



Templet Online

September-October High Holy Days & Sukkot

SEP./OCT. 2023 - ELUL/TISHREI 5783-84



SEPTEMBER SERVICES

Fridays, 6:15pm

- 1 – Shabbat Service w/Birthday Blessing ([Zoom](#))
- 8, 22, 29 – Shabbat Service

Saturday

- 30 – B'nei mitzvah of Rex Perlman

SEPTEMBER PROGRAMS

- 10 – Sisterhood Scavenger Hunt, 11am ([RSVP](#))
- 27 – Men's Club Sukkah building, 5pm

OCTOBER SERVICES

Fridays, 6:15pm

- 6 – Shabbat Service w/Birthday Blessing

Sukkot Yizkor, 10am

- 13, 20 – Shabbat Service

27 – Simchat Shabbat – Celebration of Helene Spring

Saturday

- 7 – B'nei mitzvah of Brooke Pederson
- 14 – B'nei mitzvah of Eliana Bricker

OCTOBER PROGRAMS

- 1 – Sukkot Family Program, 3pm, with Schmooze & Booze sponsored by Men's Club
- 3, 4, 5 – First Days of Religious School, 4pm
- 8 – Men's Club Family Picnic, 12pm
- 13, 20, 27 – Tot Shabbat, 5:30pm
- 13 – BEET Potluck Dinner ([RSVP](#)), 7:30pm
- 15 – Food For Families, 12pm
- 22 – Men's Club Greenwich Village Tour, 11am

EAST END TEMPLE HIGH HOLY DAY SCHEDULE OF SERVICES 5784

Click [here](#) for the full schedule and all streaming links
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SELICHOT @ EET

Saturday, September 9 ([RSVP](#))

- Potluck dinner, 5:30pm
- Service and Havdalah, 6:15pm

ROSH HASHANAH @ HUC (in person & HowLive)

Friday, September 15, Rosh Hashanah evening, 7:30pm

Saturday, September 16, Rosh Hashanah

- Young Family service at 9:00am (led by [Tkiya](#)) ([RSVP](#))
- Rosh Hashanah morning service at 10:00am
- Grades PreK-8th program, 10am-1pm ([RSVP](#))
- Family service at 2:00pm (led by EET clergy) ([RSVP](#))
- Tashlich & Shofar blowing at 4:00pm (Stuyvesant Cove @ 20th St.)

YOM KIPPUR @ HUC (in person & HowLive)

Sunday, September 24, Kol Nidrei, 7:30pm

Monday, September 25, Yom Kippur

- Young Family service at 9:00am (led by [Tkiya](#)) ([RSVP](#))
- Yom Kippur morning service at 10:00am
- Grades PreK-8th program, 10am-1pm ([RSVP](#))
- Yizkor at 12:45pm
- Family service at 2:00pm (led by EET clergy) ([RSVP](#))
- Teen program (9th-12th grade), 2pm ([RSVP to Mindy](#))
- Adult study session with Rabbi Josh at 3:00pm ([Zoom](#))
- Afternoon service, Neilah & Havdalah at 4:30pm followed by break-the-fast

SUKKOT FESTIVAL @ EET

Friday, Sept. 29, Erev Sukkot Service, 6:15pm

Tuesday, October 3, Shake & Shake, 8:30am

SIMCHAT TORAH @ EET

Thursday, October 5,

- Pizza, 5:30pm ([RSVP](#))
- Torah "unrolling," 6pm
- Dancing in the Street, 6:30pm

Friday, October 6, Sukkot Yizkor, 10am





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FROM the CO-PRESIDENT

Brian Lifsec

Making the World a Better Place



By now, many of you have already seen the Community Commitment email from me and Rebecca and might be considering what is the most appropriate level for your financial contribution to East End Temple. Therefore, it is most timely that I write to reiterate to you the numerous reasons that inspire us to give back to our beloved community. Supporting our Reform temple is not only a matter of sustaining a religious institution, but it is also an expression of commitment to the core values and communal principles that guide our Jewish beliefs.

