



Templet

JANUARY-FEBRUARY 2020

TEVET/SHEVAT/ADAR 5780

JANUARY SERVICES

Fridays, 6:15pm

- 3 – Shabbat w/Birthday Blessing
- 10 – Shabbat Service w/Com. Dinners following
- 17 – Simchat Shabbat Service w/Michael Hunter Ochs
- 24 – Shabbat Service
- 31 – Shabbat Service w/potluck oneg following
 - Family Shabbat Service @ 5:45pm

JANUARY PROGRAMS

- 10, 17, 24 – Tot Shabbat, 5:45pm
- 5 – Food For Families, 12pm
 - Stitch-A-Thon, 1pm
- 8, 15, 22, 29 – Intro to Judaism-200, 6:30pm
- 12 – Rosh Chodesh Study & Potluck Brunch, 10:30am
- 14, 21, 28 – Adult Ed: *History of the Diaspora*, 6:30pm

FEBRUARY SERVICES

Fridays, 6:15pm

- 7 – Simchat Shabbat w/Birthday Blessing and Rabbi Josh Weinberg, Pres of ARZA
- 14 – Shabbat Service
- 21 – Shabbat Service
- 28 – Shabbat Service w/potluck oneg following
 - Family Shabbat Services, 5:45pm

Saturday, 10am

- 1 – Shabbat Service/bat mitzvah of Madeleine Walker
 - Sh'ma Havdalah w/potluck oneg, 6:15pm

FEBRUARY PROGRAMS

- 5, 12, 19, 26 – Intro to Judaism-200, 6:30pm
- 7, 14 – Tot Shabbat, 5:45pm
- 2 – Food For Families, 12pm
- 16 – Rosh Chodesh Study & Potluck Brunch, 10:30am
- 25 – Adult Ed: *Origins of Anti-Semitism*

February 17-21

No Religious School – Mid-Winter Break

FROM THE RABBI'S STUDY Josh Stanton

As seen in Ten Minutes of Torah on 1/12/2019



WAITING TO POST BOND, I PRAY IN THE HEART OF DARKNESS

First, I opened a separate bank account.

Then, I received the name of the “friend” from the New Sanctuary Coalition, for whom I would be posting bond, so that he could be released from an immigrant detention center.

Then, New Sanctuary Coalition wired me the funds in the amount of the bond.

Then, from the bank account, I had a check made out to the Department of Homeland Security (and triple-checked the spelling, lest I cause it to be invalid).

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SIMCHAT SHABBAT FRIDAY, JANUARY 17, 6:15PM W/CANTOR SHIRA AND COMPOSER-IN-RESIDENCE MICHAEL HUNTER OCHS

Join us for another Shabbat when our community learns a new song by our Composer-in-Residence



Michael Hunter Ochs.

Dinner and song to follow services.

*Become a co-sponsor and support Simchat Shabbat programs.
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FROM THE RABBI'S STUDY

Josh Stanton

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Then, I walked with it and the requisite paperwork into the heart of darkness – 26 Federal Plaza in Lower Manhattan.

Then, I set a person free.

For those who have been to ICE headquarters in Manhattan, you understand what I mean when I say that Kafka could not have envisioned a worse system.

Security guards ignore the needs of people with disabilities. Waiting rooms blare with Fox News (and frequent anti-immigrant rants therein). Without warning, clerks change the layout and format of required forms, forcing many people to go home, only to return and try again another day. Detainees receive conflicting paperwork or permission to receive bond. Officials scream at people who do not share my (lack of) accent in spoken English or skin color. After presenting identification, forms, and a check, I am left to sit and wait – and bear witness to it all.

Sitting and waiting, I feel the darkness permeate me. Sometimes I worry that I might never come out. But my U.S. passport, *kippah* (yarmulke), and *tallit* (prayer shawl) provide enough cover to ensure that I will not be swept up in the system. They are my shields and symbols of power in a structure that systematically abuses those without power. I am among the dozens of clergy in New York City who use the privilege I do not deserve to get immigrants out of jail through legal means.

Going again and again to Federal Plaza has turned this painful, disheartening task into something of a spiritual practice. On some level, we all know that this darkness exists right now in our society. Bearing witness to it makes it less scary; countering it, even for just one person, makes me feel less complicit in a system that I support with my tax dollars.

There is nothing quite like praying in the heart of darkness. But amid the pain, it is often what I am left to do.

