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#### Fridays, 6:15pm

- 5 – Shabbat Service w/Birthday Blessing
- 12 – Simchat Shabbat Service
- 12, 19 – Tot Shabbat, 5:45pm
- 19, 26 – Shabbat Service

#### Saturdays

- 6 – Boker Tov Shabbat, 10am (tots+parents)
- 6 – Shabbat Service/bar mitzvah of Elias Gordon, 11:15am
- 13 – Shabbat Service/bat mitzvah of Valerie Soloway, 10am
- 20 – Shabbat Service/bar mitzvah of Daniel Yanai, 10am

### NOVEMBER PROGRAMS

- 5, 12, 19 – Torah Study, 4:45pm
- 14 – Food For Families, 12:00 pm

### DECEMBER SERVICES

#### Fridays, 6:15pm

- 3 – Simchat Shabbat Service w/Birthday Blessing
- 10, 17, 24, 31 – Shabbat Service
- 10, 17 – Tot Shabbat, 5:45pm

#### Saturdays, 10am

- 4 – Shabbat Service/bar mitzvah of Alex Coren
- 4 – Boker Tov Shabbat, 10am (tots+parents)
- 11 – Shabbat Service/bar mitzvah of Daniel Godinger
- 18 – Shabbat Service/bar mitzvah of Nate Ginsberg

### DECEMBER PROGRAMS

- 3, 10, 17 – Torah study, 4:45pm
- 5 – Chanukah Family Prog. / Community Candle Lighting  
w/ Stuyvesant Park Neighborhood Association, 5:15pm
- 12 – Food For Families, 12:00 pm

## SIMCHAT SHABBAT

**FRIDAYS, 6:15 PM**  
**NOVEMBER 12 AND DECEMBER 3**

Can't wait to be with all of you once more in our sanctuary and online for our Friday Simchat Shabbat services!

Come and join Cantor Shira and our EET 17th Street Band and "Put a Little Simchat Back in Your Shabbat!"





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## Yahrzeit Memorial Candles Initiative



**Plaza Jewish Community Chapel** is now 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.

## CANTOR'S

Shira Ginsburg

**Hin'neni. Here I am.**

**It is long taught that Torah is so succinct a text,** not a single word is wasted, nor a single space between the words. The Talmud Yerushalmi describes the Torah as being black fire written on white fire, often interpreted to mean that the black fire, the letters of the Torah, are the written Torah and the white fire, the spaces between, are the oral Torah; or, as the mystics would explain, the white fire is the hidden meaning that lies beneath the text.



**So,** what do we learn when we see a word repeated in the Torah? On Rosh Hashanah we read the story of the binding of Isaac. In the text, just as Abraham is lifting his hand to sacrifice Isaac, we read the words: "Vayomer Avraham, Avraham. Vayomer: Hin'neni." "And an angel of God called to him from heaven and said, "Abraham! Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am."

**When a name is mentioned twice consecutively in the Torah,** there is a *psik ta'ama*, a cantillation note which requires the reader to pause between the first and second mention of the name. The sages teach us that this pause represents change. Abraham is transformed in the pause between the repetition. Perhaps the first time he hears the angel, but the second time he listens.

**I am certain that all of us have experienced** a monumental change, a drastic shift in our lives, and we can pinpoint the very moment that such a change occurred. One might point to the birth of a child, or the death of a loved one – the first inhalation of life, or the last exhalation – and suddenly our lives are changed forever. It is what comes next in the text that can help us navigate these critical moments in our lives: "Vayomer, Hin'neini." "Abraham says, here I am." In essence Abraham does not shy away from the seismic shift, he does not shrink from the fear of the moment; rather, he shows up, he allows that moment to be a call. He hears, he listens, and he acts.

**As each of us navigates this new pandemic world,** we are experiencing our own calls to action, some more intense and critical than others, but all offering an opportunity to show up rather than turn away. In this New Year I invite you to join me in asking: How will I hear? How will I listen? And how will I act? May we each be as brave as Abraham, willing to go to the places we do not know, willing to try something new, something terrifying with the belief that if we truly listen and show up, we will in fact arrive exactly to the place we should be.