A Community Commitment gives us each the opportunity to help fulfill the Jewish principle of *Tikkun Olam*; we take responsibility for how much to invest in the repair and improvement of our community, the Jewish community, and the world at large. Through the Community Commitment, we consider just how much financial value we place on investing in social justice initiatives, especially those that advocate for equality, inclusivity, and humanitarian causes. By supporting these efforts financially, our congregants actively participate in the pursuit of a better society, aligning our contributions with our actions and beliefs.

Our contributions also play a pivotal role in maintaining the vibrant and engaging spiritual environment at East End Temple. Our synagogue provides a space for congregants to connect with their heritage, engage in meaningful worship, promote Jewish education, and foster a sense of community and belonging. Our donations enable the temple to organize religious services, educational programs, and community events that deepen our spiritual experiences and facilitate our intellectual growth.

Recently, we restructured our synagogue dues and, rather than specifying a required amount, chose instead to be a community that allows its members to voluntarily and independently decide how much to contribute. Supporting the temple is no longer a straightforward financial membership fee; it is a personal decision as to how much each of us will give, according to our ability, to sustain a strong and supportive community, to cultivate our values, and to preserve our Jewish heritage through practice and education.

Your decision to make generous contributions to East End Temple will play an integral role in ensuring our continued impact and relevance within the Reform movement and the New York Jewish community. Through the system of voluntary dues, we demonstrate our compassion, support, and generosity, serving as a positive example for other communities. Through our financial contributions, we can invest in a community that is real, responsive, and responsible. Thank you, fellow congregants, for leading the way, for helping to build a community that we are all proud of and a Jewish community that can flourish for generations to come.

thank you



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.

ELUL AND THE EPIDEMIC OF LONELINESS

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

The month of Elul ascended in the Jewish calendar on the evening of August 16. It marks the beginning of a period of reflection and introspection and the preamble to the High Holy Days. For many American Jews, this month goes unmarked. This year, we should take it more seriously as an opportunity to address one of society's most endemic problems: loneliness.

According to the United States Surgeon General, Dr. Vivek H. Murthy, Americans are suffering from an "[Epidemic of Loneliness and Isolation](#)" with profound health consequences: "The mortality impact of being socially disconnected is similar to that caused by smoking up to 15 cigarettes a day, and even greater than that associated with obesity and physical inactivity."

Millions of people are quite literally dying of loneliness. But, as documented by Rabbi Elan Babchuck and Prof. Wendy Cage in their compelling piece for the *Boston Globe*, [religious communities can be part of the solution](#) and have not adequately been engaged in the process of bringing people out of isolation. If the essence of religious community is deep relationships forged in pursuit of a higher purpose, then surely there is more that we can do.

For the American Jewish community, Elul is a key opportunity. And, as it turns out, many of the Surgeon General's recommendations for increasing social connection and well-being map directly onto our spiritual practices. These include [reconnecting, focusing, serving others, and seeking help](#).

First, reconnecting. After breaking our usual cadence for the year to enjoy the warmth of summer, Elul calls us home. We rejoice for soulful melodies that remind us of *t'shuvah*, the process of return. We literally return to each other, whether we have been in community all of our lives or return to the notion of community itself. It is in the context of these community relationships that we return to ourselves and can realize our highest potential.

Second, focusing – or, more precisely, eliminating distractions. It appears that our technology creates social and emotional distance. Prayer, reflection, and spiritual accounting require our focus. They provide an opportunity to reconsider how we use our technology – and to make sure that it is not using us. Introspection is a lost art that our tradition calls us to renew.

Third, serving others. Our community, like many around the country, reaches beyond its walls to serve others. We are holding special volunteer opportunities to feed the

hungry and put our hands and hearts to use in service to others. In turning outwards, we open our hearts, compassionately encounter the pain of others, and raise our own spirits by raising those of others.

Fourth, seeking help. Elul renews the process of spiritual accounting in which we all call out for help. Help in changing and bettering ourselves. Help in finding connection. Help in using whatever time we have for good. Help from friends – and help from mental health professionals. This month normalizes reaching out for help and giving voice to our pain when we are not okay.