Leaders from the New Sanctuary Coalition, who coordinate this effort to post bond for immigrants, told me that it was important to do and could change a person's life. I accepted their charge, perhaps out of a morbid curiosity and desire to see firsthand just how broken our immigration system is. But after being introduced to one of the "friends" I bonded out and hearing his story, I have gone back again and again.

Going is part *vidui* – confessional. It is part *hineni* – humbling of oneself before the community. It is part messianic hope. It is part *Mi Shebeirach* prayer for those who are ill. It is part *Kaddish* for those who have died – or will die.

Many of the other clergy who have posted bond feel similarly, even if they use different religious language to describe their prayers.

If we can pray there, we can pray anywhere. Please join us in the heart of darkness.

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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.

I have been thinking a lot about the word and meaning of “sanctuary.” There is the physical space of the sanctuary, our beautiful site for worship and prayer. There is also the broader definition of sanctuary to mean a place of refuge, peace, and safety. Our goal is to ensure that our East End Temple sanctuary is both: a place where our community goes to worship and a place that they feel safe and at peace.

East End Temple should be a place of true sanctuary:

where, as soon as a person walks through the door for the first time, they know that they are welcome and will be treated with respect. Sadly, in work settings and schools, on the subway, at stores, and even some religious institutions, people experience a feeling of being treated “less than” because of a perceived difference based upon ability, race, national origin, age, gender and gender identity, and sexual orientation and choice.

There are many steps we can take proactively to make sure East End Temple continues to be a sanctuary. The first, we already are doing very well, by actively welcoming everyone and ensuring no one feels like a stranger.

The second is to clearly, consistently, and publicly communicate our message of welcome and respect. In the next few weeks, we will be introducing to our members the East End Temple Brit for a Respectful Community. This Brit (or covenant) will be a publicly displayed document that lays out our expectations of respectful behavior as members of the East End Temple community. The content was approved by the Board of Trustees after substantial research and

review, and we are very grateful to the Brit task force of Cantor Shira, Stacy Roger-Gordon, and Elliot Carlin who shepherded the drafting. Although the expected behaviors are ones that we all understand to be the norms of conduct, it is critically important that we use the same language in discussing them.

While this might be the first encounter with a Brit for some of the adults of our congregation, the concept of a Brit is not new. If you ask any of our religious school students what is a Brit, they will point to the Brit posted in their classroom that they created with their class on the first day of religious school. Camps that are part of the Union of Reform Judaism (URJ) likewise require campers and staff to sign a Brit before the summer, as does the teen branch of the URJ, NFTY, before any event. Prior to attending the URJ Biennial in December, each attendee had to agree to a Brit of behavior. And at the Biennial, URJ leaders announced that the URJ is preparing an Ethics Code for Congregations. As usual, East End Temple is leading the way by publishing our Brit now.

We look forward to sharing the Brit with you in the coming weeks, and engaging in broader discussions about how we can continue to make East End Temple a sanctuary, in all meanings of the word.



Bellevue Hospital Patients' Library

sends sincere thanks to all the members of East End Temple for their generous donation of dozens of books during the May Book Drive.



In a letter sent to EET, Judith Gonzalez-Rahming, Library Manager writes, “Your thoughtfulness in providing the Library with this outlet of comfort to our patients is deeply appreciated. I hope your generous donation will continue this coming year.”

“No one enjoys a hospital stay. Having interesting and enjoyable reading material is a wonderful diversion. It helps keep the mind off the medical problems present. This beautiful selection benefits us all.”

The Dubenskys are the movers and shakers of this project.

SANCTUARY SPECIAL INDIVIDUAL ELEMENTS

Wall of Jerusalem stone: The wall behind and above the Bimah is made of Jerusalem stone, the face of all buildings in Jerusalem. It also, therefore, evokes the Western Wall (main remnant of the Second Temple) into which Jews insert individual prayers on slips of paper.

Prayer strips: Eighteen sections of Biblical or liturgical text, in the original Hebrew, are inscribed in bronze and appear throughout the wall of Jerusalem stone. These texts, selected by EET members, represent some of the essential teachings of our tradition. Inserted here and there into the wall, they evoke the prayers inserted into the Western Wall in Jerusalem.

Eternal light: This traditional element of synagogue architecture was given new form by our architects, including the text “For God shall be a light to you forever,” (Isaiah 60:19) in Hebrew and English.