## EAST END TEMPLE EVENTS

We are streaming content via Livestream and Facebook (some programs via Zoom). Check our [website https://eastendtemple.org/east-end-temple-everywhere/](https://eastendtemple.org/east-end-temple-everywhere/) for current listings. We look forward to staying connected and would welcome you to invite family, friends, and colleagues to join us as well. Instructions on how access all platforms is through the link above.

## FROM the Co-PRESIDENT

Brian Lifsec

### A Community Awake To Antisemitism

Have you ever been addressed, or should I say targeted, by an antisemite? I refer specifically to direct hostile and virulent hate, threats of terrorizing violence, messages from people absent humanity and seemingly present for a new Holocaust. Thankfully, for most of us, our experiences with racism is via the media and shared stories. With “Never Forget” as our mantra, we internalize these stories and bring them forward as reminders. We listen as Jews to these stories, painful to hear and heavy to carry, and say that we now know, remember and understand the threat. But do we and do we do enough?

Many in our community have parents or know someone that survived the Holocaust and who shared their stories of harrowing escape or losing loved ones to the Shoah. I’ve heard many; we all have. And because we live in a protected time and place, we mentally classify these stories as “Things To Worry About” and not “Fight Or Flight Threats.” We do this because our country makes us feel safe and imminent threats are all around us with hourly news about pandemics, global warming, constitutional crises, women’s rights and computer hacks (to name just a few). We do this because at EET, worrying about antisemitism motivated us to write an Emergency Manual, train our staff on protocols and ensure we invest in improved physical and cyber security. But what if we are wrong? What if fight or flight is necessary? What if something is closer than we think and we must deal with the threat or run to safety? Worry here would be wholly inadequate and even dangerous.

We are fortunate to be far removed from past pogroms driven by mobs or state police and protected by our government. But we cannot be complacent about our protection and think thoughtful worry is always adequate.

To that end, East End Temple is stepping up. We remain a Signature Synagogue of the Anti-Defamation League, having been part of a select founding cohort two years ago. We have been commended by cyber and physical security firms for our protective strategies, and community members attended the national “Never is Now” conference for the third year running (and second year virtually) as a means of learning how to combat hate and are bringing our trainings home. We have developed expanded and ongoing relationships with our local precinct, government and private enterprise to prepare and assist us when necessary.

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## FROM THE RABBI'S STUDY

Joshua M. Z. Stanton

### Fighting Antisemitism: Precipice of Rabbi Stanton's Rosh Hashanah Sermon

Dr. Deborah Lipstadt, America's Special Envoy to Monitor and Combat Antisemitism, quips that “an antisemite is someone who hates Jews more than is absolutely necessary.”

By this, she means that if a person is a scoundrel, cheat, or misanthrope, and they happen to be Jewish, you should not show them more disdain than an equally unpleasant person of another background.

If you single out their Jewish heritage and link it to what you dislike about them, it is antisemitic. If you draw upon that individual's behavior to generalize about all Jews, it is antisemitic. If you make negative assumptions about that person because of their presumptively Jewish garb, language, mannerisms, or physical features, it is antisemitic.

Now what are we to do about antisemitism when we hear it, see it, or see its presence in wider society?

First, we would benefit from focusing with precision upon antisemitic actions rather than antisemitic people. Representative Rashida Tlaib is holding Israel to a double-standard. Representative Matthew Gaetz is boosting the profile of a Holocaust-denier. Dr. Louis Farrakhan is reusing Nazi-era comparisons of Jews to bugs and rodents.

Labeling people antisemites, rather than critiquing their actions, forecloses the possibility of human change and can exacerbate the kind of political mudslinging that undermines the very notion of antisemitism.

Second, we need to recenter ourselves in the conversation. We must demand that individuals, groups, and especially leaders stop talking about us and start talking to us. When a leader makes a statement about a topic directly connected to Jews or Judaism, and we do not like what they say, we should immediately reach out and engage with them – or find a public forum to demand accountability.

This holds true on the college campus, where 41 percent of Jewish students fear for their physical safety due to a culture so rife with hatred for Israel that it spills over into overt hatred of individual Jews.

Click [here](#) to read the rest of Rabbi Stanton's sermon...



