



# Templet Online

## January-February

### Winter Issue

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#### JANUARY SERVICES

##### Fridays, 6:15pm

- 5 – Shabbat B'Yachad w/Birthday Blessing
- 12, 19 – Shabbat Service
- 26 – Simchat Shabbat Service

#### JANUARY PROGRAMS

- 2, 16, 30 — Intergenerational Choir, 6:30pm
- 4, 18 – Mah Jongg, 11:30am ([RSVP](#))
- 7 – Sisterhood Rosh Chodesh Torah Study, 10:30am
  - Food For Families, 12pm
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- 10, 24 – *Histories of Israel: A Multifaceted Exploration*, 8pm ([Zoom](#))
- 12, 19, 26 – Tot Shabbat, 5:30pm
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#### FEBRUARY SERVICES

##### Fridays, 6:15pm

- 2 – Shabbat B'Yachad w/Birthday Blessing
- 9, 16, 23 – Shabbat Service

##### Saturday, 10am

- 3 – Bet mitzvah of Eliam Brody
- 10 – Bet mitzvah of Benjamin Rubin

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#### SIMCHAT SHABBAT w/CANTOR OLIVIA BRODSKY!

Friday, January 26 at 6:15pm

Join Cantor Olivia and the East 17th Street Band for joyful musical Shabbat services followed by light dinners.

Save the dates for the coming Simchat Shabbats: March 29, April 19 and May 31.





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**FROM the CO-PRESIDENT**

Brian Lifsec



**Our congregation stands for inclusivity**, embracing individuals from diverse faith traditions and fostering an environment of learning and understanding. Our commitment to interfaith relations goes beyond being a moral imperative; we recognize it as a strategic necessity in an era defined by global connectivity and cultural diversity. Here's why our community prioritizes interfaith relations and the profound impact it can have.

**First and foremost**, our interfaith dialogue serves as a catalyst for breaking down stereotypes and dispelling misconceptions. In a world marked by religious diversity, engaging in open conversations between faiths promotes mutual understanding, helping to overcome prejudices born out of ignorance or ego. Meaningful exchanges create opportunities for recognizing shared values, fostering unity, and addressing differences constructively.

**Secondly**, prioritizing interfaith relations aligns with the core principles of our religious traditions, emphasizing values such as compassion, love, and justice. By actively engaging in dialogue, we demonstrate these shared values, paving the way for collaborative efforts in addressing our many societal challenges. This not only strengthens the moral fabric of our community but also builds relationships grounded in common ethical principles.

**Thirdly**, in the face of complex global and local challenges, collaboration between religious communities becomes instrumental. Whether addressing global crises or local issues such as immigration, child labor abuse, or homelessness, interfaith partnerships enable organizations to leverage their moral influence collectively. By advocating for positive change, religious communities can emphasize the ethical imperatives embedded in their respective doctrines.

**During challenging times**, maintaining open dialogue becomes crucial. Rebecca and I have engaged with our community, recognizing the difficulty in helping others understand differing perspectives. While accepting divergent views, we emphasize the need to respect and appreciate diverse opinions, striving to remain engaged and learn from one another.

**Sometimes**, those dialogues can be messy. Within our East End Temple community, within the Jewish community, and within the broader New York City community, we can have disagreements, in which each side feels adamantly that they are right. While we may never be able to change minds, we can figure out ways to engage in dialogue that hopefully results in mutual respect, and most importantly that prevents hurt and harm. The alternative, disengagement, is less favorable when it leads to more polarization and isolation, and often less respect.

**Looking ahead**, we see the prioritization of interfaith relations as crucial for fostering understanding, promoting shared values, addressing global challenges, and contributing to social harmony. With the guidance of our senior staff and clergy, we recognize a unique opportunity and responsibility to lead us and our children in building bridges of understanding. It is not merely a "nice to have"; it is an imperative, a fundamental aspect of who we are as a community. Thank you for all you do to make it so.

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**Yahrzeit Memorial Candles Initiative**



**Plaza Jewish Community Chapel** is providing our EET members with a yahrzeit memorial candle to light on the anniversary date of your loved one's death. The candles are free of charge and can be picked up from the temple office during the week of the yahrzeit.

