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MAY-JUNE 2024 - IYAR-SIVAN 5784

**Erev Shavuot
in Stuyvesant Park**
**Tuesday, June 11,
6:15pm**
BYO Cheesecake
Join us



East End Temple's Annual Meeting (in person and via Zoom)



Date: **Thursday, May 30, 2024**

Time: **7:00pm**

Agenda:

- Presentation of the State of the Congregation by our Co-Presidents
- Election of members and officers to the Board of Trustees
- Presentation and Adoption of the 2024-2025 East End Temple Budget by Treasurer Tom Summer

Your presence at the 2024 Annual Meeting is highly encouraged. A Zoom link will be provided closer to the date for remote participation.

If you are unable to attend in person or virtually, please ensure your voice is heard by returning your proxy ballot to the office by May 24.

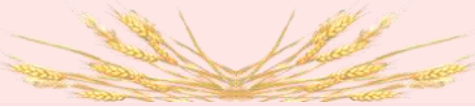
Thank you for your participation in shaping the future of East End Temple.

MAY SERVICES

Fridays, 6:15pm

- 3 – Shabbat B'Yachad w/Birthday Blessing
- 10 – Shabbat
- 17 – Shabbat + Grads Blessing
- 24 – Shabbat Service ([Zoom](#))
- 31 – Simchat Shabbat Service w/the 17th Street Band

MAY PROGRAMS

- 2, 16 – Mah Jongg, 11:30am ([RSVP](#))
 - 3 – Mindfulness, birthday blessings, short service, 5:15pm
 - 5 – A Day of Mah Jongg, 10:30am ([RSVP](#))
 - 14 – Intergenerational Choir, 6:30pm
 - 17 – Tot Shabbat, 5:30pm
 - 30 – Annual Congregational Meeting, 7:00pm
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JUNE SERVICES

Fridays, 6:15pm

- 7 – Pride Shabbat w/Birthday Blessing
- 14, 21, 28 – Shabbat Service

Saturdays, 10am

- 8 – Bet mitzvah of Quentin Wittes
- 15 – Bet mitzvah of Jonah Godinger

Tuesday, 6:15pm

- 11 – Erev Shavuot in the park, BYO cheesecake!

Wednesday, 10am

- 12 – Shavuot Yizkor, in person and [Livestream](#)

JUNE PROGRAMS

- 2 – Celebrate Israel Parade w/the EET Men's Club, 11am
- 6, 13 – Adult Ed: Queer Torah, 8pm ([Zoom](#))
- 15 – Men's Club picnic in the park, 12pm



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FROM THE RABBI'S STUDY

Folly of Fracture Amid War in Israel

By Rabbi Joshua Stanton and Rabbi Benjamin Spratt



The soundbites speak our fracture: A ceasefire is our moral obligation. Israel is led by a criminal. The world has abandoned Israel. Anti-Zionism is antisemitism. Judaism means leading with peace. Israel cannot survive unless Hamas is defeated. Israel has become the villain of her own story. The world will forever warp reality to ensure Jews remain the villain.

We storm on social media, protest each other in the streets, demean each other in person, leave places of belonging, choosing isolation over staying together in tension.

The searing rhetoric and genuine ethical dilemmas of this time hold the potential to tear the Jewish community asunder. Major fault lines have deepened between the religiously traditional and progressive, younger and older, Zionist and diasporist, Jews by birth and Jews by choice. Rather than an ethic of pluralism, we find ourselves with a multiplicity of particularisms – tribe within tribe within tribe, reducing our American Diaspora to interconnected microcosms with less and less in common.

In some ways, a moment so filled with pain is bound to create friction. Jewish history reflects again and again how times of fear can both galvanize and fragment Jewish community. From the Babylonian conquest to Babi Yar, the Roman conquest to the Spanish Inquisition, our most traumatic moments often inspired as much in-fighting about the appropriate response as it galvanized unity against existential threat. Amid the pain and suffering already emanating from Israel and Gaza and amplified through the virulent expressions of Jew-hate around the world, we wonder if there might be a more pragmatic and potent response than Jewish fracture.