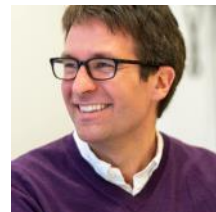
New friendships and relationships

Our sages suggest that Elul is an acrostic – representing the quote from the Song of Songs, *ani l'dodi v'dodi li*, I am my beloved's and my beloved is mine. Its core message is one of love. Many interpret this to be about love and relationship with God – or love in a romantic sense. Yet it is platonic love on which we would do well to focus this year in community.

The first step towards bringing each other out of isolation is opening to new friendships and relationships and creating social spaces that put them first. Much as prayer and ritual can elevate this time, we must complement them with opportunities for people to break bread, share space, and make time holy through relationship.

We would also do well to continue taking down financial, social, and emotional barriers to people who desperately need community. Our own community does so through a [voluntary dues](#) structure that eliminates money as a financial barrier. We work actively to make sure that people of different ages, needs, and abilities can join meaningfully in our communal experiences – notably in providing [multi-generational family services](#). But we also take this holy month to do a spiritual accounting of all the people we have not yet reached and do not yet serve adequately.

To be sure, there is much work to be done to bring ourselves and each other out of the epidemic of loneliness. May we do so together in community this year.



FROM THE CO-CLERGY STUDIES

by Cantor Olivia Brodsky and Rabbi Joshua Stanton

History of the Kol Nidrei Appeal

In October 1916, [Rabbi Joseph Silverman of Temple Emanu-El](#) in the City of New York offered an appeal on the eve of Yom Kippur “to aid Jewish sufferers” amid the travails of World War I. The response he received was so significant in support of Jews around the world, that other organizations and communities immediately followed suit. They did so in support of the modern State of Israel, resettling refugees, and synagogue infrastructure.

More important than how the Kol Nidrei Appeal began is why it has had such an impact. On Kol Nidrei, we stand and look into the *aron* – which means both holy ark and casket. We may don white or forego fine clothing to show humility. Many will not eat or drink after Kol Nidrei ascends. It is, according to Rabbi Lawrence Hoffman, as though we are attending our own funerals. We encounter fully the good that we have done, as well as that which we would want to change while we still have time. Then we emerge the following evening to life renewed; a second chance filled with possibility.

The Kol Nidrei appeal adds to the emotional cadence of Yom Kippur in a beautiful way. It is not, as some fear, intended to imbue even the holiest night of the year with a sense of materialism. Rather, it enables us to do good in our community so that it can be part of our living legacies – legacies which we behold and enjoy while we are still alive. Much as we might donate in memory of one who has passed, we give out of a love for each other and ourselves on an evening that we conceive of as our own, collective funeral.

We, too, give so that our community may live and thrive, whatever may transpire in the year ahead. We do so because of our faith in East End Temple’s future and because it embodies our values and aspirations. Our gifts are a token of gratitude for our lives. May we feel called to give out of love for each other and our lives, as we approach this sacred evening.

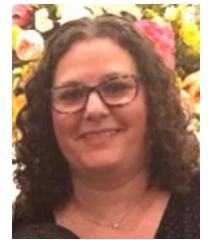


If you would like to support this year’s Kol Nidrei Appeal, [click here](#).

EDUCATION NEWS

Mindy Sherry, RJE

Hello all! I am looking forward to:



First Days of Religious School in person

- Tuesday, Oct. 3 – 6th grade & all Teens
- Wednesday, Oct. 4 – 4th & 5th Grade
- Thursday, Oct. 5 – Pre-K — 3rd Grade

High Holy Day Services

Family Services for Rosh Hashanah (Saturday, Sept. 16) and for Yom Kippur (Monday, Sept. 25) will be offered in person and online ([you can RSVP here](#)):

-- Young Family Service (ages birth-5) 9am

For tots and children up to age 5, join us for a lively yet intimate service conducted in a sing-along format, led by [Tkiya](#). Children and their parents will come together to celebrate the holidays with songs, prayers, and stories.

-- Family Service (ages 6-11) 2pm

A fun and engaging service geared towards families with children ages 6-11, led by Rabbi Josh Stanton and Cantor Olivia Brodsky. The experience is much like a regular service, with many of the traditional prayers. An excellent opportunity to allow young children to actively participate in a real High Holy Day service that is both age appropriate and very meaningful.