Lo Alecha Hamlacha Ligmor, V'lo ata ben chorim l'hibatil mimena

It is not your duty to complete the work, but neither are you free to desist from it. (*Pirkei Avot 2:21,20*)

This January, Martin Luther King Jr. Day feels particularly poignant. Though obviously a Federal holiday, not a Jewish one, this year it feels almost on par with our High Holy Days. On Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur we are called to look deep inside our souls with introspection and honesty. We are required to identify and then atone for all of our wrong doings and doing so requires an admission that we have indeed done wrong. Our language shifts from the singular to the plural, accepting responsibility for ourselves first and then for our fellow community members. We take this responsibility so seriously that we fast, removing as many earthly matters and concerns from our purview so that we may better concentrate on the holy and intensive work ahead.

On Martin Luther King Jr. Day so too must we take a cold hard look at our national soul. We must ask ourselves if we have reached the equality Dr. King so passionately preached about, marched for and ultimately gave his life for. It is painfully clear how much further we still have to go in the fight for equality of African Americans, of women, of any and all minorities. But, much like the High Holy Days, we also recognize that we are merely human, we are fallible, we ask for forgiveness not for forgiveness' sake, but rather to free ourselves to try again, to rededicate ourselves to the cause and the fight at hand. We are, after all, accountable not only to ourselves, but to our fellow Americans.

Our sages taught that it was not up to us to complete the work, nor are we free to desist from it. This year, Michael Hunter Ochs and I have joined together in honoring the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and through the universal language of music, we take on the communal responsibility to make this a more just and righteous nation for all. We would love nothing more than for you to join us in the holy pursuit. **Please join us on January 17 for a special Martin Luther King Jr. Day Simchat Shabbat Service** where Michael and I will release our latest composition of the East End Temple Song Book Sessions.



When I am asked what the most successful Jewish education model is to date, my answer is always Jewish sleepaway camp. I am a product of Jewish sleepaway camp, and the summers I went away to camp are some of the best summers of my life. My love for Judaism was nurtured at camp – there is nothing like the sound of several hundred kids all singing *Birkat HaMazon* (the prayer after the meal) together. The *ruach* (spirit) you feel radiates through your entire body. At camp you experience Jewish learning 24 hours a day, and Jewish values are integrated into everything you do at camp. I love camp so much, I continue to go every summer as faculty!



Studies and data show that experiencing Judaism this way leads to a strong Jewish identity, so one of my goals as a Jewish educator is to send as many kids as I can to Jewish sleepaway camp. To achieve this goal, I want to invite you to learn more about the Reform camps in the Northeast. On Wednesday, January 22, and Thursday, January 23, during religious school at EET, a representative from the URJ will do a presentation on Crane Lake Camp, Eisner Camp, and Six Points Sci-Tech Camp (a STEM-focused camp). You'll have the opportunity to learn about each camp, ask questions and find out if a Jewish sleepaway camp experience is right for your family this summer, or sometime soon. You know what I think – come learn for yourself!

Important Dates:

January:

January 21, 22, 23 Pick- Me-Ups and URJ Camp visit EET
January 31 Family Service at 5:45 pm

February:

February 4, 5, 6 Pick-Me-Ups
February 28 6th grade class shabbat

Please make sure to check your emails for updated information closer to the dates.

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For information about how you can support efforts to stop the inhumane system of deportations and detentions in this country, visit [New Sanctuary Coalition](#). To learn more about the Reform Jewish community's immigration work, visit the Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism's [Gilbert and Eleanor Kraus Initiative Immigrant and Refugee Justice Action Center](#).

By Rabbi Joshua Stanton, 1/1/2019, from [Reform Judaism.org](#)



Our Sh'ma Project Social Justice Group: Welcoming The Stranger

From its inception in 2015, our temple Social Justice Group focused on welcoming the stranger. Its relationship with HIAS – founded at the turn of the last century to resettle Jewish immigrants – began at a moving HIAS rally in New York in commemoration of doomed refugees fleeing Germany aboard the SS St. Louis.

Our group members shared in a Syrian cooked dinner that was part fundraiser and part cultural exchange; a clothing drive, a Thanksgiving supermarket outing, and an Amazon wish list welcomed an Afghan family new to the Bronx. Cantor Shira and EET's composer-in-residence Michael Hunter Ochs performed their original *Mi Chamocha* (song of freedom) at the temple's interfaith Seder with Cordoba House and St. Francis Xavier.