This begs the question: What if the very perspectives with which we struggle – whether they come from other Jews, members of Jewish families, Jewishly inspired people, or allies – also bring us a strength that is as necessary as it is oppositional?

With great imperfection, we have sought to listen with care and ask these questions within our communities, with members whose views have spanned a wide spectrum since the October 7th atrocities against Israel and then Israel’s military response against Hamas. Behind the strong words we have born witness to wells of pain, deep uncertainties, and a sense of being forced to choose between bad options in response to this moment.

Rather than placing individuals under political banners that fit our preconceived notions, we have begun wondering if they might belong to subgroups struggling to find comfort across three dimensions of their Jewish identities: values, belonging, and trauma.

Continue reading [here...](#)



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.

Looking Forward

Our future strategy revolves around fostering a stronger and more inclusive community, driven by a comprehensive analysis of our congregation's landscape and needs. Beginning with a thorough SWOT analysis (*Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, Threats*) in 2020, Tom Polton identified five "megatrends" shaping our community: Geography; Technology; Diversity, Equity and Inclusion; Political and Economic Instability; and Leadership Dynamics.



From this analysis, our Strategic Planning Committee and Board have discerned our core strengths and ambitions, focusing on vibrancy, impact, and fiscal stability. This led to the delineation of core focus areas: deepening connections, broadening outreach, increasing impact, and supporting growth while maintaining fiscal prudence.

Implementation efforts included community listening sessions, targeted events for emerging leaders, and tracking programming to identify gaps. Notably, an Outreach Committee was formed to assess technology enhancements, pilot partnerships, and deliver remote programming to cater to diverse needs.

A dashboard with clear targets for 2027 was established, encompassing revenue, membership, youth engagement, inclusive programming, community service events, and outreach to young professionals and new leaders. Additionally, online membership revenue was earmarked for growth.

Many strategic initiatives are progressing well:

1. **Inclusive Programming:** establishing our programs for reconnecting with members and for reaching groups underserved with our existing programs.
2. **Leadership Development:** sponsoring social events to recruit members for leadership opportunities.
3. **Fundraising:** prioritizing our critical funding needs to ensure the financial stability of our congregation, improve our infrastructure and protect our safety.
4. **Outreach and Online Community:** improving recruiting, onboarding, and welcoming of potential and new members.

Our future strategy is rooted in understanding our congregation's dynamics, leveraging strengths, and addressing challenges to cultivate a vibrant, inclusive, and resilient community. Through a collaborative partnership between leadership and our membership we aim to realize our ambitions and ensure sustained growth and impact. Join us!

Excerpted from Cantor Brodsky's Installation speech



In this week's Torah portion, Parashat Tzav, God and Moses instruct Aaron and his sons on how to perform the duties of the *kohanim* (priests), particularly as they pertain to ritual sacrifices in the Temple. While, in truth, I don't find much in this portion to be compelling or relevant to Jewish life today, there is one verse that struck me – Leviticus 8: 33. It translates to: "Do not go outside of the tent of meeting for seven days...until the day that your installation is complete." Reading this line was all too perfect. What's more, the word that is used for installation of a priest, is "*melot*," which comes from the Hebrew root *mem, lamed, alef*, meaning *maleh*, full or complete. An installation is about completing your community with the addition of a new leader, finding and embracing the fullness of a fruitful partnership and loving relationship.

Over the past several months, as we prepared for this occasion, numerous people asked me, "What exactly is an installation?" In truth, I, myself, struggled to both understand and explain this unique ceremony. In many ways, an installation is like a wedding. For this reason, I included "Erev Shel Shoshanim" in the beginning of the service – a traditional song used at Jewish weddings. Each Shabbat, we rise and face the door as we metaphorically welcome the Sabbath bride. During an installation, however, the betrothed are the new clergy (in this case, me) and the congregation. This ceremony isn't just about welcoming me to the community; it's a celebration of *us* and our union. Just like a wedding, this is our opportunity to express to our family, friends, and the wider Jewish community why we have chosen to be in partnership with one another.

