

SHABBAT SERVICES

Friday 2 @ 6:15 pm
February Birthday Blessings

Saturday 3 @ 10 am
Bat Mitzvah of Lili Thomases

Friday 9 Synaplex Shabbat™
Tot Shabbat Squad @ 5:30 pm
Kabbalat Shabbat @ 6:15 pm

Saturday 10
Torah Study @ 10 am

Friday 16 @ 6:15 pm

Friday 23 @ 7:30 pm

Saturday 24 @ 10 am
Torah Study

TEMPLE ACTIVITIES

Adult Hebrew at EET @ 6:45 pm
Advanced Thurs. 1, 8 & 15
Beginners Tues. 6, 13 & 27

Hasidic Torah Study
Thursdays: 1 & 15 @ 12:30 pm

Chevrat Nashim
Sundays 4, 11, 18 & 25 @ 11 am

Food For Families
Sunday 4 @ 1 pm

Friday 9 Synaplex Happenings
5:30 pm Tot Shabbat Squad ☺
6:15 pm Supervised Play ☺
6:15 pm Kabbalat Shabbat
7:15 pm 20s/30s ONEG
7:15 pm Candlelight Dinner
7:15 pm Kids Dinner ☺
7:45 pm Shabbat Kids Club ☺
8:15 pm Shabbat Focus – Wine Tasting
8:15 pm Shabbat Focus – Short Film
9:30 pm Oneg Shabbat

Theater Outing – DAI (*Enough*)
Sunday 11 @ 3 pm

Rosh Chodesh Potluck Brunch
Sunday 25 @ 10:30 pm

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Anti-Semitic, Anti-Ethnic = Prejudice in Any Language

That anti-Semitism is on the rise throughout the world was given further credence by a PBS program recently that explored the international popularity of the "Protocols of the Elders of Zion"; by the claim of a recently fired HarperCollins publisher that her bosses "constitute a Jewish cabal against her"; and the perpetuated lie that the Jews brought down the World Trade Center on 9/11.

But anti-Semitism isn't the only prejudice to be deplored. Some of us are guilty of remaining silent when a remark is made or a joke is told at the expense of another race or religion or nationality. I recently had a disagreement with a public relations person at our own URJ. As part of a well-intentioned campaign to save the environment by encouraging the use of fluorescent bulbs, she used the expression, "How many Jews does it take to change a light bulb?" in the promotion material.

This is a variation on a bad joke with an insulting answer that reflects on any ethnic group you care to disparage. I e-mailed her at the URJ expressing my strong objections. She claimed I didn't "get it," that this was intended to promote energy conservation, etc. I told her I more than "got it" and that it was a very bad reflection on URJ. The moral of this story? Speak up when you hear explicit prejudice, implied prejudice or joking prejudice.

Florence Peloquin

SEE BACK CALENDAR FOR ALL CLOSINGS

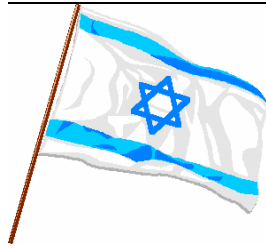
Dear Friends,

I invite everyone to consider joining me on East End Temple's trip to Israel this July 8-18. Several members have already committed to going, and I know we will have a great time. Please come to an informational meeting to discuss the trip on Feb. 6 at 7 pm. Below, please see my invitation from the informational flyer, which is available on our website or on hard copy at the Temple. Also below, please see a statement from our member, Elaine Lavine, discussing what a recent trip to Israel meant to her.



About Our Trip to Israel

We are all looking for ways to deepen and strengthen our Jewish identity. No single act can do so as profoundly as visiting Israel. I invite all members of our community with the time and the resources to join me on East End Temple's trip this summer. I have been fortunate enough to have spent a lot of time in this fascinating and holy place, and I cannot begin to describe how much Israel and its people mean to me.



I know that the cost of the trip will be repaid with a genuinely life-changing experience. I cannot wait for a group of us to explore this country together: to walk in the steps of our ancestors, to touch the Western Wall, to smell the delights in the market, to see the sun on Jerusalem's stone. Visiting our homeland is an opportunity like no other, not to mention a mitzvah.

I'd love to talk with you more about this trip, even if you are only considering going. Please contact me with any questions at all.