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**While much is being done**, we should all ask ourselves if there is more each of us can do. After all, the greatest force we can deploy is an engaged community, one in which everyone understands the threats and takes up the fight against antisemitism. In this sense, we are all Maccabees.

**Please mark your calendars for Tuesday, January 11 at 6:30pm**, for a conversation at East End Temple with leaders from the Anti-Defamation League on the growth of antisemitism online and what we can do about it. Much as we care for and advocate for other vulnerable communities, there must also be time to reequip ourselves to advocate for the Jewish community and tend to its needs.



**Todah Rabah and many thanks to all our EET members** who helped with our High Holy Day preparation and services: Torah and blessing readers, Hannah story-tellers, ushers, behind the scene-ers, and those who lent a helping hand wherever it was needed. Your giving of yourselves enhanced our services and made them successful.

**A shout-out special thank you to Ron Orland** who made sure our live broadcasting was smooth, **Don Sussman** for providing us with the beautiful bimah greens, and to **Jodi Malcom** for sponsoring the bimah flowers.

**Many thanks to the Men's Club** for building our Sukkah and for the **Bell Family** for once again providing our community with delicious chocolates for our Simchat Torah celebration.



**It has been 19 months** since the entire religious school community was in the building. In October we welcomed everyone back to the building. This year, the religious school is focusing on re-building our school community. We are welcoming back old friends and welcoming many new friends.



**To help us with community building**, we are using Jewish values. This is something Crane Lake Camp has been doing for years.) I have picked three Jewish values to start with to help us build a stronger, kinder community. The Jewish values we'll be focusing on are *Hakarat Hatov* (Gratitude), *Chesed* (Kindness), and *Savlanut* (Patience).

**During the first week of school**, we introduced these values to the entire school and discussed how students can demonstrate them in school, with friends, and at home. We created special wristbands for each value. When a teacher sees a student being kind, being patient, or showing gratitude, they will give the student a special bracelet to mark the moment. Once a month, students will be able to nominate a parent (or caregiver) for embodying one or more of these values. We will put all the nominations in a hat and draw a name to see who should get a bracelet of their own.

**I am excited to share** that already on the first week of school we gave out a few bracelets to students for demonstrating these values. We are on our way to building our grateful, kind, and patient community, and I hope the rest of the EET community will join the religious school in mastering *Hakarat Hatov* (Gratitude), *Chesed* (Kindness), and *Savlanut* (Patience).



### **Boker Tov Shabbat and Tot Shabbat**

#### **November:**

- Boker Tov (Good Morning!) Shabbat – Saturday, November 6 at 10:00am
- Tot Shabbats – Friday, November 12 & 19 at 5:45pm

#### **December:**

- Boker Tov (Good Morning!) Shabbat – Saturday, December 4 at 10:00am
- Tot Shabbats – Friday, December 10 & 17 at 5:45pm

**Save the Date for our Chanukah Family Program** on Sunday, December 5, from 3:00-5:00pm followed by a Community Candle Lighting in Stuyvesant Park.



## Creating Diverse Communities Through Our Programs

### The Sisterhood of East End Temple

is dedicated to creating diverse communities by listening to your needs and interests, and developing a variety of in-person and virtual programs. Here's how...



**We opened our hearts** and welcomed the new year in person on September 19 in Stuyvesant Square Park when twenty-five women in different stages of their lives shared what they are happy to let go of and what they welcome in the coming year, ending with a celebratory dance to the sweet saxophone music of Paul Shapiro.

**While we look for opportunities to gather in person**, some of our programs will continue on Zoom. Our first Stitch-A-Thon went virtual, with all who love to knit or crochet and make hats and scarves to help keep the needy warm. Two more sessions are scheduled over the coming year, which we hope will be in person. Our growing Mah Jongg community continues to play online as we make plans for in-person play as soon as we are able. And leaders of Sisterhood and Men's Club joined together to lead a provocative discussion on the role of their gender-based affinity groups in the temple community.

**Our monthly speaker series continues** on first Wednesdays at 1:00 pm, where we hear from some of our most talented EET members. In October, Jess Kent led us in a fascinating discussion about her experiences training political candidates and their families for a campaign.