The clergy and congregation have a special relationship. While I am here to serve you, each of you provides me with something equally precious: the gift of friendship and community. So, while much of the evening has been focused on me, I want to pause and turn the attention to you. Thank you, from the bottom of my heart, Brian, Rebecca, Josh, Mindy, Sharon, Elyssa, the Board of Trustees, search committee, and congregants for giving me the opportunity to join East End Temple. This chapter of my life has already proven to be one of the most meaningful yet.





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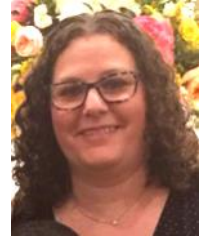
Quentin Wittes and Jonah Godinger, our June bet mitzvah celebrants.

Mazal Tov from your EET Community!

EDUCATION NEWS

Mindy Sherry, RJE

Backpack Buddies



Last year a small group of parents came to me and shared they wanted more social action programs to participate in as a family. East End Temple prides itself on rolling up our sleeves and doing the work, and this group of parents wanted to do just that. We had our first meeting and started working on creating this opportunity. We learned Temple Shaaray Tefila on the Upper East Side has a very successful program providing food for children who get breakfast and lunch at school but don't always have food for the weekend, and we began to investigate. The parents investigated, learned, and created, and we've now had two successful Backpack Buddies programs. Working in collaboration with the [Association to Benefit Children](#) (ABC), each bag we pack provides non-perishable items for students to create meals for themselves and their families for the weekend: the first program packed 36 bags and the second program packed 54 bags. We are hoping to do a third program, packing 72 bags.

I want to thank the group of parents who have been working on this all year – this would not have happened without you! Now, this is where the rest of you come in. We need your help to continue this program next year. It costs \$36 per bag we send to ABC, and there are several ways you can help. You can donate to the Sara Spencer Education Fund to help purchase the food for us to pack (please note "For Backpack Buddies" in the memo). You and/or your students can also help us pack bags at our next event. And, we need volunteers to help shop, set up and run the program for each packing event. If you have students who are bet mitzvah age and they are looking for a mitzvah project, this is a great opportunity!

As Margaret Mead said, "Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has." Through all their work, this group of parents and volunteers have truly changed the world for the better.

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.



Mazal Tov to Our Grads



A round of applause and a bit of kvelling permitted. Our heartfelt congratulations to our 2024 graduates

High School Grads:

- Lizzie Appelbaum
- Hannah Ciniglio
- Zoe Coren
- Sarah Diaz
- Charlie Ginsberg
- Kenneth Harkin
- Julia Hendler
- Julian Krauze
- Max Negbaur
- Allie Perlman
- Alice Rosenberg
- Noah Saivetz

College Grads:

- Danielle Feldman
- Ryder Golub
- Leyla Kramarsky
- Elliot Sadoff
- Madeleine Singer
- Sarah Rose Weiner
- Elliot Tufaro

Please join us on Friday, May 17 at 6:15pm for Shabbat services when our graduates will receive a communal blessing in their honor as they embark on new adventures in their lives.

Tot Shabbat / Shabbat B'Yachad

- **Shabbat B'Yachad (last one for the year):** Start with a pre-neg snack 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 – May 3
- **Tot Shabbat** – May 17
- **Graduation Shabbat** – May 17

Thank you for this submission to our Sisterhood Leadership Team member, Finance Lead and Past President Judith Lorber.



THE MEANING OF SISTERHOOD

“There is power in a community of women – in this community. Power when our voices come together. To hold each other up, even when we want to crumble, to heal one another, to share that inner strength. To create lasting change.”