But impulsive and unsound immigration policies were afoot. Refugees still being allowed into the country did not pass "Go" on their way to detention. EET's Board of Trustees signed onto multiple amicus briefs in defense of asylum seekers and DACA recipients.

Rabbi Josh spoke on the impact of family deportations with 26 Federal Plaza as his backdrop, the site of immigrant

deportations and ICE check-ins. Our group members became pen-pals with immigrants in detention and also paid a visit to one such facility. Through the Synagogue Coalition Refugee and Immigration Crisis organization, group members met with congressional representatives to advocate for more humane policies. Our members are trained to accompany asylum seekers to their mandatory day in court. This is an emotional process for all.

When it comes to welcoming the stranger, few words are as symbolic or instantly recognizable as those etched in bronze on the Statue of Liberty's pedestal: "Give me your tired, your poor, your huddled masses yearning to breathe free...", Emma Lazarus (1849 – 1887).

Contact Charlie Blank at CBlank42@aol.com to attend monthly Social Justice Group meetings and/or to keep track of upcoming events that you can attend.

Share your story with us in future Voices articles, email me at marciany@me.com. Please include your phone #.



MEN'S CLUB

Marc Jonas Block

As the calendar year winds down, I would like to take the opportunity to assess the developments and progress of the Men's Club.

Over the past two years, the Men's Club was created to strengthen and support the temple, its congregation and confirm and enhance a sense of community through congregational life. The goal is to create a setting to explore being *menschen* in this modern world, where gross and improper behavior and language is shrugged off as "locker room talk."

The Men's Club continues to explore new and diverse activities both for the congregation as a whole, as well as activities for the members. Over the last several months, the Men's Club held several exciting and successful community wide events, including Sukkah construction, Game Night, picnic on Governor's Island, Movie Night, and BDS training.

As we enter the new calendar year, the goal is to hold more events for the congregation as a whole as well as events solely for the members of the Men's Club.



SIMCHAT SHABBAT FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 6:15PM W/RABBI JOSH WEINBERG, PRESIDENT OF ARZA

What is the future of Reform Judaism in Israel? What does the ongoing political instability in Israel mean for us? Rabbi Joshua Weinberg, Executive Director of The Association of Reform Zionists of America will help us understand the current state of Israeli politics, as well as key developments unfolding in Progressive Judaism. Please join us to hear from a leading light in Israeli-American relations.

Dinner and talk to follow services.

Become a co-sponsor and support Simchat Shabbat programs.
Contact Sharon Shemesh 212.477.6444 / sharon@eastendtemple.org



Evolution of the Sisterhood of East End Temple

Sisterhood began with the founding of East End Temple in 1948, in an era when few women undertook leadership roles. We continue to reap the rewards of efforts started back then, such as a sizable contribution made towards the construction of our current temple building and reconstruction and maintenance of our beautiful Helene Spring Library.

Today, Sisterhood continues to create alliances and empower women to make a difference, through social, educational, spiritual and political actions. This has become critical as we watch and listen to the many challenges facing us in today's climate.

In light of the growing role of women in politics, on November 17, we were honored to hear the personal stories and struggles of four successful New York State and City women elected officials. Many of their stories resonated with both the men and women who attended in our filled sanctuary. On the following Sunday, recognizing the importance of strengthening Jewish and Muslim community, we led a potluck brunch and lively discussion on faith and spirituality in our daily lives, in partnership with the women of Cordoba House. We filled the social hall with international food and women of all ages from both faiths. We will schedule a similar event in the Spring.

In January, we kick off two of our long-standing programs. Judith Lorber, past Sisterhood President and renowned sociologist, professor and author of multiple books on gender, will be leading our monthly Rosh Chodesh women's potluck brunch study and discussion sessions. We will be reviewing women in Torah and feminist Jewish theology, focusing on *The Hebrew Priestess*. Our Stitch-A-Thons kick off in January, when all members of the community are invited to knit or crochet hats and scarves for the needy. No experience necessary and Sisterhood provides all supplies. Lastly, our monthly Food For Families programs continue through end of March.

What gives you passion? From women's rights to mahjong, we want to hear from you so that we can continue to create programs which encourage a sense of belonging, community and growth. Please drop me a line at sisterhood@eastendtemple.org.



