same way that we would not feel so alone in our desperate moments. I wonder if the universe holds out to us the possibility of comfort, and we are only sometimes able to receive it. And I wonder if this awareness is what helps us bring that comfort to each other.

I also don't think that such awareness comes only in hospitals and at moments of crisis. They are just as possible when sitting with a beloved or a friend. Or such moments may even come when eating a perfect tomato. A sense of greater connection may come to people who are creative, when they experience mind and emotions and hands working together. Any experience at all has the potential to let us know there is more here than meets the eye.

### **How Can We Be Sure It's Real?**

So when I encouraged the kids at Kutz to try and allow themselves to feel what they might be connected to that is bigger than just us, one girl, Elizabeth, asked the million-dollar question. How, she wanted to know, can we be sure that what we are feeling is really sensing something true about the universe and not just our own deep need to have it be true?

It's a great question. I certainly had to ask myself after my night with the mother in the hospital, had I really been in the presence of the divine, or did I just need to feel that there was something bigger than us at that moment? Ultimately, I believe there is no difference. We must trust ourselves that we do have the capacity to sense what is real, that in fact we are obligated to trust the few things we can know for sure are real. How do we know that goodness is real? That suffering is real? That love is real? We know because it is our experience. We were there. In the same way, we must trust what we sense is true in the universe, even when that runs counter to what we might believe with our second-guessing minds, or read about in our tradition.

It was only after I allowed excellent teachers of mine in pastoral care, clergy of different faiths, to persuade me to trust what I could really feel with my own experience, that I have become at all comfortable talking about something bigger. I use the word "God" because that's what we have, but it is an imperfect word at best. In the Torah, when Moses asks God who he should tell the people sent him, God answers, "tell them *Ehyeh* sent you." *Ehyeh asher ehyeh*, as God identifies God's self, translates roughly to "I will be that which I will be." God will be to each of us as we are uniquely able to perceive.

### **Reconciling with Our Tradition**

We can have much more access to Torah, to prayers, to all of our tradition, if we remember that all of Torah is the record of people like us who struggled to figure out what is meaningful about living. Our ancestors started their own search from their own experience and their own sense of what is more than just ourselves. They, like us, felt sometimes alone but sensed there is more that is true in the universe than just us and what we see and touch. Even if they couldn't come up with full explanations for what existed at the beginning and will happen in the end, for why we are born and why we die, why there is struggle and suffering and redemption, they knew there was something. They knew that awareness of the big mysterious system of the universe might be possible, and that with the potential for sensing and understanding more, things might even get better. Our own struggles are a link in the chain of all people's struggles, and are the cause for hope that everything may get better.

The universal truths our ancestors were reaching for, that we reach for, are what our tradition, our Torah, is about. Rabbi Arthur Green, professor at Brandeis University and Dean of the rabbinical school at Hebrew College in Boston, states that our innate sense of what is more, and the words of our tradition, are the same thing. He calls that innate sense "infinite Torah," or the "primordial word of God." He writes:

"The infinite Torah, the primordial Word of God, echoes through the universe at all times. It is eternal and unchanging. It also cannot be grasped except when clothed in human garments. In our case, these garments are provided by examples of our ancient heroes, including their human failings, moral struggles, and the personal growth revealed in their stories. So too is the sublime and wordless Torah garbed in the words and customs of our ancestors, the religious forms and taboos of the written Torah, and later the Oral Torah of tradition, as they were developed and refined over the ages. All of these are human in origin, but they bear within them the divine light of God's Torah and provide us with a pathway by which to journey toward that light. So to the question 'is Torah divine or human?' we can only answer 'Yes!'"

Revelation, according to Green, is not about literal words of Torah or literal descriptions of what God does or is, but is about our awareness of what is transcendent in the universe. The language of our tradition gives us a way to talk about the broader truth we sense. Green calls that broader truth a cosmic or "primordial" Torah. We can call it whatever we want, meaning, the universe, or awareness of God. We mediate our experience through written Torah and tradition, but what is important is that we allow ourselves to sense that a broader truth exists in the first place.

### **We Start with What We Know**

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## **PRESIDENT'S PERSPECTIVE** Edna Rosen

Now that we have celebrated the New Year and atoned for our wrongs during the past year, many of us have made resolutions to live our lives differently, to give more of ourselves, to help others.