In hope,

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Elaine Lavine's Message

Israel: Up Front and Personal

I had gone to Hebrew school, but for most of my adulthood practicing Judaism was something I did on holidays. I'd sometimes consider joining a synagogue or participating in the Jewish community, but those inclinations seemed irrelevant and of the past. Then I went to Israel in the summer of 2005. Monuments and place names that had once seemed so, well, Biblical, were real and in front of me.

Israel isn't homogeneous. Just as is true here, Jews there come in many colors, with contrasting opinions, and with varying practices, but no matter the differences among us, I immediately felt at home. A few weeks after I returned home from that trip, I joined East End Temple. Last month, I read from Torah for the first time, and celebrated being a Bat Mitzvah. I'd said for years that I hadn't been very connected to Judaism because I wasn't interested. It turns out that I wasn't interested because I wasn't connected. How do *you* connect to Judaism? Looking for a spiritual path? Engaging in traditional rituals once in a while? Defining a common history with your Christian partner? Honoring the sacrifices and accomplishments of the past? Struggling to be a 21st century Jew? You can examine all of those things, and more, in Israel.

On our second day in Jerusalem, my sister and I approached the Western Wall together. At first I gingerly grazed the warm stones with my fingertips, not sure if I was supposed to touch them. But it's not a museum piece from the past; it belongs to me, *now*, and I belong to it. We recited the Shema, and like many visitors, we wept. We didn't weep only for what was lost over the years; our tears were mostly of joy for what we have now. There is a definition of home that says, home is the place where, when you go there, they have to take you in. Israel will always leave the light on and welcome us home. Make it real, and find out what it can do for you. Go and see it.

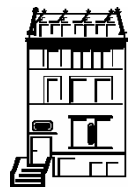
Elaine Lavine

Torah Portions this month

2/3	Beshalach	Exod. 13:17-17:16
2/10	Yitro	Exod. 18:1-20:23
2/17	Mishpatim	Exod. 21:1-24:18
2/24	Teruma	Exod. 25:1-27:19

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PRESIDENT'S PERSPECTIVE Karen Feuer

Dear EET Friends,

This past December 31, the Sunday *New York Times* Week in Review section published an article entitled, [You Are What You Eat: 2006 and the Politics of Food](#). Identifying today's consumer fetish as anything "food" related, the article opined about the relationship between food and politics and the sometimes counterintuitive outcomes not usually associated with healthy eating. For example, while we think we should be eating more lettuce and spinach, these items were recently linked to disease. While the organic food movement has long had a following associated with small-scale farming and animals raised in a natural setting, this was the year that Wal-Mart rolled out a large selection of organic products with USDA certification and a commitment to reasonable pricing. Not quite what we would expect of the "Big-Box" giant that didn't pay its workers the minimum wage.



This lens on food and the fact that Americans are getting in touch with their food practices and purchases, mirrors their positions on important social, economic and environmental issues. The sale of soft drink beverages and junk food continues to be banned from schools and the mayor of NYC has banned the use of "trans-fats" in restaurants. Florence Pelouquin's daughter, Michele Simon, writes in her new book, *Appetite For Profit* (in our library) about the growing public health crisis caused by poor diet and how the problem can be fixed. She cites major food companies at the core of the problem and while they profess to be part of the solution, use "corporate rhetoric" including phrases like "better-for-you foods" to obscure real changes and highlight the industry's greed.



At East End Temple families explore Jewish values through the Religious School program, *Learning through Living*. The issue of "How are animals treated? How are they cared for?" was observed first hand with a visit to the ASPCA by students and parents. Feeding the hungry is experienced through volunteer service at HUC's Soup Kitchen and participating in EET's social action project, Food For Families – making meals for the hungry.

Jews have a long tradition of thinking deeply about the food they eat and connecting it to the celebration of holidays (Hamentashen = Purim), keeping kosher according to dietary laws and recently, questioning how

animals (we will be eating) are treated and raised. Food in Jewish law and tradition is connected to our culture, religious observance, and social beliefs. East End Temple is considering a resolution to ban soda at all Temple events and to only serve beverages that include 100% fruit juices or seltzer. Jewish values have us exploring what we eat and why. With one incremental change, we can promote a healthier lifestyle among congregants, and reinforce our values. Food politics at its best!