FOOD FOR FAMILIES

Celia Vimont

Next Dates: January 5 and February 2, noon-2pm

For 25+ years, Food For Families participants have been preparing meals for hungry New Yorkers. In December, in just two hours, temple members of all ages joined together to make 1,191 meals.

Join us. Bring your family. Bring your friends. Each participant (including children) should bring five loaves of whole wheat bread and 16 pieces of fruit. Please wear a cap or hat to comply with NYC Health Dept. rules.

Your donations to Food For Families help sustain this important East End Temple social action program, sponsored by Sisterhood. The actual cost of each session is approximately \$1,700. Donations of \$18 or more can be made by check made out to "East End Temple Sisterhood" with "FFF" in the memo line.

For more information contact Marian Fish mfish1211@aol.com or the temple office.



FOOD FOR FAMILIES MEAL TICKET

Our highly praised temple program, **Food For Families**, feeds the city's hungry men, women and children, and needs your support. Your contribution will provide meals for hungry families. Return this Meal Ticket with your check, payable to:

"EET Sisterhood" and write **"FFF"** on the memo line.

Your contribution of:

- ☐ \$18 will provide 10 meals
- ☐ \$36 will provide 20 meals
- ☐ \$54 will provide 30 meals
- ☐ \$360 will provide 200 meals, + designation of co-sponsor for a day (\$1,700 approximately makes about 1000 meals)



Name _____

Amount Enclosed \$ _____

Phone No. _____

In honor/memory of _____

Mail check to: East End Temple, 245 East 17th Street, NYC 10003.



WOMEN OF REFORM JUDAISM
stronger together

ROSH CHODESH STUDY SESSIONS

Sundays, 10:30am-12:00pm

Engaging study and discussion about women in Torah and feminist Jewish theology, led by Judith Lorber, Professor Emerita of Sociology and Women's Studies, CUNY Graduate Center. Women-only potluck brunch, reservations required. Open to all East End Temple women and their guests. CONTACT: Judith.lorber1@verizon.net

THE HEBREW PRIESTESS

(From Jill Hammer and Taya Shere, *The Hebrew Priestess*)

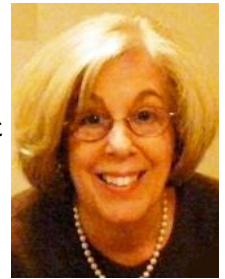
January 12 – Prophet
February 16 – Wise-Woman
March 15 – Mourning-Woman
April 26 – Seeker
May 17 – Fool



LIBRARY BUZZ

Barbara Ringel

Our Helene Spring Library: A Temple Jewel



Every outstanding annual Library Event and every annual Help Our Library Grow Initiative, as well as ongoing oversight of our library, including purchases to our collection and part-time services of a librarian, is made possible by the generosity of our Sisterhood which oversees all aspects of the library. I encourage you, as temple members, to come in and reap the benefits of this jewel of the temple.

Named in honor of Helene Spring, past president of both the temple and its Sisterhood, the library is rich both in historical detail and in its offerings. It is the only temple space that retains its original architectural detail, including moldings, fireplace, and mantel. Our Holocaust Memorial Torah, purchased from Czechoslovakia, can be viewed behind protective glass in one corner of the library. Updated lighting provides an ideal spot for browsing the collection, self-checking out books for three-week periods, and enjoying quiet time reading. Two binders on the checkout shelf list every book, one by author and one by title.

Our EET website has a library link that enables you to see if titles you are seeking are part of our collection. The outstanding collection includes Jewish history, politics, liturgy, Holocaust, fiction and nonfiction, biography, Jewish feminism, holidays, and Jewish cookbooks. The library is also a well utilized space for a variety of meetings and adult education classes led by Rabbi Josh. Come in, spend time, and enjoy the riches our library offers.



STITCH-A-THON

Sundays, 1/5, 3/1 & 29, 1:00-4:00pm



Join us for Sisterhood's three Stitch-A-Thon days this year. We provide free yarn and friendly congregants who can teach you a simple stitch to make a scarf or hat for needy New Yorkers, and eventually for yourself and your loved ones. Knitters and crocheters are all welcome. Bring along a project you're already working on and join the camaraderie.