Sukkot, Sunday October 1

Sukkot Family Program from 3-5pm. Join us for pizza in the hut and other fun fall activities ([RSVP here](#))

Simchat Torah , Thursday October 5

Pizza dinner at 5:30pm ([RSVP for dinner](#))

Unrolling the Torah at 6pm

Service and dancing with the Torah at 6:30pm



Tot Shabbat, Fridays at 5:30pm

October: 13, 20, 27

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.



L’shanah Tovah – To a new year of welcome and outreach



The Sisterhood of East End Temple welcomes all to a new year of beginnings and transitions. As an affiliate of East End Temple for over 75 years, we uphold a legacy of change-makers and leaders who have a passion for working together to give back to the East End Temple community.

Over the summer, our leadership team was busy collaborating with a number of our community members on opportunities for outreach in the new year. We accomplished the following:

- **We agreed to use our Birthday Fund** to give to two worthy nonprofit organizations which support the lives of women and girls in New York. We focused on immigrant education and work preparation, as well as abortion services support, with \$1,000 gifts to: “[New Women/New Yorkers](#)” and, [New York Abortion Access Fund](#). We thank all of our donors for their generosity as they celebrate their birthdays by helping others.
- **We completed our** plans to welcome the community back with a new scavenger hunt on **September 10**. We had such a wonderful time with all generations of our community last year, we are set for a repeat performance! If you have not done so already, please register by completing [this form](#). We can’t wait to see you all.
- **We have simplified the process** of supporting Sisterhood, by including our annual dues on the temple bill. Thank you for your support.



As the year progresses, stay tuned for our ongoing programs such as a seminar on internet safety; an interfaith brunch; a return of our daytime (and introducing evening) Mah Jongg games; our “Getting To Know You” monthly lunchtime Zooms introducing you to a fascinating member of our community; our Stitch-A-Thons making hats and scarves for the needy; celebrations of Rosh Chodesh with an intensive modern approach to our biblical heroines; and so much more!

Check out our [webpage](#) for updates and let us know if there are any ways we can support you. Email us at sisterhood@eastendtemple.org.

**The Sisterhood of East End Temple
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LIBRARY BUZZ

Barbara Ringel



As summer ends and we prepare to usher in the New Year, I must share some sad news. Our wonderful part-time librarian consultant, Marsha Labovitz, passed away suddenly in July. She had been with us for many years and her expertise and organizational skills, together with her rich sense of humor, ensured that our library would run smoothly and efficiently. Holding her memory close, we will continue to maintain our library, with its extensive collection, in the same manner, and we will add new titles of interest regularly. Please check the weekly eblast for additional library news as well.

I hope you will stop by the library and look through our display of books on High Holy Day themes. We even have holiday cookbooks with delicious savory and sweet recipes. Please feel free to sit down, relax, peruse these selections as well as others, and check out a book or two. There is an entire mantel display devoted to holiday books. All of our books are listed in two binders, one by title and one by author, and can be found on our check-out shelf. All books may be checked out for three-week periods. Simply fill out the card at the back of the book and place the card in the file box. Returned books can be placed in the return basket. Start off the New Year with a good book!

Wishing everyone a healthy, happy, safe New Year.

JUDAICA SHOP

Fran Kolin

Shanah Tovah, friends. Although our High Holy Day services will be held at HUC, our Judaica Shop at the temple on 17th Street will be ready for the new year. And remember, you can pick up free yarn to make hats and scarves for New York’s needy. Although it never seems like it, cold weather will be upon us in a few months. We look forward to seeing you when you come to take a look and shop The Shop.

IN MEMORIAM

Marsha Labovitz, our wonderful librarian consultant, passed away suddenly in July. Marsha had been with us for many years as an integral part of our library team, and her expertise and diligence made our library run so very smoothly. She will be sorely missed. Her wife, Liza Stabler, requested that if people wish to donate in her memory, donations should be directed to our Helene Spring Library.



More from your Sisterhood...

FOOD FOR FAMILIES

By Celia Vimont



We are looking forward to starting a new season of Food For Families on Sunday, October 15 from noon to 2pm. We will make sandwiches to be distributed by City Harvest to feed hungry New Yorkers.