On Kol Nidre night I asked that you get involved in some aspect of Temple life, give of yourself and become a more active member of this special community here at EET. Whatever you choose to volunteer for, you will bring richness to yourself and to our congregation.

I have asked for volunteers, so here are just a few opportunities right now:

### **Food For Families**

*Put together meals for the needy, November 2nd*

### **Rabbi's Wedding Party**

*Make a dessert, help to set up and decorate, November 14th*

### **Shabbat Service Ushering**

*If you haven't yet set a date, let me know*

### **Religious School Class Parent**

*Several grades still need a class parent*

### **Caring Community**

*Help out EET congregants in times of need*

We are looking for creative people and organized people interested in planning - Temple Programming, Adult Education programs, Social Action projects, concerts, lectures, fund-raising events... Please share your ideas so we can work together!

I want to put you together with the right people, so I'm expecting lots of e-mails and phone calls!



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## **CANTOR'S** Hayley Kobilinsky

It feels as though High Holy Days were just yesterday, and here we are in November, winter fast approaching, and the cold air blowing strong. It is my delight to report how enjoyable Sukkot and Simchat Torah services were this year, with large crowds at our new home on 17<sup>th</sup> Street. The Sukkah was beautifully built and decorated by volunteers and our religious school students; it was the perfect place to sing and rejoice the harvest season.

I'd like to thank everyone who has wished me well as I recuperate from my broken leg. Your support has been most appreciated. In the meantime, I have several exciting events I'd like to invite the East End Temple family to attend. First, on November 5 (Wednesday), at 11am, I will perform my last practicum at Hebrew Union College. The theme is Shabbat as reflected in Yiddish song, and I will sing some favorites as well as beautiful pieces you may not have heard before. (Many of you may know that I am a declared Yiddishophile, so the theme is dear to me.) Admission is free, and whoever is available at that time is welcome to attend!

### **Hayley as Gretel**

Secondly, on a very different theme, I will be performing the role of Gretel in the opera "Hansel and Gretel" by Humperdinck late this month. It is an opera that is very accessible to young children, as they know the story and the opera will be sung in English, with full orchestra, staging, and costuming. I have posted information at the Temple office, and anyone who wishes to attend should feel free to contact me for more details and tickets. I will perform on November 22 (Saturday) and November 30 (the Sunday after Thanksgiving) at 4 pm at the Regina Opera Company in Brooklyn. I'm looking forward to seeing you at services, and perhaps at these two exciting events as well.

Musically yours,

*Hayley Kobilinsky*

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### **ATTENTION MAH-JONGG PLAYERS – MEMBERS AND SNOWBIRDS WE DID VERY WELL LAST YEAR – \$64.75**

Please start to assemble your lists for the 2004 Mah-Jongg cards. Remember, the Temple benefits from each card ordered. Cards this year are \$6, but the Temple will receive \$1 per card. Look for further details in the December Templet.

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Shalom,

It was a pleasure to see our youngest and newest students in the Simchat Torah and Consecration Service. They were all invited to the Bima for a Kiddush, as they received a miniature Torah scroll. Some of them enjoyed crawling under a "bridge of Torah" as the Torah scroll was unrolled and held by a long row of grownups across the sanctuary up to the entrance of the building. It was a beautiful sight.

Our religious school is coming up to speed. The children have gotten used to their teachers and to the new space. After the rush of holidays at the beginning of the school year, we are somewhat relieved when Mar-Cheshvan (the second month in the Hebrew calendar) comes along with no holidays on its dates ('mar' means Mister or Bitter, is actually part of the ancient name of this month). This month we hope to benefit from the routine days that will help us to get a good grip on the curriculum and the rhythm of learning.

### Communication Is Everything

Within this month I would like to improve the system of communication with parents. Several parents volunteered to be class parents, but we still need volunteers for 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> grades. Please call, or email me if you are willing to do that job. We need class parents to communicate with parents regarding special events as well as in-case-of-emergency.

Please send back the Family Education sign-up sheet after you have made your choice. If you didn't send us a photo of your child with his/her Religious School application, please send it as well.

Have a peaceful month, and remember those who are less peaceful, as we try to boost our Tzedakah collection in the religious school.

Bi'vrachah,

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Shalom!

Well, it has been another great month! Interest in our youth group continues to grow. We've had several new members attend our last couple of meetings, and many others have expressed interest in attending in the future.