THEATER PROGRAM

West Side Story, February 19
Six: The Musical, March 25
The Lehman Trilogy, April 29
Flying Over Sunset, May 20
Plaza Suite, June 24



There is a limited number of tickets so order soon. For more information, contact Linda Hetzer at EETtheaterLH@gmail.com

Pictured below is our group of over 40 volunteers at the December 8 Food for Families session where we made over 1,000 meals for hungry New Yorkers.



TEMPLE FUNDS

El Emet Fund

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

Cantor Discretionary Fund

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

Floral Fund

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

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 service and unfunded temple projects.

Oneg Shabbat Fund

provides refreshments after Shabbat evening services.

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

used for charitable giving; enrichment of the congregation and 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

Memorial Board Plaque
Simcha Tree Leaf

SISTERHOOD FUNDS

Sisterhood Birthday Fund

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

Helene Spring Library Fund

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

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.

OUR TEMPLE COMMUNITY

EAST END TEMPLE LAUNCHES EET LEGACY CIRCLE – ARE YOU READY TO JOIN?



Join the EET Legacy Circle to help ensure EET's long-term viability and stability through a financial gift. Planned gifts of all sizes can play a significant role in sustaining our temple. Numerous options are available, including bequests made in your will; creating a Charitable Gift Annuity; naming EET as a beneficiary of your retirement account or life insurance policy; or outright gifts of cash, appreciated property, or securities. Talk with your financial advisor to see which gift is most appropriate for you. Not only may this provide a tax benefit to you and your heirs, but also it will bring enduring benefits to sustain Our Community.

Twenty (20) members* have already joined EET's Legacy Circle - members like you who are eager to ensure our Jewish community's future for generations to come. It is thanks to the foresight and generosity of those who came before us that East End Temple has entered our eighth decade. We are grateful to them. Now it's our turn to make certain our heritage continues for generations and that East End Temple can continue to thrive as a center for spiritual engagement, lifelong learning, robust holiday and general programming, *tikkun olam* (social justice) and *tzedakah* (charity).

Act today to ensure a strong foundation for our community's tomorrow. If you already have EET named in your estate plans, please complete the EET Legacy Circle Declaration Form included in the mailing you received last month, or on our website at (<https://eastendtemple.org/legacy-circle/>) so that we may thank you properly. If you are thinking of including EET in your estate planning, please contact Co-President Derek Dorn (derek@eastendtemple.org), EET Legacy Circle Co-Chair Judith Sussman (jsussman4@nyc.rr.com), or Rabbi Josh Stanton (jstanton@eastendtemple.org), for a confidential discussion.

*as of December 10. Check the weekly eBlasts for periodic updates. All EET Legacy Circle members as of the end of January will be listed in the next *Templet*.

L'Dor V'Dor, From Generation to Generation

Todah Rabah to our Donors and Volunteers:

The Caine family for their ongoing donation of cookies for our onegs; Don Sussman and family for our landscaping and High Holy Days greens; our ushers, generous donors, lay leaders and volunteers.



We couldn't do it without you.

OUR TEMPLE COMMUNITY

IN MEMORIAM



Deborah Slom
1930 – 2019

East End Temple mourns the death of Deborah Slom and sends condolences to daughter Celia Vimont and her husband Greg and son Ben Vimont as well as the extended family on the death of their mother and grandmother.

ADULT JEWISH LEARNING: Select Tuesdays at 6:30pm

History of the Diaspora: January 14, 21, and 28

We live in the Jewish Diaspora, but Diaspora communities have existed for thousands of years. We will study some of the early Diaspora communities in Egypt and Babylonia, as well as the new communities that came into existence after the destruction of the Second Temple.

Origins of Anti-Semitism:

February 25, March 3, and March 10

Why do some people resent Jews? We study some of the early theological and social motivations in Catholicism, Protestantism, and Sunni Islam and try to discern how ancient anti-Semitic tropes and ideas have resurfaced.

Pirkei Avot: A Social Justice Commentary:

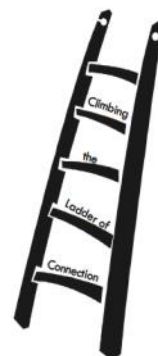
April 28, May 5, and May 12

In the period between Passover and Shavuot, it is customary to study "The Ethics of Our Ancestors." We delve into this new social justice commentary and some of the new wisdom it unearths.

Sh'ma Community Havdalah & Potluck Oneg Saturday, February 1, 6:15 pm w/HUC Students.

Join us... for this warm and intimate Saturday evening ritual, marking the end of Shabbat.