-- First Lady Dr. Jill Biden

Our mission begins with the words, “The Sisterhood of East End Temple brings together women in all stages of life in friendship, leadership, and intellectual and spiritual growth. We listen to women’s voices and promote their interests, passions, ideas, and concerns.” As we listen, we build the power of community so eloquently stated by the First Lady.

Thank you for your membership and support of the Sisterhood of East End Temple; today we have 175 members. We form a friendship community, learning group, and are activists for women’s causes. Toward this end, our women’s monthly Rosh Chodesh discussions explore Biblical women through studying Torah and modern midrash in celebration of the new moon. The discussions are open to EET women and those in the community. Our Lilith Seder, for Sisterhood members and their women guests, joyously celebrates Passover from a women’s perspective. All of our other events are for everyone, such as Food For Families, the Helene Spring Library event, the Welcome Back Scavenger Hunt, monthly Getting To Know You Zoom programs, Sisterhood Shabbat, and more. All of these programs are created and led by the women of EET Sisterhood.

Our final event of the year, A Day of Mah Jongg, is on Sunday, May 5 from 10:30am-3:30pm. We invite you to play, schmooze, and eat to raise money for Sisterhood causes. There will be raffles and prizes throughout the day and a special prize for the game winner at day’s end. All levels of play and all genders are welcome. Click [here](#) to register; cost is \$36.

For more information about Sisterhood and all our upcoming programs, please see the [Sisterhood page of the EET website](#).

**The Sisterhood of East End Temple
Belong. Connect. Grow.**



The Sisterhood of East End Temple Presents



**A Day of Mah Jongg
Play, Prizes, Raffles, Cinco de Mayo Lunch**

Sunday, May 5 from 10:30am-3:30pm

All Levels and Genders Welcome

\$36 per person

Register [here](#)

FOOD FOR FAMILIES

By Celia Vimont



Our dedicated Food For Families volunteers made almost 10,000 meals this season to feed hungry New Yorkers. Each session, City Harvest picks up our meals (including two sandwiches, fresh fruit, raisins and a granola bar) and distributes them to a food pantry or shelter. Your donations to Food For Families through [Sisterhood](#) enable us to purchase food and supplies to make a thousand or more meals each session. We look forward to seeing you in the fall – dates for the 2024-25 season will be announced this summer.



JUDAICA SHOP

Fran Kolin

Now that Passover has passed over, do you feel the need to upgrade your seder plate, or is it time for a new haggadah? Now is the time to check out the lovely items available at the EET Sisterhood Judaica Shop. And while you’re there, pick up a selection of free yarn, and spend some warm spring and summer weather knitting or crocheting hats and scarves for New York's needy. Let's be ready when the cold weather comes back and the need arises. Come take a look, and shop The Shop.

More from your Sisterhood...

Our successful, well attended 20th annual Helene Spring Library Event was highlighted by noted author Jennifer Rosner, who spoke about her Jewish Book Award finalist novel, *Once We Were Home*. The audience was captivated by Jennifer's personal story and her impeccable research culminating in this exceptional novel that so adeptly addressed the moral dilemma of what is home, the question facing children "rescued" and "retrieved" after World War II. Guests lined up to purchase copies of the novel at our reception and had an opportunity to speak further with Jennifer as she signed their books. Everyone enjoyed the homemade dessert buffet, always an anticipated highlight of the event, in which all items are prepared by our Sisterhood bakers.



As summer approaches, do come into the library to browse and check out a book or two. We have a number of new additions in all genres, including the wonderful recently published books donated by our members during the Help Our Library Grow Initiative. Jennifer Rosner's earlier novel, *The Yellow Bird Sings*, another exceptional Jewish Book Award finalist and this month's temple book club pick, is also in our collection. Please be sure to fill out the card in the back of the book, place it in the card box, and be mindful of the three-week borrowing period.

LIBRARY BUZZ

Barbara Ringel



From left: Jennifer Rosner and Barbara Ringel

MEN'S CLUB

Patrick Roger-Gordon

Finishing the Year Strong!