B'Shalom and to your/our health,

Karen Feuer

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CANTOR'S

Shira Ginsburg

Preparing for the Zimriya gives our Religious School students the opportunity to study Hebrew music from a few different angles. In speaking with the Religious School teachers we tried to find songs that would complement the subjects that the students are studying in class. In this way we are integrating different styles of learning together making the music that we sing more meaningful, while making the discussions that we have more fully dimensional.



Because the 7th grade is focusing on Tikun Olam or "Repairing the World," we have been working on a modern musical version of the blessing one says when doing acts of kindness and practicing righteous deeds. "Blessed are you Adonai our God who gives us the opportunity to repair the world." The 4th grade has been learning about Israel and has mastered the song "Am Yisrael Chai," "The nation/ people of Israel live." While the Gan students have been learning basic Hebrew words, people and holidays, we have been singing songs about making chicken soup on Shabbat, greeting our friends and classmates, and identifying family members.

Music has the capacity not only to touch our souls in a way other media cannot, it can also be a powerful educational tool which teaches and reinforces basic language skills, cultural sensitivities, diversity, and pride in who we are as a people. It is wonderful to hear the songs so many of us grew up singing in the voices of a new generation.

Shira

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DIRECTOR OF CONGREGATIONAL LEARNING REPORT Aliya Cheskis-Cotel

We're bursting with Adult Education opportunities at East End Temple! While the parents and children of our school have been busy fulfilling our Learning through Living program, a plethora of educational opportunities for the adults alone has also been created.



Here are some of the many possibilities for adult learning for the coming months: Check out the insert flyer with this Temple (courtesy of designer, Emily Gressel and EET parent, Judy Tallerman, and C2Media).

* Intensive Adult Hebrew Reading Courses at EET – Beginners (Tuesdays) and Advanced Beginners (Thursdays) – Call the office if you'd still like to join.
* Theater Outing to see Off-Broadway hit **Dai (Enough)** at The Culture Project, on Sunday, February 11, 3 pm. After a tour-de-force solo performance, Iris Bahr will do a special talkback for EET's group!

* Visiting Scholar: Wednesday, March 14, 7 pm. Notable and dynamic Rabbi Chaim Seidler-Feller comes from Los Angeles to speak on **Searching for God in Judaism** presenting his personal effort at articulating a meaningful notion of God that is spiritually fulfilling and at the same time intellectually uncompromising. Seidler-Feller portrays a movement from the classical Biblical ideas to Maimonidean rationalism and Chasidic mysticism. Texts provided in translation.

* Family Issues course on the hot *NY Times* Best Selling book **The Blessing of a Skinned Knee: Using Jewish Teaching to Raise Self-Reliant Children**. Thursdays: *March 29, April 12, April 19, April 26 and May 3*. EET presents an inspiring and exciting series of evenings led by our own Rabbi David Adelson and Child Development and Education Consultant Dana Rosenbloom, MS. Ed., featuring discussion, Torah teachings, and basic principles of child development.

* Shabbat morning Torah Study with Rabbi Adelson, over bagels and coffee with free-flowing conversation.

* Thursdays at 12:30 pm twice a month Chasidic Torah Study with Rabbi Adelson discussing the mystically based approach to Torah text which offers fascinating human psychological and spiritual insight.

Come study with us.

Aliya

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EERNY NEWS Marc Sobel, Youth Advisor

Hello and Happy Secular New Year!

With the New Year just getting underway, we already have several great events on our calendar, and will be planning several more. Here is what is coming up:



January 2007

- Jan 25 – “Mythbusters” Night
- Jan. 27 – Dance for Darfur @ JCC Manhattan (open to 8 graders)

February 2007

- Feb. 8 – Lounge Night (TBD)
- Feb 16-20 – NFTY Youth Worker's Conference (Philadelphia, PA)

March 2007

- Mar 3 – Downtown Kehillah Teen Purim Party Bus
- Mar 4 - Purim Carnival/Shpiel
- Mar 8 – Planning meeting for Talent Show
- Mar 11 – Downtown Kehillah Mitzvah Day
- Mar 18 – Art/Talent Show
- Mar 22 – Lounge Night (TBD)
- Mar 25 – NFTY Social Action Day

More information on all of these great events will be sent out to our e-mail list, and posted on our youth group website, so please check often.

