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EAST END TEMPLE HIGH HOLY DAY SCHEDULE OF SERVICES 5782

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SELICHOT @ EET (outside, weather permitting, or zoom)

Saturday, August 28 at 6:15pm

ROSH HASHANAH @ HUC (in-person & HowLive)

Monday, September 6: Erev Rosh Hashanah at 7:30pm

Tuesday, September 7: Rosh Hashanah morning service at 10:00am

- Adult study session at 1:30pm (Zoom)
- Young Family service at 2:00pm
- Family service at 3:30pm
- Tashlich & Shofar blowing at 5:00pm (Stuyvesant Cove & 20th Street)
- Teen Tashlich program at 5:00pm (@ EET)

YOM KIPPUR @ HUC (in-person & HowLive)

Wednesday, September 15: Kol Nidrei at 7:30pm

Thursday, September 16: Yom Kippur morning service at 10:00am with Yizkor at 12:45pm

- Young Family service at 2:00pm
- Family service at 3:30pm
- Adult study session at 2:30pm (Zoom)
- Afternoon service, Neilah & Havdalah at 4:30pm
- Teen program at 5:00pm



SUKKOT @ EET

Monday, September 20: Erev Sukkot at 6:15pm

Tuesday, September 21: Shake & Shake at 8:00am



SIMCHAT TORAH @ EET

Sunday, September 26: Simchat Torah celebration at 6:15pm

Monday, September 27: Sukkot & Yizkor at 8:00am



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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.

FROM THE RABBI'S STUDY

Joshua M. Z. Stanton

Limits of Nostalgia

Nostalgia is born of two Greek words which together signify a "longing to return home." It connects us to meaningful Jewish practices. It links us to the love of the modern State of Israel. It impels us to personal growth under the pretense of "return" to whom we always were.



This year is filled with nostalgia for the City many of us call home, the Temple that is our extended family, and the High Holy Day services that center our years and help us enter them with purpose.

Somehow, each year the High Holy Days seem to live up to their potential, yet in ways different than we ever could have imagined at the outset. The melodies and words are often familiar. We often greet friends and reenounter familiar faces. Somehow, amid the wistful remembrances and familiarity, something entirely new often surfaces within ourselves and our community itself – a new facet, a new opportunity, a new area worthy of renewal.

Much as it would be tempting to lose ourselves in nostalgia alone, we would do well to delimit its place in our lives. It calls us to define anew who we are and what we are about. It calls us to connect with our past. But it also creates the illusion of what our past was or who we were at different times.

Insofar as our tradition remains forward looking and we seek to engage in a process of continual growth and learning, both individually and communally, nostalgia can only take us so far. In time, it might be a reason that we go off course, trapping us in the retrospective and a sense that our glory days are somehow past.

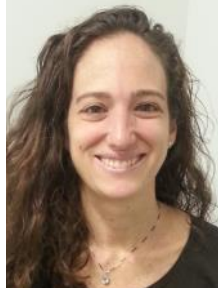
Our faith as a people resides in a belief that the future can be better, especially if we unite to make it so. May we retain this faith and use it to temper nostalgia, ensuring that it remains a source of inspiration.

L'shanah tovah u'mitukah. To a sweet, happy, and healthy New Year.

EAST END TEMPLE EVENTS

We are streaming content via Zoom and Facebook. Check our website <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. In order to join online, you may need to use new technology. Instructions on how to do that are through the link above. If you would like to volunteer your time and talents for a program, please contact us at info@eastendtemple.org.

Shanah Tovah. The *unataneh tokef* prayer we recite on Yom Kippur focuses on the possibilities of the upcoming year. I am probably not the only one for whom specific clauses and tragic outcomes resonate on particular years. The prayer brings home the uncertainty of the year to come. Indeed, as I write this in the middle of August, we have yet to fully know the impact that the Delta variant will have on our High Holy Days and the return to school, work, and our daily lives.



The prayer also focuses on a certainty – that we can always do acts of goodness, righteousness, and *Tikkun Olam*. In this year of uncertainty, I challenge each of us to take those acts.