The end of the year – at least the calendar we keep to plan events as a community – is coming up fast. Still, the EET Men's Club still has a lot happening, and we hope you will join us!

Some folks have let us know that they don't always have the details of our events. While we will continue to work on how we get the message out, we hope you will look to the EET Friends Facebook page and the EET [Men's Club](#) page, as well as the weekly email blasts, for info on our events – these are all very reliable sources! In particular, please save the date for our annual **Spring Family Picnic**, taking place Saturday, June 15 at 12:00pm. In addition to our events listed on the EET Community Page, we want you to know that we are still working on some exciting activities, including: a visit to the Jewish Heritage Museum, another of our (now famous) walking tours, and perhaps another Movie Lunch and another Game Night!

We look forward to seeing you as we finish this year stronger than ever!

BEET (Boomers of East End Temple) Dinner and Conversation – Friday, May 10 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!



BROTHERHOOD YOUTH FUND

Supports Jewish Experiences for Jewish Youth



Upon its dissolution in 2005, the (original) East End Temple Men's Club provided funding to make scholarship funds for our Jewish youth. In honor of the past members and officers who founded and served in the EET Men's Club and their dedication and commitment to Jewish experiences for Jewish youth, the EET Brotherhood Youth Group Fund was established, designated for scholarships for individual youth group members, based on family need, to support youth group activities.

Any young person interested in applying for support from this fund to attend a NFTY convention, participate in a leadership experience at a URJ Summer Camp, or any other such Jewish learning experience, should apply to one of East End Temple's co-presidents.

Evan Bell Believes He Is The Luckiest Guy in the World

Evan Bell was a Scarsdale boy and a 1968 bar mitzvah. Not strictly observant, his parents belonged to the Conservative synagogue Temple Israel Center of White Plains.

As grade school turned to college, Evan found a home at the University of Wisconsin, Madison. In 1978 he earned his Business Administration BS in accounting and finance, and went on to create BELL & CO, a CPA firm specializing in handling financial management for high net worth individuals.

Evan's girlfriend, Barb Prokash, hailed from Wisconsin. For Barb's first Shabbat dinner, Evan's mom held nothing back. From the Motzi blessing over the challah to her *kneidlach* soup with chicken, the Bells' family ways really hit home. Ten years later, under the supervision of a Reform rabbi, Barb converted to Judaism. In Barb's professional capacity, she was a physical therapist with her own practice.

In 1985, Barb and Evan were married. They felt the East Village culture to be a great fit and still reside there today.

Along with their daughters Monica (b. 1994) and Maxine (b. 1998), Evan and Barb rejoice in their multicultural heritage. As such, the family does the Jewish holidays in Manhattan with Evan's family and the Catholic holidays in Wisconsin with Barb's family.



From left: Barb, Evan, Maxine and Monica

When the girls turned school age with their *b'not mitzvah* just a few years away, shul shopping became the order of the day. And then in short order the Bell family got to experience EET's legendary warm welcome, first at the temple's 2004 High Holy Day services and then repeatedly from Rabbi David, Cantor Shira and an extremely engaging congregation. And then again with Rabbi Josh's executive leadership. For Evan, just running into his buddies from his years on the temple's Finance Committee is reason enough to count his blessings.



SH'MA SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE DOINGS...

by Hope Baker, Marcella Rosen, and Elizabeth Weisser

It's More Than A Warm Meal

Our Social Justice Committee work with refugee families at the Children's Workshop School (P.S. 361) has evolved into more than only providing a warm meal at our monthly community dinners. St. Luke In The Fields runs a Community Closet and generously supplied winter clothing, shoes, and boots to stock our own Community Closet. Imagine the children's smiles when given warm parka coats to get through the February cold! In March, the families went to the Tompkins Sq. Library, near school, for a tour. They enjoyed story and play time and registered for library cards. Afterwards, Eleven B Pizza Bar generously hosted a delicious pizza dinner with time to be together.