We are also still seeking volunteers to perform in our talent show. If you are one of our many talented East End members, and would be willing to do a brief performance (no more than 10 minutes long), please e-mail me! The proceeds from this event will be going to a very good cause, but in order for it to be a great success, we need your help!

Finally, a huge thanks to everyone who donated coats and/or socks to our Third Annual Coat and Sock Drive. With the weather finally turning cold, we will be donating them this month.

Take care,

Marc

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Kosher Smiles

Ben & Jerry's ice cream is now available in Israel in the following “flavors”:

Wailing Walnut	Berry Pri Hagafen	Chazalnut
Choc-Eilat Chip	Soda & Gamorra	Oy Ge-malt
Mazel Toffee	Moishmellow	Mi Ka-mocha

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Thank You

Both kudos and thanks go to EET member / physical therapist Barbara Schildcrout who brought us *Bone Builders; What Everyone Needs to Know About Bone Health*, a program she originated at Beth Israel Medical Center. This program was so outstanding we have asked Barbara to do an additional exercise workshop. So be ready to get into "proper attire" and join us at a date to be announced.



Our first Rosh Chodesh Potluck Brunch in a series led by member Judith Lorber takes place this week. This spring's theme is "Revisions: Questioning the Obvious." Our annual Helene Spring Library Event featuring author Katharine Weber takes place on January 28 at 1 – 4 pm.

There's no doubt we'll have spectacular things to report regarding these two events as we look ahead to exciting programs in the upcoming months.

Refer to your SISTERHOOD-AT-A-GLANCE: 2006-07 BOOKMARK for dates and times.

February-At-A-Glance

2/04 @ 1 pm; FOOD FOR FAMILIES

2/25 @ 10:30 am; Rosh Chodesh Potluck Brunch (women only). Contact Sharon @212-477-6444 by 2/23 or me at 212-569-1896 or at SFHStamps@aol.com by 2/24 to let us know what you will bring (or to ask about the significance of Rosh Chodesh).

Membership

At last count we were just over 100 paid-up members. Not included are the one- year complimentary memberships for women who are new to EET this year. This has once again been a wonderful response and we would like you to know that "the gates are still open." We are still accepting annual dues @ double chai (\$36) made out to East End Temple Sisterhood. You are terrific!

Believe it or not, plans for new programming commenced at our January 8th meeting and we are very excited about what the future holds. We'll meet again on March 5 @7:30 pm. All are welcome.

Feel free to contact me about anything Sisterhood.

Sister-to-Sister...

Fern



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LIBRARY BUZZ

Barbara Ringel

As this **Templet** goes to press, our fourth annual Helene Spring Library Event is about to take place. Please be sure to join us on Sunday, January 28, at 1 pm, for what promises to be an entertaining, engaging afternoon with noted author, Katharine Weber, who will read from her novel, *Triangle*, and host a discussion and question and answer period. A reception and book signing will follow, highlighted by our signature homemade desserts. I want to thank my library committee that has worked tirelessly to make this event a success.



Further thanks are in order to the many temple members who generously donated our "wish list" books to the library at our temple book fair in December. The books have been catalogued, and bookplates honoring the donors are being placed in every book. The new titles that are ready for your reading include:

-  Midrashic Women
-  Every Mother Is a Daughter
-  The Hebrew Goddess
-  To Begin Again
-  Judaism and the Environment
-  Curse of Blessings
-  Grief in our Seasons
-  Guide to Finding Wholeness
-  A Time To Mourn, A Time to Comfort
-  Kosher By Design (cookbook)
-  Chocolate Chip Challah (cookbook)
-  The Provincials
-  A Tale of Love and Darkness (memoir by Amos Oz)
-  Omaha Blues (memoir by Joseph Lelyveld)
-  My People's Prayer Book, volume 9 (We have 1-8)
-  There Is No Messiah
-  Sliding to the Right
-  Sun at Midday
-  New Jewish Baby Book
-  Blessing of a Skinned Knee
-  Parenting Jewish Teens
-  Modern Jewish Girls Guide to Guilt

Please come and enjoy these new additions and explore our rich collection. It's there for you!