On November 3, Sandy Greenberg, partner in the female-owned ad agency [Terri and Sandy](#), will share her journey from corporate employee to NYC entrepreneur.

And on December 1, Rachel Silverman, a professional genealogist,

will share tips and resources for exploring your past and building your family tree.



**Have a program idea** and are looking for a network of dynamic women to help implement? Check out our constantly updated [page on the East End Temple website](#). I would love to hear from you!

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



WOMEN OF REFORM JUDAISM  
stronger together

## LIBRARY BUZZ

Barbara Ringel

### Our 8th annual Help Our Library Grow Initiative is underway.



**The initiative enables us** to add well-reviewed new titles to our collection. We are grateful to the many members whose generous donations have enriched our collection in the past, and we hope this tradition will continue. We are enthusiastic about the new list of books being offered, and as Chanukah is just around the corner, it's a wonderful opportunity to donate a book in someone's honor or memory. Every donated book will have a bookplate with donor's name, and in honor of/in memory of, inscribed on the bookplate. Please see the complete list of titles, author, price, and [donation form](#) with payment instructions. All books are on display in the library. A list is also posted on the temple's bulletin board downstairs.

Thank you in advance for your generosity,



## FOOD FOR FAMILIES

By Celia Vimont



**We are excited to announce that Food For Families will resume in person on November 14.** We look forward to getting together to help feed hungry New Yorkers.

Advance sign-up will be required (look for the link in the Eblast). All participants must be age 12 or older and must observe COVID safety rules, including:

- wearing masks and maintaining appropriate distancing;
- showing proof of vaccination;
- submitting our Health Form on the day of the event.

**Each participant should bring five loaves of bread and 16 pieces of fruit** (preferably apples or oranges), and wear a hat to comply with Department of Health regulations. For the first session, we'll be making sandwiches to donate along with fruit to City Harvest to feed hungry New Yorkers.

**We are grateful to the NYU Community Fund** for awarding Food For Families a grant of \$2000 this year.

**Future dates for Food For Families are Dec. 12, January 9, February 6, March 6 and April 3.**

## Beth Gerson Does What She Loves and Loves What She Does

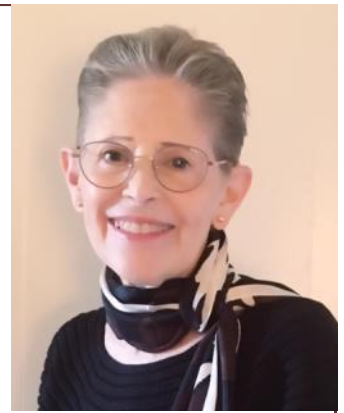
**With family and teachers as her role models,** Beth always knew she wanted to do her part to make the world a better place. As a teenager in Indianapolis, she joined with friends in the Jewish community to meet local needs and support the State of Israel. A particular event stands out from June of 1967 as news of a Middle East crisis came over the airways and Beth, all the more, stood tall with Israel.

**Beth moved to New York in 1969.** She earned a B.A. in English from Queens College, a M.Ed. from William Paterson University, and a Ph.D. in Language, Literacy and Learning from Fordham University. She worked for many years as a teacher, reading specialist and administrator in the New Jersey public schools and an adjunct professor in the Graduate School of Education at Fordham University.

**All the while Beth makes time to volunteer.** As a new member of the National Council of Jewish Women, Beth tutored a family that had emigrated from the USSR. Currently, Beth is a gallery educator at the Museum of Jewish Heritage – a Living Memorial to the Holocaust. It is

a position she has looked forward to since learning years ago – while visiting the museum – that her husband's parents fled Nazi Germany as newlyweds. Earlier this year, Beth and her husband, David Isaak, published two books that record the family story.

**The Writing Workshop** at East End Temple is an activity of particular joy. The workshop welcomes members and friends of Sisterhood. Beth facilitates the process of crafting memories into stories and poems to be passed down from one generation to the next. Beth and David look forward to passing down their own stories, dreams and hopes for the future to their daughters and grandchildren.



Beth Gerson

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



## EET Gets Active

**On Saturday, October 2,** two days before the Supreme Court reconvened, the EET Social Justice Committee invited all EET members to march together for abortion justice, joining rallies in every single state across the country. We joined thousands of New Yorkers who marched from Foley Square to Washington Square Park to show solidarity for the people of Texas and have our voices heard.