# SUPPORTING CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH INVOLVES SUPPORTING THE WELL-BEING OF PARENTS, TOO

By Director of Education Mindy Sherry, RJE, Cantor Olivia Brodsky, and Rabbi Joshua Stanton

Originally published at [eJewishPhilanthropy.com](http://eJewishPhilanthropy.com) on October 25, 2023

In a [recent article](#) for eJP, we shared the strategies we employ to address the pressing mental health needs of students in our religious school program. It is also worthwhile to explore how we can support the well-being of parents, guardians and caregivers – not the least because the mental and emotional health of kids and their adults are [closely linked](#).

According to a [2023 Pew Research Center report](#), parents are struggling more and differently than before. In the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic, from which we have yet to fully emerge, 62% of parents say that parenting is “harder” than they expected. The report showed that female caregivers are more likely than male caregivers to indicate that parenting is “a lot harder” than they had anticipated, perhaps due to an uneven sharing of responsibilities or expectations set forth by either their individual family unit or by society. Many adults lack the social support necessary to help themselves and their children thrive. Parents with children born during the pandemic, for instance, were unable to create the same communities that otherwise could have formed by interacting on playgrounds, in music or dance classes, etc.

The issue extends beyond parents of young children, however. According to the [World Economic Forum](#), in 1990 1 in 3 American adults reported having 10 or more friends; that number is now falling towards 1 in 10. Adults have fewer friends and may also [spend less time](#) with them. For parents who are finding their roles harder or a lot harder than expected, the lack of peer support or opportunities to learn by observing and exchanging strategies with their friends can be painful. It can mean struggling at one of their central purposes in life – and doing so alone.

Within this context, one can only imagine how acutely Jewish families are struggling after Hamas' recent attacks on Israeli civilians and the many heartless responses to Jewish suffering. The upsurge in global antisemitic incidents since Israel's military response to the attacks have added stress and fear to the day-to-day lives of countless Jewish families – at a time when parents, guardians and caregivers of Jewish children were already struggling. Too many are grieving and suffering alone.

While Jewish communities, and [religious communities](#) more broadly, do not have the ability to resolve the “[epidemic of loneliness](#),” parenting challenges or mental

health issues within families, we can reduce their painful confluence, focusing first on parental isolation and the need for peer support in order to take steps towards well-being. Likewise, we can provide new opportunities for positive caregiver-child interactions and alleviate the burden of providing a constant stream of activities for children.

**Our community is in the process** of experimenting with new approaches to improving caregiver well-being. While we do not pretend to have “the” answer to this ever-growing problem, we do present these practices in hopes of eliciting more ideas and conversation from our colleagues. In doing so, we hope that Jewish communities can become an even more valuable resource in navigating the challenges of parenting.

- **Holistic approaches to families under stress.** Too often, our pastoral intervention focuses on the person who comes in to speak with us directly. Increasingly, we seek to establish pastoral relationships with entire families, or at least multiple family members. As this relates to parental stress, we have encountered moments in which children are symptoms of pain within the wider family systems. Caring for children means caring for adults – and vice versa – when it comes to helping them find therapeutic support. Sometimes, the greatest gift we have given to parents is the ability to name when things are not OK and walk with them (sometimes literally) to get professional help.
- **Proactive pastoral outreach.** Too often, clergy meet with parents and families only when there is a crisis or lifecycle event. Insofar as they play an important role in identifying sources of pain and helping people to find community or therapeutic support, they need to take more preemptive action. For our clergy, this means reaching out to community members (notably religious school parents and guardians) whom we have not seen in several weeks or have not heard from.

[Continue reading the full article here](#)



**So much more to come in 2024 – and all are welcome!**

**Recently** I have had a few conversations with different members of our community about the events and activities planned by the EET Men's Club. From these conversations there was one big take-away: while folks expressed appreciation for our events, they report that they are not always sure if our events are open to them.

We want everyone to know that the Men's Club **primarily plans events for the broader EET Community**, including EET members, friends of the EET community, and even folks who are simply interested in being a part of the EET community. Our programs are most commonly open to everyone, like our picnics, walking tours, and game nights. Sometimes we may ask that only teens and older come (like our Movie Lunches) as these programs involve more mature conversation and reflection. Rarely (only 2 times in the past 4 years) we have held "members only" events. These are social outings focused on building fellowship within the community of men (or male-identifying members) of EET, **but even with these we define "member" broadly**, and we seek to be as inclusive as possible.