Barbara

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When checking out books from our library, please be sure to follow the printed instructions on the table. Fill in BOTH the check-out date and the due date on the Date Due slip. Books are due three weeks to the day from the check-out date. Please also be sure to write your first and last name. There is a new box on the check-out table in which to place returned books.



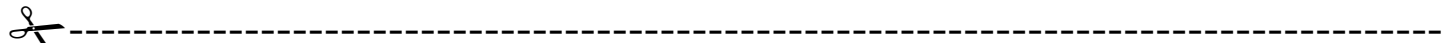
Dear Friends,

As 2007 progresses, Synaplex™ will bring more ways to celebrate Shabbat at East End Temple. We've got a fantastic lineup for spring, started with a doubleheader on the weekend of January 19-20, and we can't wait to see you!

This Friday evening, bring kids, friends and neighbors as Daniel Leanse and his trio lead a spirited Kabbalat Shabbat service. Saturday explores Shabbat's promise of wellness with yoga and meditation classes in the morning; services with pianist Ben Wish; a healthy lunch (RSVP required); and guest speakers on medical ethics, nutrition and addiction.

Daniel and trio return soon – and we hope you will, too – for the February 9 Synaplex. After musical services, the kids-and-adults dinners and the 20s/30s Oneg – you can: a) sample Israeli wines at a wine tasting, b) view award-winning short films by young Jews from around the world, while c) kids attend an animation workshop. Please reserve for the dinners and tasting by noon on Monday, February 5.

We're looking forward to many more Synaplex Shabbats with our vibrant and growing temple community. At



every Friday night Synaplex Shabbat through June, kids 6-12 can enjoy supervised play, join the whole congregation for rollicking musical services and eat dinner with their peers. For those a little younger (ages 2-5), Tot Shabbat Squad will continue to offer a unique celebration on each Synaplex Friday. Pesach University returns this year on March 24. Also down the line, we hope people of all ages will come to hear a concert of contemporary Jewish music at the culmination of Arts Saturday on May 12, and our special guest, American Jewish World Service president, Ruth Messinger, on June 1.

See you soon!

Ellen Wiewel, Cindy Au-Kramer, and Henry Kramer



Synaplex™ is an initiative of STAR (Synagogues: Transformation and Renewal). Synaplex™ at East End Temple is made possible by grants from UJA-Federation of New York and STAR.

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Tot Shabbat Squad at 5:15 – 6:15 pm:

Tot Shabbat Squad with Jody Prusan at 5:15-6:15 PM on January 19 and 5:30-6:15 pm, February 9. Perfect for toddlers and pre-school age children, this ritual helps young ones welcome and celebrate Shabbat in a warm and spirited environment.

EET SYNAPLEX™ SHABBAT RESERVATION FORM for FRIDAY, February 9, 2007

Join us for dinner after Kabbalat Shabbat at 7:15pm and a wine tasting at 8:15pm.

	Feb. 9	Total
Adult meals	_____ x \$20	\$ _____
Adult meals – vegetarian	_____ x \$20	\$ _____
Kids meals	_____ x \$10	\$ _____
Israeli wine tasting (21+)	_____ x \$8	\$ _____
	TOTAL ENCLOSED	\$ _____

NAME _____ PHONE _____

- **Please make checks payable to East End Temple. Space is limited; reserve early.**
- **Dinner and wine tasting reservations by mail only, not phone. Reservations and payment must be received at the Temple office by noon on Monday, February 5.**

FOOD FOR FAMILIES

Celia Vimont

On December 10, following the beautiful and heartwarming baby-naming ceremony for Bess Rimona Harris Adelson, a hardworking group of temple members and friends made 480 meals for Hungry New Yorkers at Food For Families. The meals were picked up by City Harvest, and distributed that evening for dinner.



Alyssa and Annabelle Sadoff, Jane Jacobs and Jordan O’Neil, Liane, Jack and Emily Rosenberg, Judy and Sarah Scherzer, Jennifer Bonjean, Winnifred and Dove Bonjean-Alpart, Austin and Peter Tipograph, Adelaide Jenkins and Kim Gerstman, Daniel and Kevin Becker, Debra Freeman and Rachel Liss, Amy Weisser, Jesse, Max and Raina Friedman, the Barkans, Will and Anna Yarinsky, May and Layla Treuhaft-Ali and Laurie Treuhaft, Dylan and Lisa Corn, and the Vimonts. The event was sponsored by **Babette Hollister** in honor of her two grandchildren, William Lev Robin Hollister and Rena Katharine Robin Hollister.