10/2/21 Reproductive Rights marchers: Mark Levy, Larry Schneider, Joan Beranbaum, Alisa Brot, and Nancy Schneider. (women in the back names unknown)

**EET's Social Justice Committee** has been busy in its pursuit of Tikkun Olam. EET volunteers were happy to furnish the new home of an Afghan family of 4 in Queens, through the organization Ruth's Refuge. The children were especially excited about their new beds with Star Wars sheets, and worked side-by-side with our volunteers to set up the beds and place all the other items in their new home. It was a joy to adopt this apartment set-up: supplying a volunteer team, truck, and wishlist items for the family. The next apartment set up is November 14 and volunteer lifters are needed. Monetary donations for the cause can be made to the Rabbi's Discretionary Fund. Our goal is to adopt an apartment set-up on a monthly basis.

Please join EET for future apartment set-ups and actions!



**Ruth's Refuge** volunteers from left: Marc Block, Molly Harris, Joy Newman, Charlie Blank, Jenn Rozany, Mark Levy, and Peter Gordon.



## CONGRATULATIONS TO

**Alex Coren, Nate Ginsberg, Daniel Godinger, Elias Gordon, Valerie Soloway, and Daniel Yanai, our November and December b'nei mitzvah celebrants.**

**Mazal tov from your EET Community.**

## MAZAL TOV and CONGRATS TO EET members on recent life simchas...

Congratulations to Linda Hetzer and Michael Ginsburg on the birth of their grandson, Owen

## DEEPEST CONDOLENCES TO

- Cantor Shira Ginsburg on the death of her grandmother, Judith (Bubby) Ginsburg
- Peter, Lindsey and Austin Tipograph and Ruth O'Connell on the death of Peter's father, Norman Tipograph.

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



## MEN'S CLUB

Marc Jonas Block

**New York City is coming back**, slowly but surely. Broadway reopened. Indoor dining at restaurants. Subways filling up. FDR and BQE traffic.

**As the city opens up**, so too is EET Men's Club. We have started our monthly in-person meetings and card games, held our annual Sukkah Building event, and are planning further in-person activities for all.

If you have any idea or concerns, or want to propose new topics for events, please contact [me](#).



## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS



- Brooke Alexander
- Juan Arango-Calderon
- Jennifer and John Carey
- Jennifer and Sean Cohan and Makenna
- Stephanie Cuba, Rebecca and Sarah
- Ann and Annabelle Dexter-Jones
- Lirone and Rob Farber, Emmy, Shane and Shai
- Michael and Whitney Fine, Blakely and Riley
- Jennifer Friedberg and Brian Hiatt and Hannah
- Jessica Glick and Rachel Gould and Zenyn
- David Goldstein and Jessica Davis, Aviva and Hannah
- Seth Gottlieb and Ali Franco
- Erin and Brian Hamburger, Leo and Eva
- Alan and Melissa Helman, Levi and Dani
- Karen Hiensch and Eyal Megged and Eli
- Zachary Iscol and Meredith Meling, India, Wolf and Emerson
- Ellison Kandler and Julie Hartman
- Julie Polifka Kantor
- Elyse Marcus and Hailey
- Aron and Amy Mednick, Joshua and Samuel
- Jessica and Adam Moskowitz, Max and Mia
- Cortney Nathanson and Kamran Khan, Caleb and Kieran
- Mark Ronson and Grace Gummer
- Myriah Rosengarten and Michael Berengarten, Neve and Jack
- Jeffrey Rotenberg and Melissa Feldsher, Dylan and Sydney
- Abigail and Michael Rubin, Eleanor and Benjamin
- Elizabeth Schwartz, Hugo and Henry
- Mark Sherman and Ellen Lubin-Sherman
- Alana Sivin
- Morgan Spindler
- Jon Stross and Alison Wong and Annabelle
- Michael Vinocur and Gilda Galiano-Vinocur, Alexander, Luca and Max
- Dina Weintraub and Michelle Fraticelli, Samuel and Julia
- Sara and Bradley Werner, Elijah and Jonah
- Karine and Jason Wittes, Quentin and Reuben
- Laura and Matt Zito, Evan and Maya





## OUR TEMPLE COMMUNITY

### JUDAICA SHOP

Fran Kolin

Chanukah begins Sunday night, November 28!  
The Judaica Shop is stocked with Chanukiot (*Chanukah Menorahs*), candles, dreidels, and more.