Advance sign-up will be required (look for the link and details in the Eblast). All participants must be age 12 or older (ages 12-15 must be accompanied by an adult).

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.

Future dates for Food For Families are Nov. 12, Dec. 3, Jan. 7, Feb. 4, March 3, and April 7.

Help us feed hungry New Yorkers by donating to Food For Families through Sisterhood (<https://eastendtemple.org/contribute/>).

MEN'S CLUB

Patrick Roger-Gordon

The Men's Club looks forward to supporting our membership and the entire community in the coming year. Understanding the needs of our community requires continued attention and improvement, and we think we have chalked up some great successes, including:

- Building the Sukkah
- The Great Hamantaschen Bake-off
- Movies, Conversation and Lunch
- A featured speaker from the ADL
- EET Community Brunch
- Lower East Side Tour
- The Men's Club EET Family Picnic

Our organization was founded on three key principles: fellowship, community and service. We are always looking for ideas from our community members and hope to see more members of our community not only support us through membership dues, but also by attending events and meetings and sharing their ideas for programs to carry out our mission. Please look for our events in Temple, the weekly email blasts, and on the EET Friends Facebook page!

VOICES

Marcia Muskat

Cantor Olivia Brodsky Lives Judaism Her Way

Growing up Conservative in West Bloomfield, Michigan circa 1990s, Olivia believed there was only one right way to be Jewish. But since then, she's found her own way to live her Judaism. As East End Temple's cantor, she's hoping to help you live yours.

In 5th grade at Hebrew day school, Olivia's no-nonsense teacher was unreceptive to Olivia's questioning of Jewish dogma. By 8th grade, Olivia had convinced her parents to allow her to try secular education in the public schools. In hindsight, Olivia thinks that stepping away from daily Jewish learning is what enabled her to better question and understand her Judaism.

While Judaism has always been central to Olivia's identity, it was in high school that her musical journey really got underway. There she captured an audience at singing competitions, a seat in the school chorus, and a lead in school musicals.

After two transformative trips to Israel, Olivia yearned to be involved with Judaism on a daily basis. She chose to spend her senior year back at her Hebrew day

school. And when her parents found her a voice coach – who happened to be the wife of a Reform cantor – Olivia immersed herself in Reform as well as Conservative synagogues.

With dreams of becoming a cantor, Olivia created a cantorial internship. She trained with renowned composer Cantor Meir Finkelstein and Cantor Michael Smolash. At Tufts University and New England Conservatory of Music, she studied Comparative Religion and Classical Vocal Performance.

As a side gig to her 2020 HUC Master of Sacred Music degree and 2021 cantorial ordination, Olivia tutored EET b'nei mitzvah students. Always mindful of the freedoms that blessed her own Jewish journey, Olivia teaches her students to be unafraid of living Judaism each in their own unique way.



Share your story with us in future Voices articles, email me at info@eastendtemple.org and include your phone #.





WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

- Daniel Bates and Monalisa Torres-Bates
- Marc Berg and Donna Wingate, Henry
- Renny and Leslie Bloch, Mia and Scout
- Andrew Bohmart and Nini Myint, Ava
- Alexandra Christopher and Brooke Feingold, Greta and Audrey
- Lily and Emma Dayton
- Yael Eisenstat
- Sydney and Victor Florent, Simone
- Jean-Pierre Gary and Kiera Ormut-Fleishman, Marlo, Lola and Nico
- Emily George-Neugeborn and Ian Neugeborn, Eloise and Sadie
- Alison and Stéphane Gerson, Julian and Elliot
- Carole L. Hyman
- Francie Leader
- Sam and Julia Lichtenstein
- Eric and Cristina Marrus, Charlie and Leo
- Jonathan Pellow and Jane Tarica, Emma and Molly
- Lwam and Jesse Rafel, Asher and Sloane
- Carol Sauerhaft
- Elizabeth Schwartz, Henry and Hugo
- Jennifer Silverman, Oscar