What do you see as a need within our community that has not been met? Will you lead or initiate a program within our East End Temple community? At unprecedented levels, and more than any other year, during the pandemic, so many of you volunteered to lead, organize, or work on programs for our community. Each week, Brian and I received calls and emails from congregants who wanted to lead a program. You had an idea that could better our community, took the initiative, and led the program. From delivering food to organizing congregational Shabbat dinners to managing social justice initiatives to facilitating discussions to leading Shabbat zoom services when the sound was not working, congregants stepped up to make our community better. You identified a need and led, and as a result, we had programming and a means to connect every day of the week even when we could not be together in person. In the past year of uncertainty, *you* made our world more certain.

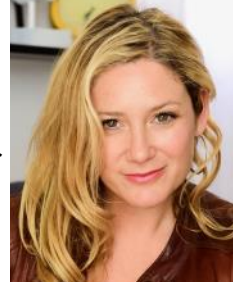
We want you to continue to identify those needs. Using this online [survey](#), please identify a need you see within the congregation, and state whether you are able to lead, participate, work, or fund the initiative. We cannot guarantee that we will implement every suggestion, but we will review them all, and, if the initiative meets our mission and vision and we have leaders to work on it, members who will attend/participate, and funding to support the initiative, we will strive to work with you on the project. Through your ideas, we can better our community over the next year.

On behalf of Brian and myself, we wish you a Shanah Tovah, and wish everyone a year of health, happiness, stability, and community.



Dear EET family,

Who was THAT band? You know, your favorite rock band, first concert, first live show. No matter what band or what era, you had the exact right ripped-just-so tight/loose jeans, the stone washed/faded/leather/denim jacket, the concert t-shirt, the boot-leg jam tape. You called the radio station to request your favorite song and then had your tape recorder next to the speaker to record so you could listen to it over and over and over again. Every mix tape and Spotify playlist you made had at least three of their songs on it.



Well, do I have some news for you! After the wildly trying year we have all just endured, your OTHER favorite band is back together and you have just won tickets to the first live show in 18 months! That's right – the EET 17th Street Band is back together and better than ever! This year we kick off the EET Family Reunion Tour: 'Put a Little Simchat Back in your Shabbat' with our opener September 26, Simchat Torah. The tour continues throughout the year so mark your calendars for October 15, November 12, December 3, January 7, March 4, April 1, and May 6.

And there's swag. Of course there's swag. Get your t-shirts, or better yet have them signed by the band and come backstage for a pre-show when you buy your VIP passes.

This year we have so much to celebrate and so much to be grateful for. We hope you are as excited as we are that the band is back together and we are too! We can't wait to make music with you – so mark the dates down in your calendar, support our programming by contributing to our [Simchat Shabbat Fund](#) and purchasing swag (link coming soon) and get ready to **Put a Little Simchat Back in Your Shabbat!**



LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

By Florence Peloquin



THE OVERLOADED TEENAGER

And piano lessons too, Mom?

As editor of my high school newspaper The Lincoln Log, the head of the dean's list at Abraham Lincoln high school, and as Girl Leader of Arista Society, plus a five-afternoon per week schedule at my Orthodox Hebrew School – I thought I was overloaded.

And piano lessons too, Mom? The irony was that free piano lessons were available to me from my live-in Aunt Sadie who was a piano teacher. My mother's sister Sadie gave piano lessons to the kids in the neighborhood who were charged a modest fee. I was a renegade and also, I didn't like practicing and wasn't dedicated to the skill.

I learned the scales (EGBDF – Every Good Boy Does Fine) and got as far as the popular practice song "My Sweet Little Alice Blue Gown" when I gave up and told my mother that something had to go – piano lessons preferably since I had the least talent there. (Hebrew Lessons were the last on the list to go.) So the free lessons, given in my own living room, were terminated – lessons given free from a teacher who lived in the house!

I still groan with regret and tear a little when I see someone sit down at the piano and touch the keys with such ease and talent. But I never regretted my choice: the 88 ivories were not for me...free or not. What a dope I was!

EDUCATION NEWS

Mindy Sherry, RJE

Shalom families, and welcome back!

I hope you had a good summer. During the last school year, we found our teens were looking for something meaningful to do. We created a pen pal program with some of our congregants who needed some correspondence that was not a bill. Our teens loved the idea and began writing letters. They were very excited each week when they came and found they had mail. We have been waiting for it to be safe for us to do something together and meet in real life.



I am happy to announced that East End Temple

has been chosen to participate in the "Better Together in a Box program". The program is designed to encourage meaningful interaction between young and old and I am excited for our teens to participate in it. I look forward to sharing with our community how this program positively influences and impacts our teens and their pen pals.