Come take a look and shop The Shop.

### LAST CALL FOR 2021 CONTRIBUTIONS!

**December is a great month to take advantage of tax-deductible contribution opportunities.**

Your gift will benefit EET by providing support for services, educational and social action programs.

Contributions may be made by credit card [online](#) or by check payable to East End Temple.

Credit card payments made and checks dated and postmarked by December 31 are tax-deductible for 2021 to the extent allowed by law.

### Get Ten Minutes of Torah a day

Visit [ReformJudaism.org/Ten](https://reformjudaism.org/Ten) to subscribe.

<https://reformjudaism.org/tags/ten-minutes-torah>

[ReformJudaism.org](https://reformjudaism.org)

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



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.



Nancy and Larry Schneider

*"East End Temple has been an important part of our lives for almost 45 years. We want to make certain it is there for everyone to love and experience as we have. Our commitment to the EET Legacy Circle will help ensure that the temple will be around for those who will walk in our steps." – Nancy and Larry Schneider*

**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*





## OUR TEMPLE COMMUNITY

### DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION AT EAST END TEMPLE

By Elizabeth Weisser

**For four weeks this past summer**, members of East End Temple joined other congregations to participate in the Union of Reform Judaism's Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Community Training (URJ DEI). The goal of this training is to ensure we individually and collectively continue to strive to create a temple environment that allows us to learn from and embrace our diversity, and that individuals with diverse backgrounds feel included in congregational life. Ultimately this equity allows every one of us to experience a stronger sense of community when involved in temple activities. We begin to feel like we really belong at East End Temple.

**Diversity can have different meanings** to different people (or groups). Often it is used in reference to race, ethnicity, and gender. A broader definition would include age, national origin, religion, sexual orientation, socioeconomic status, education, marital status, language, and physical appearance. We also have diversity of thought, ideas, perspectives, and values. Is EET a diverse community? We are Jews by birth, we are Jews by choice, we aren't Jewish. We are single, partners, married, divorced, and widowed. We are Black, Latinx, Asian, White, and multiracial. We come from many different countries – some recently and some more than a century

ago. Some of our families have been in New York for multiple generations, and some of us are the first generation here. Thinking of our congregation as coming solely from Ashkenazic backgrounds does our community a disservice by ignoring an entire portion of our community.

**When we actively and intentionally engage** with diversity in the development of our programming and activities, we are being inclusive. The URJ DEI workshops brought to light how much of our everyday language can exclude (often unintentionally) different backgrounds, genders, abilities, and even entire groups of people. We learned that the intent of our words can have a very different impact on the person hearing them.

**As a single woman**, I am often asked a version of “are you here with your husband?” While this question is intended to get to know more about the person, it makes assumptions about marital status and sexual orientation. Many women report, just after they are married, being asked “when are you having babies?,” assuming that the couple intend to have children now that they are married. People of color report they are frequently asked in synagogues, “who are you here with? or “so, how are you Jewish?” While the questions are intended to be welcoming, the communicated impact is that this person is different and must explain their Jewish identity. Consider starting the conversation with a smile, a warm welcome, and using more inclusive language. These small changes below can make a big difference:

Language that Assumes	Inclusive Language
Men and Women	People, Staff, Members
Boys and Girls	Young People, Children
Mothers and Fathers	Parents
Husband and Wife	Spouse, Partner
Ladies and Gentlemen	All, Everyone
She/He	They

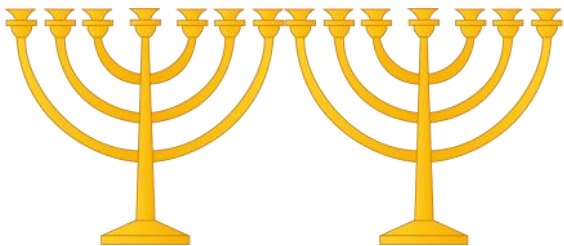
**When we intentionally and proactively** use inclusive language, it reflects an openness towards each of our differences and creates an interaction that can be both safe and more welcoming. Consider adding to your Zoom name your preferred pronouns so that others can feel comfortable sharing their pronouns.