Before I get into all of our exciting plans, I'm proud to introduce our **new youth group board**:

- Co-Presidents: Ben Fishner & Elizabeth Ginsburg
- Programming Vice President: Adam Blumenberg
- Treasurer: Kaitlin Ofman

Please join me in congratulating them, and thanking them in advance for their hard work in the months to come.

On Friday October 10, we had a "virtual bowling" and pizza party. As it was Erev Sukkot, we spent a few minutes in the beautiful Sukkah together and spent some time getting to know each other. Finally we ordered some pizzas and headed over to Chelsea Piers for some bowling.

But things don't always go according to plan in life, and when we arrived at Chelsea Piers, we were told that there were no lanes available. An NYU group had reserved half of the lanes at the last minute for a private party. Rather than go home, however, we decided to make the best of the situation and hung out in the arcade playing video games and air hockey. It turned out to be a fantastic evening, and we all had a lot of fun!

### EET & VT

Our next event is going to be a great one! We're teaming up with Village Temple youth group for a **Youth Lounge-Warming Party on Sunday, November 2, from 1:00 – 3:00**. In addition to initiating and welcoming others into our new home, there will be a ribbon-cutting ceremony, a graffiti wall, a potluck meal and snacks (including my world famous homemade chex mix), ping-pong, games, music, and a few other surprises. If you happen to be in the temple, you are more than welcome to stop by. We also continue to have our regular bi-weekly meetings. Our next meeting will be on Thursday, November 13, 6 pm.

Looks like I've run out of space again!!! ☺ Next time I'll have info on more upcoming events. I've really enjoyed my first few months at East End Temple, and I'm looking forward to all the exciting events we have coming up. We have a great group of kids and if anyone has any thoughts or ideas on youth group, please e-mail me.

Take care,

Marc

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## IN SISTERHOOD Fern Stampleman

With the focus on, and the excitement of, the September holidays behind us, Sisterhood is ready with important and informative programs for 2003. We have received your postcards reserving your space for November 2<sup>nd</sup>. On that morning, you will hear our own Beth Labush and Rabbi David Adelson talk about the practical, spiritual and religious aspects of living, when confronted with end-of-life issues.

On Dec 14th, SAVI brings us, IT'S NOT YOUR FAULT, which will deliver an important message about the epidemic of sexual assault and domestic violence that this country is experiencing. SAVI, which stands for Sexual Assault and Violence Intervention, is affiliated with the Mt. Sinai Medical Center, serving the community through Cabrini Hospital. It is a program highly recommended for teens, seniors and all those in-between, women and men alike. Look for the flier inserted in next month's Temple.

Both programs are on Sundays, 10:30AM-12 NOON and include a light brunch @ \$5 per person.

Finally, on November 23rd, Miriam Warshaviak, a teacher of the Melton Adult Mini School, will lead the Women's Rosh Chodesh Potluck Brunch. This is a special opportunity to learn together, to nourish and refresh ourselves AND to eat good food, of course! Postcard will follow.

For those of you who like plenty of advance notice, the Women's Potluck Seder is scheduled for Thursday, April 8th, 2004.

Aren't those scarves and hats displayed in the upper case of the Judaica Shop beautiful!? Our knitters continue to produce for the Cold Weather Project. This work is greatly appreciated. And thanks for the old eyeglasses that keep appearing in my mailbox. Please check for Food For Families (first date, 11/2), library updates and Judaica Shop information elsewhere in the Temple.

The next Sisterhood Meeting will take place on Tuesday, December 2nd, 7:30 pm. Please join us.

As always, "In Sisterhood!"  
Fern

P.S. We're back! It's the Fabulous East End Temple Family Retreat, open to all members of the Temple Family. We are presently in the planning stages, so pencil-in the weekend of January 23rd on your calendars and check for an update in next month's Temple.

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## KEHILA CAMPAIGN UPDATE Judith Sussman

### Kehila Campaign Enters Final Innings

The status of the Kehila Campaign can be compared to the eighth inning of the seventh game between the Yankees and the Red Sox in the playoff. Surmounting some unexpected setbacks such as the construction delays in moving into our new home we, like the Yankees in that memorable game, have pulled even. To date, we have raised more than 50% of our goal of \$650,000. This feat, however, is due to the generosity of 30 member families during the first season of the Campaign. Our hope and intent in undertaking the Campaign remains for it to be a team-building effort in which the whole EET community will participate, so that each of us walking into the new Temple will be able to say, "This is mine, I helped realize this dream of a lasting home for EET."