First Days of Religious School in-person

- Tuesday, October 5 – 6th and 7th Grade and Teens
- Wednesday, October 6 – 4th and 5th Grade
- Thursday, October 7 – Pre-K through 3rd Grade

Tot Shabbat and Boker Tov Shabbat

- Tot Shabbat – Fridays, October 8, 15, 22 at 5:45pm
- Boker Tov (Good Morning!) Shabbat – Saturday, October 2 at 10:00am

High Holy Day Services

Family Services for Rosh Hashanah (Tuesday, Sept. 7) and for Yom Kippur (Thursday, Sept. 16) will be offered in person and online. We offer two options for families:

– Young Family Service (ages birth-5) 2:00-2:45pm

For tots and children up to age 5, join us for a lively yet intimate service conducted in a sing-along format. Children and their parents will come together in celebrating the holidays with songs, prayers, and stories.

– Family Service 3:30-4:30pm

A fun and engaging service geared towards families with children ages 6-11. The experience is much like a regular service, with many of the traditional prayers as well as readings from the Torah. 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.



MEN'S CLUB

Marc Jonas Block

Happy Pre-High Holy Days, Sukkot, and the still upcoming new school year! The East End Temple Men's Club welcomes all. One of the goals of the Men's Club is to strengthen the very important social bonds between and among our community.



The Men's Club is planning several exciting new family and adult activities. The first will be a fall barbecue. Date and location to be announced.

Also, please join us on October 17, 2021, at 11:00am for a joint program with Sisterhood on "**Single-Gender Cohorts: Still Necessary?**" – A lively discussion with the leaders of Men's Club and Sisterhood.



EET Sisterhood - Moving Forward, Making a Difference

“**What you do** makes a difference, and you have to decide what kind of difference you want to make.” (Jane Goodall) For over 70 years, our Sisterhood has been making a difference for the EET community, from spiritual, fun and educational programs to helping to provide “*tikkun olam*” for the many lives with which we connect. We look forward to a new year of programs to keep us all connected in community.

Our newly updated [Sisterhood page](#) provides an extensive list of programs to engage our diverse EET community. While we have noted that many of our programs are returning to in-person gathering, we will continue to monitor local guidance and modify as needed. We look forward to seeing you at:

- **Open Hearts: Gratitude Wishes For The New Year with EET Women (9/12, 3:00pm)** – Meet your fellow EET women as we gather in Stuyvesant Square Park to share what we loved about the past year and send our wishes for the year ahead. Special musical surprise included!
- **Food For Families and Stitch-A-Thon Return (10/3, 12:00pm & 1:00pm respectively)** – We look forward to a return of these popular Sunday programs for all to help feed and clothe needy New Yorkers.
- **First Wednesdays Speaker Series (10/6, 1:00pm, Zoom)** – Each month one of our women will share her journey, skills and passions for the benefit of the EET community. We start off the new year with a chat about training political candidates with Jess Kent, who will share insights as a Mediation Specialist on the campaign trail.
- **Single-Gender Cohorts: Still Necessary? (10/17, 11:00am)** – Lively discussion with the leaders of Sisterhood and Men’s Club. Light brunch.

We invite each EET woman to be one of the voices we hear and to support us in making a difference for the EET community. Last year we created communities which honed writing skills, learned to play Mah Jongg, knitted virtually, and shared personal thoughts and journeys. We look forward to continuing this trend in the new year. Click [here](#). Thank you!

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



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LIBRARY BUZZ

Barbara Ringel



We are delighted to announce that the featured author for our 2022 Helene Spring Library Event will be media lawyer and our own EET member Ian Rosenberg, who will discuss his very timely book, *The Fight for Free Speech: Ten Cases that Define Our First Amendment Freedoms*. His book guides us in layman’s terms through familiar contemporary cases that demonstrate how to combat authoritarianism and protect our democracy. A copy is available in our library. Please mark your calendar now for this not to be missed event, March 27, 2022 at 1:00pm.

Please come into the library, now open to members for browsing and checking out books. Simply sign the checkout card and leave it in the box on the shelf. The library is open during regular temple office hours.

Shanah Tovah

FOOD FOR FAMILIES

By Celia Vimont



Thank you to our many supporters who helped us donate almost eight (8) tons of food from October 2020 to June 2021 through the East End Temple Sisterhood Food For Families Digital Food Drive.