**Our goal is to continue creating a place** that is even more welcoming and personally safer than the EET we already know: a place where ALL people feel a sense of belonging, value, connection, meaning, and understanding. If you would like to help organize these efforts, or would like to participate in the URJ DEI trainings this fall, please reach out to [Rebecca Shore](#).





**Chanukah Origins:** Chanukah, (Nov 28-Dec 06) one of the most widely observed Jewish holidays, is a festive eight-day celebration that for many people falls during the darkest, coldest season of the year. Also called the Festival of Lights, the holiday brings light, joy, and warmth to our homes and communities as we celebrate with candles, food, family, and friends. Light comes literally, with the lighting of an additional candle each day, and metaphorically, through a newer emphasis on charitable donations and a commitment to [tikkun olam](#) during the holiday. Hanukkah (alternately spelled Chanukah), meaning "dedication" in Hebrew, commemorates the victory of a small group of Jewish rebels (led by Judah Maccabee and his brothers, collectively known as "the [Maccabees](#)") over the armies of Syria in 165 B.C.E. and the subsequent liberation and "rededication" of the Temple in Jerusalem. Modern celebrations of Chanukah focus on family and friends and include the lighting of the Chanukah [menorah](#) (also called a [chanukiyah](#)); singing and playing special songs and games ([dreidel](#)); and eating foods prepared in oil including [latkes](#), [sufganiyot](#), [bimuelos](#) (fried dough puffs) and [keftes de prasas](#) (leek patties).



## LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

By Florence Peloquin



### The Kitchen at 124 Ocean View Avenue

**Everyone would think what a great cook** my mother was. She may have been an admired Hadassah leader and a clever business woman – but she never lit the oven. She did not own a cookbook or thought she needed one. Author Wendy Wasserstein wrote that her mother frequently kept an onion boiling on the stove so that when relatives came, they would think what a great cook she was.

**We couldn't afford loin lambchops** so tough shoulder chops, usually over fried, were an occasional meat treat. Meatballs didn't taste too bad under the Heinz tomato sauce.

**In my childhood home in Brighton Beach** – a yellow stucco house two blocks from the ocean – the declining kitchen pecking order was: my mother, my grandmother and my Aunt Sadie (later Sylvia). The women argued (mostly in Yiddish) over the cooking. Once the pots were on the stove, they went back to other domestic subjects in modulated tones – like arguments over the electric bill.

**The baking results were even worse.** We didn't have an electric mixer so frequently a chocolate cake had small clumps of white flour here and there. The heart-shaped cookies tasted like airy pieces of sweetened dough colored tan and sprinkled with sugar. Red jello in little glass cups were frequently topped with blackening slices of banana and a frequent dessert, followed often by something canned that Dole called cling peaches.

**What was really great, however?** Chopped liver, generously loaded with home-rendered chicken fat (schmaltz) rated four stars. And to this day, nobody (2nd Ave. Deli or Zabar's included) makes chopped liver like my Bubby did.



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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 Spring Memorial Fund

dedicated to supporting our Livestream, Zoom and Facebook Live services and unfunded temple projects.

### 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.

### Naming Opportunities *(contact the office)*

Memorial Board Plaque; Simcha Tree Leaf

## 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 ALSO ACCESSIBLE VIA OUR WEBSITE** *(unless otherwise noted)*, at <https://eastendtemple.org/contribute/>

For next publication of contribution listing, please have your messages and payments sent to us by December 10.

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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 to East End Temple, 245 East 17th Street NYC 10003. All contributions are per listing and your canceled check is your receipt. Email or call the temple office at [info@eastendtemple.org](mailto:info@eastendtemple.org), 212.477.6444 for further information.