We try to offer programs and services that involve everyone in our community, and we hope to see many more members of the EET family at our events in 2024! **We have many programs scheduled and planned**, and with your help and input, we will plan a lot more.

In January we hope to see you at the Boggle and Beverages night (click [here](#) for more details).

We also look forward to our 2nd Annual Hamantaschen competition, our 2nd Annual Family Brunch in April, our Spring Picnic in May, a walking tour of yet another fascinating New York City neighborhood in May or June, plus many more stimulating conversations and much more family fun in the coming months!



*"From the Co-President," continued from pg. 2*

[Please join Rebecca and I in recognizing the unwavering commitment of our clergy and educator to inclusive dialogue on Israel as well as the increase in antisemitism for American Jews. Their dedication to justice, self-determination, and safety for both Jews and Palestinians is evident in this month's heartfelt Templet letter. Our clergy and educator offer invaluable insights for us and our children. We gratefully embrace these thoughtful conversations within our community as we navigate these challenging times together.]



**Tot Shabbat and Shabbat B'Yachad**

**Join us on Fridays** as we welcome Shabbat with music, stories and service.

**Tot Shabbat (select Fridays at 5:30pm):**  
January 12, 19, 26  
February 9

**Shabbat B'Yachad (monthly first Fridays):**  
We start with a pre-neg snack (instead of an oneg) at 5:45pm, and begin singing together to welcome Shabbat at 6:15pm. This service is designed for all ages to worship together, and will include songs, stories, and birthday blessings.

**Shabbat B'Yachad dates for the year:**  
1/5, 2/2, 3/1, 4/5, 5/3

**WISH LIST:**

People sometimes ask how they can help the school, so I have created an [Amazon Wish List](#). If you have any questions about it, please let me know. You can also support the East End Temple Religious School and any of our programming for kids by donating to the [Sara A. Spencer Fund](#). Thank you.



**CAN'T GET TO EET SERVICE OR PROGRAM?**

Join us via Livestream (some via Zoom). Check our website <https://eastendtemple.org/east-end-temple-everywhere/> for current listings. We look forward to staying connected and welcome you to invite family and friends to join us as well. Instructions on how to access all platforms is through the link above.

**To support our critical Livestreaming service**, please complete the donation form by checking the **Leonard & Helene Spring Mem. Fund** on pg. 13 or [online](#).



**As Mah Jongg Grows at EET, So Grows Community**



“From its origins in China in the 1800s to its revived popularity among Jewish American women in the 1950s, Mah Jongg has always been a way to find community.”

At EET, the community that Mah Jongg engenders is having its day. Feeling the hunger for connection so prevalent during the pandemic, Sisterhood members volunteered to teach the game virtually. Today, those learners along with veteran players attend Sisterhood’s in-person, twice monthly games. All games are open to the community. All genders and levels are welcome to learn and play.

An even more special Mah Jongg Day is on tap for Sunday, January 21, 2024 replete with hours of play, raffles, prizes and a lunch buffet. Integral will be the proceeds raised to support causes that Sisterhood holds dear in making our world a better place.

For more information about our monthly games or our special Mah Jongg Day, click [here](#). For insights into “What the Surprising History of Mah Jongg Can Teach Us About America,” click [here](#).

Also in January and February:

- **Rosh Chodesh Brunch and Study** – We continue our celebration of Rosh Chodesh, a holiday connection to women. To be studied over four sessions is our second matriarch, Rebekah.
- **Getting To Know You** – Lily Thrope and Beth Gerson – Once a month, we invite you to meet fascinating EET women over a lunchtime Zoom. Last month we had a heart-to-heart with EET’s own Cantor Olivia. In January, we will meet Lily Thrope, a social worker specializing in eating disorders. In February we will have Beth Gerson, an author, educator, leader of our Writers Workshop series and Museum of Jewish Heritage docent.
- **Stitch-A-Thon** – Check in with our stitching community and our ongoing Cold Weather Project to make hats and scarves for the needy.

More details about upcoming Sisterhood programs can be found [here](#). Come and Get to Know How Sisterhood Grows Community.