We hope to resume making meals in person this fall. Check the Eblast for updates on what Food For Families will look like this fall, including information on advance sign-up. Proposed dates for Food For Families this year are October 3, November 14, December 12, January 9, February 6, March 6 and April 3.



Our wonderful team of volunteers at a recent opportunity to lend a hand @ [Vision Urbana Inc.](#)
From left: Andrea Weiss, Leo, Alice and Ian Rosenberg and Caroline Laskow, Celia Vimont, and Cynthia Dubensky.

Mike Scolnic's Growth in Judaism

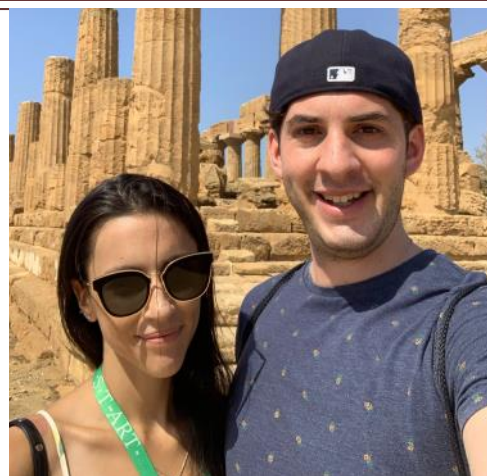
Mike's grandfather was a rabbi. His dad is a real estate attorney with a great appreciation for Jewish tradition. His mom authored many books on Jewish subjects including a dictionary for inter-married couples. Mike was raised Conservative in Lower Merion, Pa. In his younger adult years, he considered stricter observance but has emerged Reform. Mike now serves on EET's Board of Trustees.

An NYU alumnus with a 2011 BA in economics and a 2017 MBA in finance and strategy, Mike has been to Israel three times. In high school he traveled with Young Judea and the Zionist youth movement. After college he partook in the Meor program at Yeshiva Machon Ya'akov. During his MBA, he led non-Jewish NYU students on their first tour of Israel. Mike forever seeks ways to connect with Israel.

During Israel's recent violent flare-up with Gaza, Mike offered to send any of his acquaintances and friends a book on the Jewish connection to Jerusalem, on his Instagram. As a result, he sent out fifteen books and in return, received a number of books on a variety of resonant subjects including Islamic History.

In his search for a wonderful rabbi to do the honors

for Mike's nuptials to Allison Knight, a friend introduced Mike to Rabbi Josh Stanton. Not only did Rabbi Josh officiate at Mike and Allison's 2019 wedding but also at Allison's conversion process prior to the wedding.



Mike and Allison settled in Long Island City for a few years before their recent move to Ridgewood, N.J. Mike travels as a consultant for McKinsey & Company. Allison travels as an attorney for Veeva Systems Inc., handling data privacy in healthcare and technology. Today Mike and Allison celebrate Jewish holidays in all their glory, as they grow their Judaism.

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

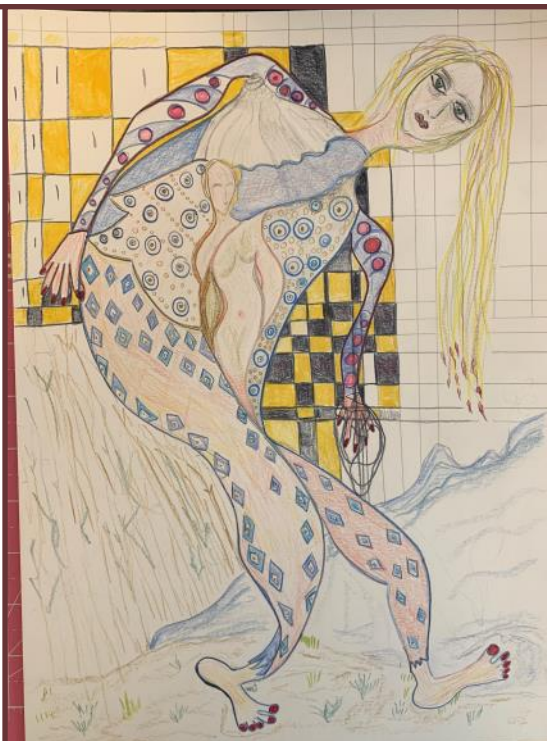


Covid 19 Stories "Women in Strange Places" Julie B. Seyler

My drawings and paintings reflect the world I see, Orwellian in orientation where ignorance is strength, lies are truths and the pandemic is over but not over. It's time to emerge and dance, and yet there is still a raging virus. What is safe anymore? I channel my anxiety, discomfort and sense of displacement into a visual arena with pencil, pen and paintbrush.