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For the following gift opportunities, please contact the EET office via phone or email:

Floral \$75, Kehila min. \$5,000, Memorial Board Plaque \$720 each, Oneg \$400/\$250, Simcha Tree Leaf \$234 each

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






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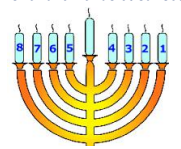




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~ November 2021 ~

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<b>1</b>	<b>2 Election Day</b>  No Religious School	<b>3</b> 1p Sisterhood First Wed. Speaker Series (Zoom) No Religious School	<b>4</b> No Religious School	<b>5</b> 4:45p Torah study 6:15p Shabbat services w/Birthday Blessing	<b>6</b> 10a Boker Tov Shabbat 11:15a Shabbat services and bar mitzvah of Elias Gordon 
<b>7</b> 	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> 4p RS grade 6 & 7 5:45p Teens grds 8-12	<b>10</b> 4p RS grades 4 & 5 6:30p Sisterhood BOT mtng.	<b>11 Veterans' Day</b> 12p BELL (Zoom) 4p RS grades 2 & 3 4p RS grades pre K, K, 1	<b>12</b> 4:45p Torah study 5:45 Tot Shabbat 6:15p Simchat Shabbat	<b>13</b> 10a Shabbat services and bat mitzvah of Valerie Soloway 
<b>14</b> 12p Food For Families  	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> 4p RS grade 6 & 7 5:45p Teens grds 8-12	<b>17</b> 4p RS grades 4 & 5 6:30p EET BOT mtng.	<b>18</b> 4p RS grades 2 & 3 4p RS grades pre K, K, 1	<b>19</b> 4:45p Torah study 5:45 Tot Shabbat 6:15p Shabbat services	<b>20</b> 10a Shabbat services and bar mitzvah of Daniel Yanai 
<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> No Religious School	<b>24</b> No Religious School	<b>25 Thanksgiving Day</b> No Religious School office closed	<b>26</b> 6:15p Shabbat Services office closed	<b>27</b> 
<b>28 Chanukah - night 1</b>	<b>29 Chanukah - night 2</b>	<b>30 Chanukah - night 3</b> 4p RS grade 6 & 7 5:45p Teens grds 8-12				

~ December 2021 ~

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			<b>1 Chanukah - night 4</b> 1p Sisterhood First Wed. Speaker Series (Zoom) 4p RS grades 4 & 5	<b>2 Chanukah - night 5</b> 4p RS grades 2 & 3 4p RS grades pre K, K, 1	<b>3 Chanukah - night 6</b> 4:45p Torah study 6:15p Simchat Shabbat w/Birthday Blessing	<b>4 Chanukah - night 7</b> 10a Boker Tov Shabbat 10a Shabbat services and bar mitzvah of Alex Coren 
<b>5 Chanukah - night 8</b> 3p Chanukah Family Program 5:15p Community Candle Lighting with SPNA	<b>6 Chanukah ends at sunset</b> 	<b>7</b> 4p RS grade 6 & 7 5:45p Teens grds 8-12	<b>8</b> 4p RS grades 4 & 5 a	<b>9</b> 12p BELL (Zoom) 4p RS grades 2 & 3 4p RS grades pre K, K, 1	<b>10</b> 4:45p Torah study 5:45 Tot Shabbat 6:15p Shabbat services	<b>11</b> 10a Shabbat services and bar mitzvah of Daniel Godinger 
<b>12</b> 12p Food For Families  	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> 4p RS grade 6 & 7 5:45p Teens grds 8-12	<b>15</b> 4p RS grades 4 & 5 6:30p BOT meeting	<b>16</b> 4p RS grades 2 & 3 4p RS grades pre K, K, 1	<b>17</b> 4:45p Torah study 5:45 Tot Shabbat 6:15p Shabbat services	<b>18</b> 10a Shabbat services and bar mitzvah of Nate Ginsberg 
<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21 Winter Solstice</b>  Winter Break – No Religious School	<b>22</b>  Winter Break – No Religious School	<b>23</b>  Winter Break – No Religious School	<b>24</b> 6:15p Shabbat services	<b>25 Christmas</b>
<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>  Winter Break – No Religious School	<b>29</b>  Winter Break – No Religious School	<b>30</b>  Winter Break – No Religious School	<b>31</b> 6:15p Shabbat services Office closed	