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**LIBRARY BUZZ**

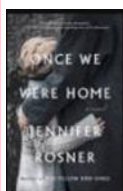
Barbara Ringel



I am delighted to announce that our **10th annual Help Our Library Grow Initiative is now underway**. This initiative enables us to add new, well reviewed titles to our collection, and we are enthusiastic about the books being offered. We are grateful to the many members whose generous donations have enriched our collection in the past, and we hope the tradition will continue. The initiative provides a wonderful opportunity to donate a book in someone’s honor or memory, and every donated book will have a bookplate with donor’s name, and in honor of/in memory of, inscribed on the bookplate. All the books will be displayed in the library.

Please see the complete list of titles, author, price, and donation form with payment instructions [here](#). A list is also posted on the temple’s bulletin board on the lower level. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

**Our 20th annual Helene Spring Library Event**, always a highlight of the year, will take place Sunday, March 17, 2024 at 2pm. Our featured award-winning author, Jennifer Rosner, will discuss her new novel, *Once We Were Home*. Based on the true stories of children taken from their homes during World War II and placed in Christian settings, this moving story raises the issues of complicity, responsibility, belonging, identity, and what it really means to find home. There is a copy of the novel in our library, and copies will be available for sale at the event.



**Save the date:** Sunday, March 17, 2024 at 2pm for this not-to-be-missed event. More details will follow.



Marcia Muskat, Jodi Malcom, and Sandy Magesis at the Mah Jongg table

## More from your Sisterhood...

### FOOD FOR FAMILIES

By Celia Vimont



We made approximately 1,500 meals at each of our November and December Food For Families events. We greatly appreciate the hard work of our volunteers who help us feed so many hungry New Yorkers each month. **We want to thank** the NYU Community Fund for providing East End Temple Sisterhood's Food For Families program with a very generous \$2,000 grant for the 2023-24 season.

Join us for our next **Food For Families** program on January 7, 12-2pm, where we will make sandwiches and bag meals to be picked up and distributed by City Harvest to a food pantry or shelter. Advance sign-up is required (<https://signup.com/go/DjOsOSg>). All participants must be age 12 or older (ages 12-15 must be accompanied by an adult) and everyone must wear a mask. Each participant should bring at least five loaves of whole wheat sliced bread (six loaves per person would be greatly appreciated) and 20 pieces of fruit (preferably apples and oranges) and wear a hat to comply with Department of Health regulations. Future dates are February 4, March 3 and April 7.

Your donations to **Food For Families** through [Sisterhood](#) help us buy supplies to make meals.



### Sisterhood Stitch-A-Thon

Sun. January 7 and February 4, 1-3pm



We provide free yarn and friendly congregants who can teach you a simple stitch to make a scarf or hat for needy New Yorkers, and eventually for yourself and your loved ones. Knitters and crocheters are all welcome. Bring along a project you're already working on and join the camaraderie.

### Claim Your Hebrew Name

#### Never given a Hebrew name?

This spring, the Sisterhood of East End Temple will help you *Claim Your Hebrew Name*. We can also help you select a name for your children.



**We will guide you through the process**, which can be as simple or as elaborate as you wish. As simple as choosing a Hebrew name you like, starting with the same letter as your English name. Or, as elaborate as researching your family history, visiting the graves of your loved ones, or choosing the name of a figure in the Torah that you admire. When you have made your choice, you will receive a certificate with your new Hebrew name, signed by Rabbi Stanton. At a Spring Shabbat service, you will be invited to stand on the *bimah* and receive a blessing from the clergy, along with the congratulations of your fellow congregants. We hope that you will take this opportunity to further connect with your Judaism. Please email [Fran Kolin](#) to set up a meeting after the new year.

### THE HAMANTASCHEN ARE COMING...

Order your Hamantaschen in time for Purim (on 3/24) and help support Sisterhood

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**FORMS MUST BE RECEIVED AT TEMPLE OFFICE NO LATER THAN FRIDAY, MARCH 8**

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## OUR TEMPLE COMMUNITY

### WELCOME NEW MEMBERS



- Catherine Genzler
- Heather Harris and Craig Brockman, Emmaline
- Nina Salpeter, Max and Zac
- Monica Sapirstein, Axel
- Heather Stone and Ben Ritter, Jack and Penelope
- Matthew and Marisa Sztab

### MAZAL TOV AND CONGRATS TO

- ☺ Patrick Roger-Gordon on his conversion

### BEET (Boomers of East End Temple) Dinner and Conversation – Friday, February 9 after services

If you or your partner were born between 1946 and 1964, make new friends and have a few laughs at our next potluck dinner. This is an RSVP-only event, limited to BEET members. Contact [Sarajane Steinberg](#) for more information. The BEET Goes On!