MAZAL TOV AND CONGRATS TO

- ☺ Daniel Bates on his conversion to Judaism
- ☺ Karen Feuer and Robert Liiv on the birth of their grandson, Jack Parker Liiv, son to Noah and Stacey
- ☺ Ruth Haber and Mel Harris and Bernice Haber on the marriage of their daughter and granddaughter, Dana Harris, to Daniel Rutkowski in May
- ☺ Mark Levy on the birth of granddaughter Elsie
- ☺ Franklin Rios on his conversion to Judaism and his marriage to Laureline Wolff in June
- ☺ Lily Thrope and Ethan Levine-Weinberg on their recent wedding
- ☺ Emily Uhlmann and Jake Cinti on their recent wedding

BEET (Boomers of East End Temple) Dinner and Conversation, Friday, October 13 after services

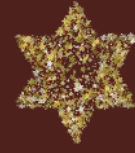
If you or your partner were born between 1946 and 1964, make new friends and have a few laughs at our next potluck dinner. This is an RSVP-only event, limited to BEET members. Please contact [Sara-Jane Steinberg](#) for more information. The BEET Goes On!



SELICHOT @ EET Saturday, September 9

Potluck dinner at 5:30pm
Service and Havdalah at 6:15pm

Join us for a homemade (or bought) light meal and continue with a thoughtful service with Cantor Olivia and Rabbi Josh. We will take part in changing our everyday Torah covers to their High Holy Day whites, and end with Havdalah. Please [RSVP](#).



Shabbat B'Yachad:

Intergenerational Shabbat

Join us the first Friday of each month as we welcome Shabbat with music and stories for all ages! We will start with a pre-neg snack before services 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:

11/3, 12/1, 1/5, 2/2, 3/1, 4/5, 5/3



CONGRATULATIONS TO

Eliana Bricker, Brooke Pederson, and Rex Perlman, our September and October b'nei mitzvah celebrants.

Mazal Tov from your EET Community!

OUR TEMPLE COMMUNITY

Carol Nimberger, EET Founder, is turning 100!
Join us for Shabbat services on Friday, October 20, at 6:15pm to celebrate Carol with a special blessing and a cheer. A festive oneg will follow.



IT'S OUR FIRST SIMCHAT SHABBAT w/CANTOR OLIVIA BRODSKY!

Friday, October 27 at 6:15pm

Join Cantor Olivia and the 17th Street Band for a joyful, musical Shabbat service, and we will celebrate the life and legacy of Helene Spring z"l who would have turned 100 on October 26.

Save the dates for the coming Simchat Shabbatot, November 17, January 26, April 19, and May 31.

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.



With my Legacy gift, I gratefully honor the special joy and Jewish commitment that EET and its Sisterhood unceasingly provide our congregation, children, neighbors, and me. I'm so happy to be part of its present and future - Jodi Malcom

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

IN MEMORIAM

Helene Spring
1923 – 2023



East End Temple mourns the loss of Helene Spring, EET member and founding leader since its very beginning. Deepest condolences to her temple friends and to her family near and far.

Zichrona Livracha, may her memory be for a blessing.

DEEPEST CONDOLENCES TO EET MEMBERS WHO LOST LOVED ONES OVER THE SUMMER MONTHS...

- Karen Feuer and the Liiv family on the death of mother and grandmother, Phyllis Feuer
- Judy Isikow and the Ginsberg family on the death of mother and grandmother, Sheila Isikow
- Lisa Marks and the Scali family on the death of mother and grandmother, Emily Menlo Marks

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



OUR TEMPLE COMMUNITY

EET Summer House Parties

This summer's house parties gave EET members the chance to meet Cantor Olivia Brodsky and welcome her to our congregation, while making new friends and building community.

Cantor Olivia shared her journey to becoming a cantor, and EET members spoke about their own meaningful connections to EET and Judaism. Our thanks to the hosts of the seven in-person and virtual gatherings, which were attended by about 100 people.

We are looking to hold another set of house parties this fall, after the High Holy Days, so keep an eye out for more details. If you have any questions or would like to host one of these evenings, please reach out to Ruth Simon RuthSimon01@gmail.com or Amy Weisser asweisser27@gmail.com.





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.