How do we get the home run that will spell victory? That depends on you. In the next few weeks, you will be hearing from the Kehila Campaign Committee. When you get that call (or email or letter), please look into your hearts and your wallets and make the largest pledge to the Kehila Campaign that you are able to. Aaron Boone likely won't get a plaque in his honor at Yankee Stadium but *you* have many dedication opportunities. For example, pledges have already been received for \$5,000 each for most of the 18 Golden Prayer Strips; \$10,000 for each of the Wrought Iron Gates; \$25,000 for the Menorah; \$50,000 for the Sanctuary Lobby and \$150,000 for the Elevator & Handicap Lift, among others. Each will be recognized on a plaque on the Kehila Dedication Wall. We'd love to see your name there, too.

Many of you have contributed to other EET victories in other seasons, just as the Yankees have won other important games. The Yankees pulled together again when it really mattered and got themselves into the 2003 World Series. It is now our turn to rally again as a congregation and declare victory over the Kehila Campaign goal we have set for ourselves.

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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.

**FOOD FOR FAMILIES**

Marian C. Fish

The first Food For Families program of the 2003-2004 season will take place on **Sunday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>**, 1:00 – 2:30 PM in the Social Hall at the Temple (note the minor time change). Food For Families is East End Temple's social action project to help feed hungry people in our city. We are pleased to announce that "SANDWICHES ARE BACK!!" Not only will we be packing meals for families of four (soup, pasta, vegetables, fruit, and cookies), but we will also be making our superb peanut-butter-and-jelly sandwiches.

Now that we have the proper facilities in our beautiful new building, we can meet all the required standards. In fact, please wear a hat (baseball cap is fine), otherwise we will provide you with a hairnet. Everyone is invited to join us. Each person attending, adults and children, is asked to bring **four large loaves of bread and 16 pieces of fruit** to EET.

Another innovation is our **FOOD FOR FAMILIES Sponsorship Program**. If you'd like to contribute to this program by helping to underwrite the costs, a \$250.00 contribution will make you (plus some friends?) Sponsor(s) of the Day. The dates are: Nov. 2, Dec 7, Jan. 25, '04, Feb. 22, '04 and March 14, '04. We already have sponsors for two of the five days, and hope to fill the remaining dates. The first Food for Families Day (Nov. 2) is sponsored by Florence Peloquin.

**JUDAICA SHOP FINDS**

Fran Kolin

This Month In The Shop...

Have you seen the beautiful new ORGANZA TALLIT? Designed especially for women and imported from Israel, we currently have two colors: purple and sky blue, and at a terrific price.

Our latest HAND-PAINTED KIPOT include Bob the Builder, SpongeBob Squarepants, Spiderman, the New York Yankees, and the New York Rangers.

In connection with Sisterhood's End-Of-Life Program this month, we will have copies of the U.A.H.C. manual, "A Time To Prepare: A Practical Guide for Individuals and Families In Determining One's Wishes for Extraordinary Medical Treatment and Financial Arrangements." This is a "fill-in" book, with pages to note your instructions to your funeral director, the location of your documents, people to be notified, etc., and also includes a Durable Power of Attorney For Health Care, Your Medical Directive, and lots of other information with questions, answers, and additional resources. To paraphrase from the introduction, "...completing this workbook is truly one of the most important presents you will ever give your loved ones."

Come take a look!

*Fran*

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## THE TEMPLE FAMILY

### Congratulations and Mazal Tov to

Our Rabbi, David Adelson, and Lynn Harris on their upcoming wedding on November 16<sup>th</sup>, 2003.

### Deepest Condolences to

Steven Sanders on the passing of his aunt Sylvia Hudes

### Welcome New Members

Rita L. Klutch

Malcolm and Elaine Sampliner

Paul R. Shapiro and Rachel E. Gibbs-Shapiro

### **CALLING ALL BAKERS: WE'RE HAVING A PARTY!**

On November 14, we will be celebrating the forthcoming marriage of Rabbi Adelson to Lynn Harris (which takes place on November 16). The Oneg Shabbat will follow services. In order to make this oneg a truly gala event, we are asking our talented members who bake to contribute their delicious specialties. We would like home-made desserts only. So, if your pies, cakes, cookies or candies bring you "Oohs" and "Ahhs" and earn you gold stars, please volunteer to be one of our dessert-ers.