### DEEPEST CONDOLENCES TO EET MEMBERS WHO LOST LOVED ONES RECENTLY...

- Ellen Bates-Brackett, Jordan (and Amy) Brackett, Arielle and Asher, on the death of mother-in-law, grandmother and great-grandmother Evelyn Raskin
- Ryan Lipsitz (and Melanie Haber), Jack and Harlow, on the death of mother and grandmother, Lynne Lipsitz

And for those who have loved ones who died recently and are not mentioned above, may their memory be for a blessing.



### JOIN THE EET LEGACY CIRCLE TO HELP SECURE OUR FUTURE

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We are grateful to our members who have already included East End Temple in their estate plans. Please let the office know if you too have included East End Temple in your planned giving so that we may thank you appropriately.



*East End Temple gave me a Jewish identity when I converted in 1978, this is my way to say "Thank you!" – Liz Gross*

Act today to ensure a strong foundation for our community's tomorrow.

If you are thinking of including East End Temple in your estate planning, please contact the office for more information, or to schedule a confidential discussion with our rabbi or co-president.

*L'Dor V'Dor, From Generation to Generation*

### Sponsor an Oneg and Sanctuary Flowers

Celebrating a birthday, graduation, anniversary, new baby or grandchild, other celebrations, or honoring a loved one? Mark the event with an oneg after Friday night services or with fresh flowers for the sanctuary.

Contact our office for more information at 212.477.6444.





## Adam Rubin Continues to Define His Jewish Identity

**Adam Rubin’s mom and dad hailed from Brooklyn.** She, Sephardic, and he, Ashkenazi. They raised Adam and his older brother, Seth, both b’nei mitzvah, on Long Island. In 2003, Adam earned his Economics BA from SUNY Binghamton, also home to a large Jewish population. God always came with the territory.

**Though in his 20s and 30s** Adam strayed from his Jewish practice, he always came home for the holidays. The intentionality with which his future wife, Erin Millender, maintained her mom’s Korean heritage and her dad’s Black American heritage, reinspired Adam to search for his own Jewish identity.

**At the same time,** being an interfaith and interracial couple in the wake of growing antisemitism and racism, Adam and Erin questioned where they belonged. Adam’s activism in [Jews for Racial and Economic Justice](#) led him to Rabbi Joshua Stanton. And given the rabbi’s seats on the boards of [Interfaith America](#) and [International Jewish Committee on Interreligious Consultations](#), the diversity

and inclusivity that Rabbi Josh encapsulated spoke to Erin and Adam.

**Rabbi Josh officiated** at the Rubins’ vibrant 2021 wedding. A multi-ethnic and multicultural affair, the couple stood under the chuppah and jumped the broom (a custom originated in 19th-century slavery).

**Erin and Adam have settled in Brooklyn.** They light candles every Friday night. In May 2022, they traveled on a [Birthright Israel](#)-type trip for newly married interfaith and same-sex couples, aptly named [Honeymoon Israel](#).

**As an attorney,** Erin heads the legal department at a tech start-up. Adam and Seth own a heating and air conditioning business. At EET, Adam leans into projects that hit close to home including Food For Families, Social Justice and the start of a Diversity, Equity and Inclusion initiative. In so doing, Adam continues to define his Jewish identity.



Share your story with us in future Voices articles, email me at [info@eastendtemple.org](mailto:info@eastendtemple.org) and include your phone #.



## SH’MA SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE DOINGS...

by Hope Baker, Marcella Rosen, and Elizabeth Weisser

### Newest New Yorkers Community Dinners

**Three faith-based organizations.** Nine refugee families. Fourteen adults. Fifteen kids. One puppeteer. Umpteen EET, Brotherhood Synagogue, and Middle Church volunteers. One breakfast and one dinner, so far.

**When learning Brotherhood** was seeking a partner to host Community Dinners for new to NYC refugee families, the EET Social Justice team jumped into action, inviting Middle Church to join in partnership. The Children’s Workshop School, where EET and MCC members have children enrolled, was identified as having a significant number of young refugee children with families who could be receptive to an “evening out.”