Earlier this month with Middle Church volunteers, EET members Andrea Vidars, Hope Baker, and Mark Levy helped accompany five families (nine adults/ten children) from the shelter where they lived for 60 days to a new shelter placement. NYC's 60-Day Rule requires migrant families to take all that they own and go to The Roosevelt Hotel to be 'reticketed' without the confidence they will be placed in a new shelter zoned for the same school their children currently attend. Teams flagged cabs in the rain

and wind, faced drivers who chose not to stop, provided the warmth of smiles, presence, food and drink, used Google Translate too many times, and waited and waited for the 'processing' to be completed. **The important news – all five families were relocated to a Manhattan shelter.** The children can continue to go to school at CWS!



In addition to our volunteers, appreciation goes to Gale Brewer's office (District 6 NYC City Council Member). When one family was assigned a Queens location, the Council Member's office interceded to enable a Manhattan placement. With the many obstacles placed in their way, 'our' families continue to show how much strength, determination, and patience is needed to build a better life here in NYC.

This work isn't possible without our EET Community. The volunteers. The organizers. And, those who donate to the Social Justice Fund. We are grateful.

MAZAL TOV AND CONGRATS TO

- ☺ Amy Brackett for being selected as the new Chair of the Investment Committee of the Reform Pension Board
- ☺ Derek Dorn who recently joined the Board of Trustees of the Reform Pension Board
- ☺ Cynthia and Ron Dubensky and family on the arrival of grandson Shai Harlow Scherline
- ☺ Celia and Greg Vimont on the marriage of their son Ben to Kait Wilson



SIMCHAT SHABBAT W/CANTOR OLIVIA BRODSKY

May 31 at 6:15pm

Join Cantor Olivia and the East 17th Street Band for a joyful musical Shabbat service followed by a light dinner. This will be our last Simchat Shabbat for the season.



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

- Carin Ehrenberg and family on the death of her father Charles Levine
- Harold Horowitz (and Susan Epstein) on the death of his brother Richard A. Horowitz
- Mike Scolnic and family on the death of his uncle Joseph Gautieri
- Kathleen Vestuto and family on the death of her cousin, Brittany Pearson Santillana

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



A big THANK YOU to Shaul and Sivan Shemesh for removing, transporting and installing our lectern before/after restoration.



CHEESECAKE

Fran Kolin



- 2 (8 oz.) bricks cream cheese, softened
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1/2 tsp. vanilla
- 2 eggs
- 1 graham cracker crust
- 3/4 cup mini semi-sweet chocolate chips, optional

Mix cream cheese, sugar and vanilla at medium speed with electric mixer until well blended. Add eggs and mix until blended. Pour into crust. Bake at 350° for 40 minutes or until center is almost set. Cool. Refrigerate 3 hours or overnight.

Optional: Stir in 1/2 cup mini chips into batter. Sprinkle with additional 1/3 cup chips before baking.

Beteavon!

 **livestream**

CAN'T GET TO EET SERVICE?

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 this critical service, please complete the donation form by checking the *Leonard & Helene Spring Mem. Fund* on pg. 10 or [online](#).

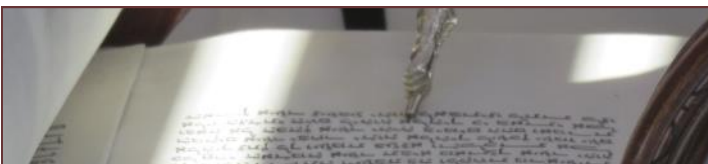
OUR JEWISH HOLIDAYS... excerpts taken from ReformJudaism.org



Yom Hazikaron & Yom HaAtzmaut (5/12-14): Since the establishment of the State of Israel in 1948, four new holidays have been added to the Jewish calendar – [Yom HaShoah](#) (Holocaust Remembrance Day), Yom HaZikaron (Memorial Day), Yom HaAtzmaut (Independence Day), and Yom Yerushalayim (Jerusalem Day, which celebrates the reunification of the city in 1967). In Israel, these days are observed as national holidays; around the world, they are observed in various ways by Jewish communities. Click [here](#) for more...