December’s Food For Families was sponsored by **Florence Peloquin** in honor of daughter Michele Simon’s new book, *Appetite for Profit*.

Volunteers included: Kim Chapman, Dan Diamond, Ron and Cynthia Dubensky, Marian, Robert and Gregg Fish, Phil Gollance, Evelyn Hendline, Babette Hollister, Mohammed Hoque, Andrew and Phil Listengart, Julie Livingston, Florence Peloquin, Julia Ofman, Sally and Richard Rabinowitz, Jack and Emily Rosenberg, Sharon and Shaul Shemesh, David Stein, Austin and Peter Tipograph, Celia, Greg and Ben Vimont, and Lauren Weinberger and Paul Connuck.

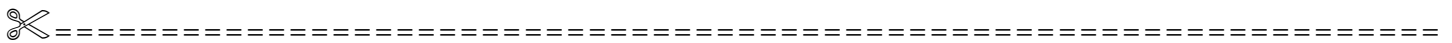
The January Food For Families on January 7 welcomed many families from grades 4-7 of our Religious School. **We only have room for these names from our school:**

We broke a record, making 676 meals!

The next Food For Families will take place on February 4, and will be sponsored by **Deborah Slom** and the **Vimont family** in memory of Stanley H. Slom.

Please remember that each volunteer brings: at least four loaves of any wheat bread (no white bread), 16 pieces of fresh fruit, and a hat or hair covering to meet Health Department regulations. If you have extra grocery bags at home, please bring those, too.

For more information or questions about Food For Families, contact Marian Fish at mfish1211@aol.com.



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THE TEMPLE FAMILY

Congratulations and Mazal Tov to

Mary and Charles Bleiberg on the birth of their granddaughter, Isabel Rose Brendel

Welcome New Members

- Glenn A. Waldorf and Sheryl R. Korn
- Mr. and Mrs. Rich Tesler

Mi Shebeirach

Betty Beranbaum, Anita Hecker, Hadassah King and Marjorie Sussman

EAST END TEMPLE BOOK CLUB

The Book: *The Blue Mountain*
 The Author: Meir Shalev
 The Date/Time: Wednesday, March 7 @ 7:30 pm
 The Place: Call for location 212.477.64

The EET Book Club is open to ALL members of the congregation, men and women alike. Read the book and join us in a member's home for our 90 minutes (+/-) discussion and dessert.

First Danish Reform Rabbinical Student

Denmark's small Reform community has sent its first candidate for rabbinic training in England.

Sandra Kviat from Copenhagen has begun her studies at London's Leo Baeck College. She previously studied religion at the University of Copenhagen and is co-founder of Atidenu, Hebrew for "our future" a Yahoo news group for young Scandinavian Jews. Kviat was sent by Shir Hatzafon, Denmark's fist Progressive congregation, founded in 2001. It has 100 dues-paying members.

The congregation currently is served by foreign rabbis who fly in once a month and for Jewish holidays.

THEATER OUTING - Dai (Enough) Sunday, February 11 @ 3 pm at Off-Broadway's The Culture Project, 55 Mercer St. at Broome

"DAI has a jolt that's undeniable. This is one show you are likely to feel for days afterward." - *NYTimes*

In this tour-de-force solo performance, Iris Bahr brings to life a remarkable range of heartfelt and outspoken characters that span the conflicted spectrum of Israeli society. Bahr takes us into the colorful world of a Tel Aviv café, only minutes before a suicide bomber enters. Here we are allowed entry into the lives of numerous inhabitants from all strata of Israeli society, as well as its observers and critics: eccentric, lost, hilarious souls whose lives, quirks, and neuroses are channeled through Bahr's remarkable characterizations and ability to bring humor to even the most dire and tragic circumstances. Cost: \$32.00 (regular price \$40.00) Contact Temple office by February 1 to make a reservation.

Books-by-Request Only, Please

While we appreciate donations of books to our library, please do not drop off books in the office. Our policy is to have donors submit a list to the office of books they wish to donate. Our librarian consultant will examine the list to determine whether we are able to add them to our collection. We do have space constraints and cannot accept all donations. Thank you for your cooperation.