**A mid-November “Meet and Greet”** breakfast provided families familiarity with our three organizations. We included representatives from the DOE and Advocates for Children who provided insight into, and answered concerns about, NYC temporary shelter and access to school rules.

**In early December,** nine families gathered at EET for a traditional Latin American dinner provided by MCC with

desserts homemade by EET members. Cantor Olivia led us in song, we ate together, and we talked. Brotherhood arranged a crafting play area to keep kids busy when they weren’t making whipped cream and chocolate sauce, fruit and cookie plates! Our guests left with hats and gloves, and toiletries paid for by grant monies EET members Marcella Rosen and Hope Baker secured from UJA. We left a warm and welcoming dinner with full hearts (and tummies).

**Our weekly E-blast** will announce our next Community Dinner. If these actions are important to you, please consider a donation to the EET Social Justice Fund.

### About Children’s Workshop School:

CWS has become the main source of stability for these families. The parent coordinator advocated for a school bus to take children to/from school. A bi-weekly food pantry helps supplement what is provided at shelters and hotels. CWS parents donate clothing, diapers, strollers and other basic family needs. We are so pleased CWS is open to collaborating to expand our support for migrant individuals and families in NYC and now, close to our neighborhood.

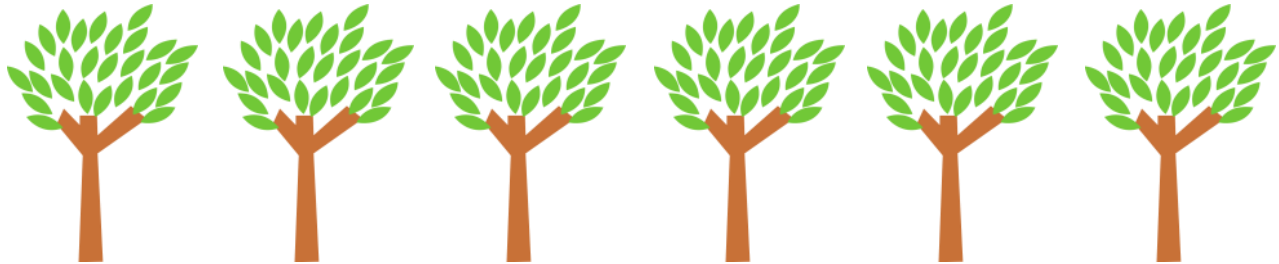




**OUR JEWISH HOLIDAYS...** excerpts taken from [ReformJudaism.org](http://ReformJudaism.org)



**TU BISHVAT'S ORIGINS:** Tu BiShvat or the "New Year of the Trees" is Jewish Arbor Day (Jan. 24-25). The holiday is observed on the 15th (*tu*) of the Hebrew month of Shvat. Scholars believe that originally Tu BiShvat was an agricultural festival, marking the emergence of spring. In the 17th century, Kabbalists created a ritual for Tu BiShvat that is similar to a [Passover seder](#). Today, many Jews hold a modern version of the Tu BiShvat seder each year. The holiday also has become a tree-planting festival in Israel, in which Israelis and Jews around the world plant trees in honor or in memory of loved ones and friends.



**PERPETUAL MEMORIAL NAME PLAQUES FOR OUR MEMORIAL WALL**

The Memorial Wall in our sanctuary provides a special way for us to permanently honor those who have touched our lives. Memorializing the names of our loved ones expresses gratitude for the gift of their precious lives, and our hope that their spirits will continue to inspire us.

In accordance with Jewish tradition, we mark the memories of our loved ones by lighting a light next to the plaque on the *yahrzeit* or annual anniversary of their passing. If you would like to add the name of a loved one, or if you would like to RESERVE a spot, now is a great time.

**CEMETERY PLOTS**

Cemetery plots are available at reasonable costs in EET's own section in Mt. Moriah Cemetery, Fairview, NJ. The Cemetery is less than 30 min. from Mid-Manhattan.

Contact the temple office to purchase or reserve a memorial plaque, or to purchase a plot, 212.477.6444.




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### Cantor Discretionary Fund

used for charitable giving; enrichment of the congregation & community.