A vegetarian-friendly potluck oneg will follow, please join us and bring a dish to share. No meat or shellfish.



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR FEBRUARY BAT MITZVAH CELEBRANT:

Madeleine Walker

**Mazal tov from your EET
Community.**



EAST END TEMPLE BOOK CLUB

Book: *The Song of the Jade Lily*

Author: K. Manning-Wilcox

Day/Date/Time: Tuesday, January 7, 7:30pm

Read the book and join us in a member's home (call for location) for 90 minutes(+/-) discussion and dessert.



Photo taken at the Nov. 24 Sisterhood/Cordoba House Brunch where our communities were invited to discuss what faith and spirituality means and how it has helped in our daily lives.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 New Year's Day No Religious School- Winter Break	2 No Religious School- Winter Break	3 6:15p Shabbat Services w/ Birthday Blessing	4
5 12p Food For Families 1p Stitch-A-Thon 	6 4p Chofshi B'Manhattan	7 4p Religious School 5:45p Teens	8 4p Religious School 6:30p Intro to Judaism	9 4p Religious School	10 5:45p Tot Shabbat 6:15p Shabbat Services	11
12 10:30a Rosh Chodesh Study & Potluck Brunch 	13 4p Chofshi B'Manhattan	14 4p Religious School 5:45p Teens 6:30p Adult Ed: History of the Diaspora	15 4p Religious School 6:30p Intro to Judaism	16 4p Religious School	17 5:45p Tot Shabbat 6:15p Simchat Shabbat w/ Michael Hunter Ochs 	18
19	20 Martin Luther King Jr. Day	21 4p Religious School 5:45p Teens 6:30p Adult Ed: History of the Diaspora	22 4p Religious School 6:30p Intro to Judaism 6:30p Sisterhood mtng.	23 4p Religious School	24 5:45p Tot Shabbat 6:15p Shabbat Services	25
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26	27 4p Chofshi B'Manhattan	28 4p Religious School 5:45p Teens 6:30p Adult Ed: History of the Diaspora	29 4p Religious School 6:30p Intro to Judaism 6:30p Sh'ma Project Social Justice group mtng	30 4p Religious School	31 5:45p Family Services 6:15p Shabbat Services 7:30p Potluck oneg 	

~ February 2020 ~

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						<p>1</p> <p>10a Shabbat Services & bat mitzvah of Madeleine Walker</p> <p>6:15 Sh'ma Havdalah and Potluck Oneg w/ HUC Students</p>
<p>2</p> <p>12p Food For Families</p> 	<p>3</p> <p>4p Chofshi B'Manhattan</p>	<p>4</p> <p>4p Religious School 5:45p Teens</p>	<p>5</p> <p>4p Religious School 6:30p Intro to Judaism</p>	<p>6</p> <p>4p Religious School</p>	<p>7</p> <p>5:45p Tot Shabbat 6:15p Simchat Shabbat w/ Birthday Blessing and w/Rabbi Josh Weinberg</p>	<p>8</p>
<p>9</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Tu B'shvat 4p Chofshi B'Manhattan</p>	<p>11</p> <p>4p Religious School 5:45p Teens</p>	<p>12</p> <p>4p Religious School 6:30p Intro to Judaism</p>	<p>13</p> <p>4p Religious School</p>	<p>14</p> <p>5:45p Tot Shabbat 6:15p Shabbat Services</p>	<p>15</p>
<p>16</p> <p>10:30a Rosh Chodesh Study and Potluck Brunch</p> 	<p>17</p> <p>Presidents Day No Religious School- Winter Break</p>	<p>18</p> <p>No Religious School- Winter Break</p>	<p>19</p> <p>No Religious School- Winter Break 6:30p Intro to Judaism</p>	<p>20</p> <p>No Religious School- Winter Break</p>	<p>21</p> <p>6:15p Shabbat Services</p>	<p>22</p>
<p>23</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Office Closed 4p Chofshi B'Manhattan</p>	<p>25</p> <p>4p Religious School 5:45p Teens 6:30p Adult Ed -- Origins of Anti-Semitism</p>	<p>26</p> <p>4p Religious School 6:30p Intro to Judaism</p>	<p>27</p> <p>4p Religious School</p>	<p>28</p> <p>5:45p Family Services 6:15p Shabbat Services w/6th Grade 7:30p Potluck oneg</p> 	<p>29</p>