Lag BaOmer (5/25-26) is a minor, festive holiday that falls on the 33rd day of the seven-week period between [Pesach](#) and [Shavuot](#), a period of time known as the [Omer](#). (The numerical value of the Hebrew letter *lamed* is 30, and the value of *gimel* is 3; *lamed* and *gimel* together are pronounced “lahg.”) [Click here for more](#)



The festival of Shavuot (6/11-12) celebrates the giving of the Torah at Mount Sinai and encourages us to [embrace the Torah's teachings](#) and be inspired by the wisdom Jewish tradition has to offer. [Click here for more...](#)



[Tishah B'Av](#), (8/12-13) observed on the 9th (*tishah*) of the Hebrew month of Av, is a day of mourning the destruction of both ancient Temples in Jerusalem. Liberal Judaism never has assigned a central religious role to the ancient Temple, so mourning the destruction of the Temple may not be particularly meaningful to liberal Jews. In modern times, many Jews understand Tishah B'Av as a day to remember many tragedies that have befallen the Jewish people throughout history, and to reflect on the suffering that still occurs in our world. [Click here for more...](#)



Yom HaShoah, aka Holocaust Remembrance Day, occurs on the [27th of the Hebrew month of Nisan](#), (5/5-6). Shoah, which means “catastrophe” or “utter destruction” in Hebrew, refers to the atrocities that were committed against the Jewish people during World War II. This is a memorial day for those who died in the Shoah. The Shoah is also known as the Holocaust, from a Greek word meaning “sacrifice by fire.”

The Holocaust was the largest manifestation of antisemitism in recent history. Yom HaShoah reminds us of the horrors that Jews and other persecuted groups faced: forced labor, starvation, humiliation, and torture, which often resulted in death. It was a systematic effort to wipe out an entire population from the face of the earth.

Many commemorate Yom HaShoah by [lighting yellow candles](#) to keep alive the memories of the victims. Most synagogues and Jewish communities gather together to mark the day through worship, music and the stories from survivors.



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TEMPLE FUNDS

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

Stay tuned for information about publication of contributions and donations soon...

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, 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. |
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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

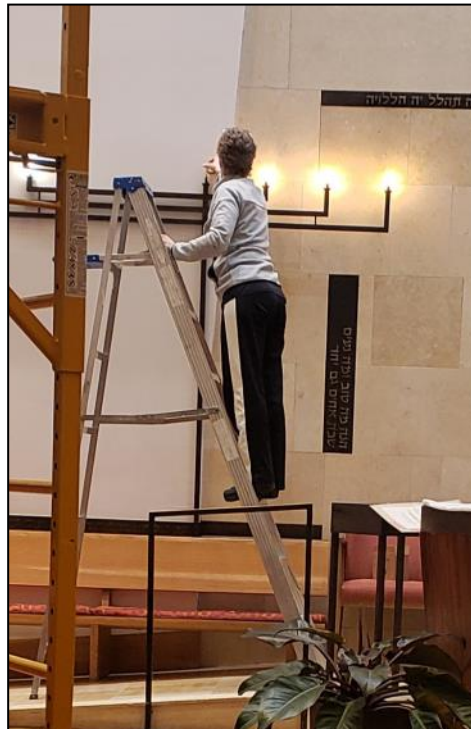
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Thank you Bobby Kolin and Patrick Roger-Gordon for building our scaffolding for replacing and cleaning our Minyan lights as well as cleaning the top of the Ark. And thank you Sharon Shemesh for getting on a really high and scary ladder for replacing and cleaning the Menorah and Ner Tamid lights.

Thank you to Fran Kolin for taking the pictures and laughing with us the whole time.