Available: Limited Number of Book Plates of *Mishkan HaNefesh Machzorim* (HHD) and *Mishkan T'filah Siddurim* (Shabbat, Weekdays and Festivals)



Looking for an ideal gift? This is the perfect way to honor your b'nei mitzvah; celebrate a wedding or special anniversary; pay tribute to a departed loved one; or honor someone in your life.

The book plates are personalized and are affixed inside the cover of the prayer book. It will be a lasting tribute.

Dedication plates are \$100/MH set, and \$60/MT. Call the temple office 212.477.6444 for details.

Todah Rabah to our Donors and Volunteers:

Don Sussman and family for our landscaping; our in-person and virtual presenters, ushers, generous donors, lay leaders and other volunteers who help keep us all connected and thriving. 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, friends, and colleagues to join us as well. Instructions on how to access all platforms is through the link above.

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




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Rosh HaShanah (literally, “Head of the Year”) is the Jewish New Year, a time of prayer, self-reflection, and [t'shuvah](#). We review our actions during the past year, and we look for ways to improve ourselves, our communities, and our world in the year to come. The holiday marks the beginning of a 10-day period, known as the *Yamim Nora-im* (“Days of Awe” or “High Holidays”), ushered in by Rosh HaShanah and culminating with [Yom Kippur](#) (the “Day of Atonement”). Rosh HaShanah is widely observed by Jews throughout the world, often with prayer and reflection in a synagogue. There are also several holiday rituals observed at home. Rosh HaShanah is celebrated on the first day of the Hebrew month of [Tishrei](#), which – because of [differences in the solar and lunar calendar](#) – corresponds to September or October on the Gregorian or secular calendar. [Customs](#) associated with the holiday include sounding the [shofar](#), eating a round [challah](#), and tasting apples and honey to represent a sweet New Year. [Read more about Rosh HaShanah](#).



Yom Kippur means “Day of Atonement” and refers to the annual Jewish observance of fasting, prayer, and repentance. Part of the High Holidays, which also includes [Rosh HaShanah](#) (the Jewish New Year), [Yom Kippur](#) is considered the holiest day on the Jewish calendar. Yom Kippur is the moment in Jewish time when we dedicate our mind, body, and soul to reconciliation with our fellow human beings, ourselves, and God. As the New Year begins, we commit to self-reflection and inner change. As both seekers and givers of pardon, we turn first to those whom we have wronged, acknowledging our sins and the pain we have caused them. We are also commanded to forgive, to be willing to let go of any resentment we feel towards those who have committed offenses against us. Only then can we turn to God and ask for forgiveness. As we read in the Yom Kippur liturgy, “And for all these, God of forgiveness, forgive us, pardon us, and grant us atonement.”



Sukkot is one of the most joyful festivals on the Jewish calendar. “Sukkot,” a Hebrew word meaning “booths” or “huts,” refers to the Jewish festival of giving thanks for the fall harvest. The holiday has also come to commemorate the 40 years of Jewish wandering in the desert after the giving of the [Torah](#) atop Mt. Sinai. Also called *Z'man Simchateinu* (Season of Our Rejoicing), Sukkot is the only festival associated with an explicit commandment to rejoice. Sukkot is celebrated five days after [Yom Kippur](#) on the 15th of the Hebrew month of [Tishrei](#), and is marked by several distinct traditions. One, which takes the commandment to dwell in booths literally, is to erect a *sukkah*, a small, temporary booth or hut. Sukkot (in this case, the plural of *sukkah*) are commonly used during the seven-day festival for eating, entertaining and even for sleeping. Our sukkot have open walls and open doors, and this encourages us to welcome as many people as we can. We invite family, friends, neighbors, and community to rejoice, eat, and share what we have with each other. Another name for Sukkot is *Chag HaAsif* (Festival of the Ingathering), representing the importance in Jewish life of giving thanks for the bounty of the earth. [Read more about Sukkot](#).

Immediately following [Sukkot](#), we observe [Sh'mini Atzeret and Simchat Torah](#), a fun-filled day during which we celebrate the end of the annual reading of the Torah and affirm it as one of the pillars on which we build our lives.

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

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

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

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provides educational materials for the Religious School.

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

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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.

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