Or, if you have a special handy talent for decorating and would like to add a little pizzazz to our Social Hall for the evening, come ahead with your ideas.

Babette Hollister is the chairperson for the evening and will be coordinating the food and trimmings. She can be reached through the EET office 212/477-6444.

## LIBRARY BUZZ .. Barbara Ringel & Beth Labush

Take out your calendars and mark the date! The long awaited formal dedication of our Helene Spring Library will take place on Sunday afternoon, January 11, 2004, at 1 pm. We are planning an exciting afternoon, highlighted by a well-known author's reading, followed by a Q & A period and book signing. Rabbi Adelson will be with us, of course, to confer his special blessing on our library. In addition, we will be treated to a sumptuous array of home-baked goodies in our social hall. Further details will follow, but meanwhile, save the date for an event you won't want to miss!

In an effort to maintain our valuable library collection and to plan for future acquisitions, our committee has approved expenditure for the construction of additional shelves, which will stylistically match those already in place. The architect has taken measurements, and we are on our way! Our committee has also approved the purchase of a comprehensive computer software program that will enable us to be on the cutting edge of Judaic library research and services. We know you will be as excited as we are by all that our library can provide to our members!

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



## CONGREGATIONAL DINNER

The first one was a great success, join us for the second...

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 7:30 PM**

Let's pray together, dance together, sing together, break bread together, enjoy together

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

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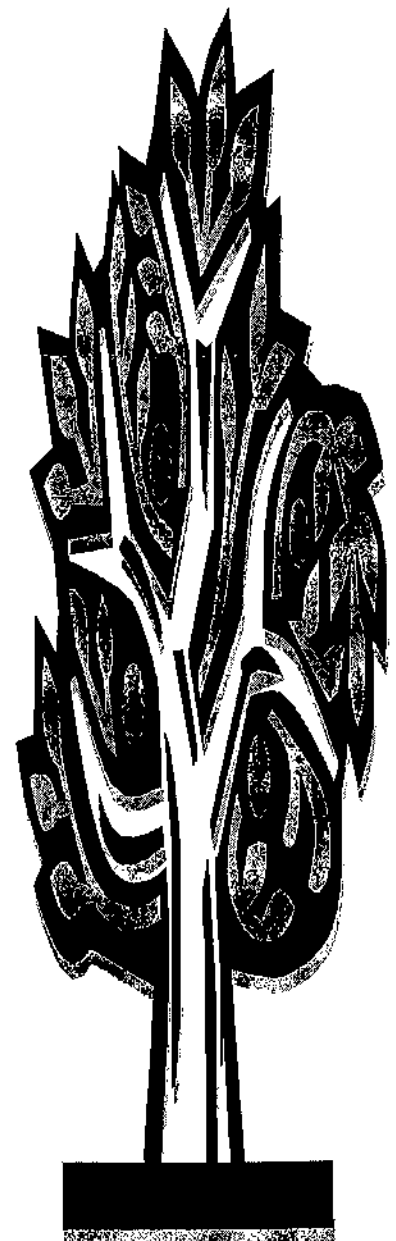
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- \* **If you have contributed and your name has not been listed, forgive us. We will include it next month.**
- \* **If you have not yet contributed, it is not too late to do so.**



**Marjorie Sussman...Saying yes and meaning it!**

It's not enough that Marge Sussman volunteers without being asked. Once projects are underway, she is then the one who is singled out to lead. Without question, Marge always says yes. Without exception, her projects always succeed. Be it in non-profit or academia, she always knows exactly what yes means.

Many EET members probably recall the legendary East End Temple Sisterhood Thrift Shop: a neighborhood necessity and the first of many such rummage shops in the East 23<sup>rd</sup> Street area. Shortly after the shop's opening in the early 60's, Marge's flair for merchandising and finance found her to be the best choice to chair the Thrift Shop. Fifteen years later, she continued to embrace and drive an operation that had expanded into two storefronts and a profit-making source for the Temple. Each day, after teaching typing and stenography at Mable Dean Bacon Vocational High School, Marge barely took a breath before immersing herself in merchandising, negotiating, and accounting for EET.