### El Emet Fund

helps beautify and maintain our temple; underwrite holiday festivities, projects. Note: simcha, mishebeirach, yahrzeits.

### Floral Fund (contact the office)

purchases flowers to decorate our pulpit on Shabbat and the High Holy Days.

### Fund For The Future

helps ensure future growth in all temple activities.

### Hamermesh Music Fund

provides special music programs and resource materials.

### Kehila Fund (contact the office)

ensures the growth and permanence of our Temple. At the \$1,800 level, your name will be inscribed on the honor roll mounted on the Sanctuary lobby wall. Starting at \$5,000, your name and/or the name of an honoree will be engraved on a bronze plaque.

### Leonard and Helene Spring Memorial Fund

dedicated to providing safety and comfort-based enhancements for the sanctuary and throughout the temple building. Materials that aid the physically and mentally challenged are the focus of this fund.

### Oneg Shabbat Fund (contact the office)

provides refreshments after Shabbat evening services.

### Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

used for charitable giving; enrichment of the congregation & community.

### Sara A. Spencer Children's Educational Fund

provides educational materials for the Religious School.

### Simchat Shabbat Programs

provides musical Shabbatot, diversified community programs.

### Social Justice Fund

Used to provide service to those in need in our neighborhood, city, nation, and world.

## SISTERHOOD FUNDS

### Food For Families Fund

purchases the food and meal supplies volunteers need to use for filling the bags of meals prepared to feed the hungry.

### Food For Families Day Sponsor

underwrites this social action program. Contribution designates you as co-sponsor for the day.

### Helene Spring Library Fund

helps purchase new and archival books, library equipment and additional materials for our library.

### Sisterhood Birthday Fund

contributes to a social action fund benefiting women and girls, selected annually.

### Sisterhood Leadership Development Fund

supports the enhancement of leadership skills of current Sisterhood members and to develop future Sisterhood leaders.

## FUNDS ARE ACCESSIBLE VIA OUR WEBSITE

(unless otherwise noted), at <https://eastendtemple.org/contribute/>

### Naming Opportunities (contact the office)

Memorial Board Plaque; Simcha Tree Leaf

For next publication of contribution listing, please have your messages and payments sent to us by February 9.

## EAST END TEMPLE DONATION FORM

Please use this form to make contributions to all East End Temple funds. Make checks payable as indicated below and write the name of the fund(s) on your check. Some funds require separate checks. Send checks directly to KESEF, POB 418 Montvale NJ 07645, or to East End Temple, 245 East 17th Street NYC 10003. All contributions are per listing and your canceled check is your receipt. Email [info@eastendtemple.org](mailto:info@eastendtemple.org), or call the temple office at 212.477.6444 for further information.

### FOR THESE FUNDS MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO EAST END TEMPLE

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Cantor's Discretionary Fund _____         | \$36 min. | <input type="checkbox"/> Rabbi's Discretionary Fund _____          | \$36 min. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> El Emet Fund _____                        | \$10 min. | <input type="checkbox"/> Sara A. Spencer Children's Ed. Fund _____ | \$18 min. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fund For The Future _____                 | \$75 min. | <input type="checkbox"/> Simchat Shabbat Programs _____            | \$54 min. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hamermesh Music Fund _____                | \$18 min. | <input type="checkbox"/> Social Justice Fund _____                 | no min.   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Leonard and Helene Spring Mem. Fund _____ | \$18 min. |  |           |

For the following gift opportunities, please contact the EET office via phone or [email](mailto:info@eastendtemple.org):

Floral \$108, Kehila \$1800 min., Memorial Board Plaque \$720 each, Oneg \$400/\$250, Simcha Tree Leaf \$234 each

### FOR THESE FUNDS MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO EET SISTERHOOD

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Food For Families, Chair: Celia Vimont _____ | \$18 min.  | <input type="checkbox"/> Sisterhood Birthday Fund _____               | \$18 min. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Food For Families Day Sponsor _____          | \$360 min. | Chair: Jodi Malcom  |           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Helene Spring Library Fund _____             | \$18 min.  | <input type="checkbox"/> Sisterhood Leadership Development Fund _____ | \$36 min. |
| Chair: Barbara Ringel   |            | Chair: Cynthia Dubensky _____   |           |

Name of contributor: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Message: \_\_\_\_\_

Name & address of recipient to be notified: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_