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Babette Solon Hollister for her family members: Rosalind Solon Buchman, Dorothy Weiner and Paul Weiner

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BARBARA KATERSKY:

Dedicated Advocate for Fair Play

Barbara and her two older brothers grew up surrounded by the good people of Tiverton, a farming and suburban development town in Rhode Island. With the town's population at just 10,000, Barbara was one of 40 first and second graders sharing a one-room schoolhouse and the only Jewish student in grades three through eight. She was also part of a small minority of Jewish kids in high school. Jewish holidays were a feast to behold, courtesy of Barbara's three dear grandparents. At the Conservative Fall River synagogue, Barbara's dad would "daven" daily while Barbara fulfilled her Hebrew School mandate by attending three weekday afternoons as well as Friday and Saturday Shabbat services. B'not Mitzvah were always a group affair as when Barbara and other young ladies shared the pulpit.

A Person Who Likes People

Later, as a human resources manager, Barbara learned a great deal about people. While she graduated with degrees in economics and mathematics from Boston's Simmons College and took the logical next step into computer programming, it was the human condition that spoke best to her *raison d'être*. Barbara investigated claims of discrimination in housing and employment and helped clients overcome environmental and societal obstacles at the Massachusetts Commission Against Discrimination and at the NYC Commission on Human Rights in New York City.

At Wildcat Services Corporation, Barbara advocated for long-term welfare recipients, ex-addicts and ex-offenders. She enhanced employee relations and equal opportunities at CBS and Citibank and was the public spokesperson at a congressional hearing and for the print media for the Work Family Program at American Express. Her last full-time employment, as senior VP for Human Resources (from 1995 to 2004) was at the investment management firm of Neuberger Berman. Barbara is currently on the Board of SCAN, a non-profit agency providing after-school and family support services for children. She is also helping start-up companies create benefit plans, employee handbooks and other people-productive tools.

Family Ties

Barbara's two very favorite people are husband, David Sturm and their son, Michael. Barbara and David met in Barbara's Citibank days when David was then a vice



Barbara Katersky

president at Citi. They married in 1988 and today David is VP, Chief Information Officer for the New York Public Library. Michael, at age fifteen, attends Packer Collegiate Institute High School in Brooklyn and finds passion in drama and snowboarding. He recently played several roles in his school's production of *Metamorphosis* and is happy to join his proud parents on the slopes of Okemo, Vermont or on the tennis courts near their country home in Chatham, New York.

When it came to choosing a religious school for Michael's Hebrew education and Bar Mitzvah, it was the people at East End Temple who made all the difference for Barbara and David. Barbara was initially impressed by friend Lauren Weinberger's glowing recommendation, Rabbi Adelson's uplifting sermon and the congregation's generous welcome at an Oneg Shabbat. Now, four years later, EET's staff and clergy continue to engage and inspire Barbara spiritually and socially. Whether she is overseeing the Synaplex Shabbat dinners, volunteering for EET programs and projects or just drinking in the tranquility of Shabbat, Barbara never misses an opportunity to mix it up with the thinking crowd at EET.



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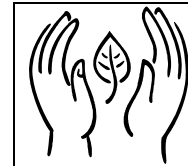
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Tu Bishvat or the "New Year of the Trees" is Jewish Arbor Day.

The holiday is observed on the fifteenth (*tu*) of Shvat. This year it is February 3rd. Scholars believe that Tu Bishvat was originally an agricultural festival, marking the emergence of spring. After the destruction of the Temple in 70 A.C.E., this holiday was a way for Jews to symbolically bind themselves to their former homeland by eating foods that could be found in Israel. In the sixteenth and seventeenth century, Kabbalists created a ritual for Tu Bishvat similar to the Passover seder. Today, Tu Bishvat has also become a tree planting festival in Israel, in which both Israelis and Jews around the world plant trees in honor or in memory of a loved one or friend.



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Upcoming shows are:

<i>The Pirate Queen</i>	4/18
<i>Deuce</i> (Angela Lansberry/Marian Seldes)	5/16
<i>Curtains</i> (David Hyde Pierce/Debra Monk)	6/6

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