**Home As Base**

Evidence of Marge's good work found its way into the Sussman family apartment, in Peter Cooper Village, their residence since 1948. The Sussman foyer was often a holding area for Thrift Shop and EET annual Bazaar donations, as well as Marge's elaborate, homemade EET dance decorations. Though navigating around an assortment of used furs, tchachkes and rotating ceiling disco balls was not unusual for husband Jack, daughter Judith, and son Don, evenings were always a family affair. After providing her full and balanced meals, the family bridge table functioned as Homework Central with Marge on hand to type the children's term papers.

Her flair for seamless multitasking is certainly a treat today for her granddaughters, Samantha (13) and Allegra (9), and was not lost on children Judith and Don, who both are now high-achieving professionals and hard working supporters of EET. Today, Judith is a director of development for non-profit Resources for Children with Special Needs, while serving on the EET Board. Don, married to wife Konki, is founder and president of Town and Garden Ltd., an urban landscaping company that is responsible for the greenery at the entrance of the new EET.

**An Accomplished Woman**

Marge's talents have been noticed throughout her life. After her Hunter years (HS and college), she was asked to work in a series of administrative positions. As a Pi Alpha Tau, she was appointed chancellor of 11 chapters of her sorority. When war broke out, Marge became president of Rodeph Sholom's Singles Group and, along



with dear friend, Helene Spring, organized dances for homecoming WWII soldiers. Marge and Jack (co-owner of a family wholesale dry goods business) discovered EET about one year after it was founded, and wrapped their lives around it. In addition to Marge's participation on the Sisterhood Board, Jack was a Board member and a major energy behind the EET Journal ad sales, also a lucrative resource for the Temple. Socially, they became part of a large group of EET couples who shared Saturday evening dinners, Peter Cooper playground benches and Westbury Beach Club cabanas.

**Honored Service**

The accolades have been steady and well-deserved for Marge and Jack (who died in 1983). As a couple, they were honored at a dinner dance by EET; and Marge has been honored three times for her leadership and devoted service to the State of Israel by the Greater Miami Israel Bonds Organization and Hadassah Women. In Hadassah, she was honored as Woman of the Year while fulfilling positions as education chairperson, recording secretary and Presidium President – all positions which she did not actively seek. Marge continues to be a good-will ambassador for EET and an inspiration to a new generation of active members who, like Marge, say yes and mean yes for EET and for Judaism.

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

## HELENE SPRING LIBRARY FUND

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2 10:30 AM Chevrat Nashim <b>10:30 AM Living with End-Of-Life Issues</b> 1:00 PM FFF 1:00 PM Youth Group	3 7:15 PM Board Meeting	4 9:30 AM Melton Mini School <b>No Religious School</b> <b>Election Day</b>	5 4:00 PM Religious School 7:00 PM Adult Ed	6 4:00 PM Religious School 5:30 PM Confirmation Class	7 6:00 PM Kabbalat Shabbat 7:30 PM Cong. Dinner	8 10:00 AM Shabbat Chavurah
9 10:30 AM Chevrat Nashim 11:00 AM 7th grade family #1 <b>Biennial</b>	10	11 9:30 AM Melton Mini School 4:00 PM Religious School	12 4:00 PM Religious School 7:00 PM Adult Ed	13 4:00 PM Religious School 6:00 PM Youth Group	14 6:00 PM Tot Shabbat 7:30 PM Shabbat Services, Festive Oneg in honor of the marriage of Rabbi Adelson to Lynn Harris	15 10:00 AM Shabbat Chavurah
16 10:30 AM Chevrat Nashim	17 7:00 PM House Committee <b>December Templet Closing</b>	18 9:30 AM Melton Mini School 4:00 PM Religious School 7:00 PM YEC 7:30 PM Book Club	19 4:00 PM Religious School <b>Theatre "Wicked"</b>	20 4:00 PM Religious School 5:30 PM 7th grade meeting 5:30 PM Confirmation Class	21 6:00 PM Kabbalat Shabbat (class' dinner) Gan, K-1 class participation & dinner	22
23 10:30 AM Chevrat Nashim 10:30 AM Rosh Chodesh Potluck Brunch	24	25 4:00 PM Religious School <b>Rosh Chodesh Kislev</b>	26 <b>Theatre "Wicked"</b>	27 Office Closed <b>Thanksgiving Recess</b>	28 7:30 PM Shabbat Services	29
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