In my work, women are reacting to the space around them within the realm of their own interior space. My lines are purposefully off. I eschew straight edges and 90 degree alignment, not only because it is a form of rebellion against rules, but also because it is in the imperfections where so much truth and beauty can be found. The images are frequently culled from the art of the ancient world and fashion design of the 20th century. Color is chosen in the moment- by mood and feeling. The women are cramped into niches, sometimes constrained and other times working with all their strength to break out.

Over the past 18 months the drawings and paintings have evolved into a series titled "Women in Strange Places". For an overview of the work I have been doing since 1995 please visit my website julieseyler.com.



"Moving forward?" Color pencil and ink. 9x12" 2021.

OUR TEMPLE COMMUNITY



CONGRATULATIONS TO

Dania Bressler, our August bat mitzvah celebrant and Jane Apter, our October bat mitzvah celebrant.

Mazal tov from your EET Community.

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

- Devin Bean, on his conversion
- Joan Beranbaum on Ross and Elysse's marriage
- Danielle and Jason Leeds, on their marriage
- Jessica and Russell Lieberman on their marriage
- Stefan Males, on his conversion
- Shana Burstein and Harris Osserman on their marriage
- Sarah Revenig and Brett Gorman on their marriage
- Adam Rubin and Erin Millender on their marriage
- Ross Stackhouse on his marriage to Elysse
- Laurie Treuhaft on Layla Treuhaft-Ali's engagement to Aidan Kaplan and for Layla's recognition and honor as one of OY!Chicago's 36 under 36 recipients.

DEEPEST CONDOLENCES TO

- Judith Brown, Michelle and Riva Bruenn on the death of mother and grandmother, Irene Deborah Brown
- Wanda, David, Phoebe and Ella Caine on the death of Wanda's mother, Cissy Grossman
- Brian, Hayley, Stevie, Bryce and Cody Levenson on the death of Brian's father, Kenneth Jay Levenson
- Mark Levy, on the death of his sister, Meryl Smith-Green
- Robin Sherak-Taubman, Louis, James and Eli Taubman on the death of Robin's father, Jack M. Sherak

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



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS



- Tia and Boris Basin
- Devin Bean and Gila Singer
- James Fishon
- Rebekka Levy and Chris Luise with kids Asher, Lyla, and Ella
- Jessica and Russell Lieberman
- Michael Maffucci
- Sarah Maffucci
- Stefan Males
- Wendy and Daniel Martin with kids Zachary and Jacob
- Danielle Motelow and Lila Hirsch
- Harris Osserman and Shana Burstein
- Adam Rubin and Erin Millender
- Tara Derris Shapiro and Jack Shapiro with kids Esme, Noa, and Talia
- Marianna Shvartsbeyn with kids Ethan and Sean Moroz
- Mark Sherman and Ellen Lubin-Sherman
- Julie and Brandon Stein with kids Asher and Zoe



TODAH TO OUR COMMUNITY

A message from Cantor Shira's mother

Dear East End Temple family,

I was so overwhelmed by the compassion, sympathy, and generosity of this wonderful community. Cantor Shira was so very special to Steven. He loved everything about her and was really the president of her fan club. Many of you reached out directly to Shira and she told me about each conversation.

All of the donations in his memory will assist so many others in need. I was so fortunate to have him in my life for 22 years and have wonderful memories which will always comfort me.

I look forward to seeing you on the holidays.
Joanne Sininsky

OUR TEMPLE COMMUNITY

Help Amazon Make EET Smile

If you shop on Amazon be sure to switch to its charity division, AmazonSmile, for the same products, prices and promotions, but with an added gift. You'll send a smile to EET when you select **East End Temple – Congregation El Emet** as the charity of your choice. Once you sign up, AmazonSmile will donate 0.5% of your eligible purchases to our temple. Take a minute now to check that you are purchasing through smile.amazon.com.

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- Judith Sussman



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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.



The Bell Family: Barbara, Evan, Maxine and Monica, with Fig

"When contemplating our legacy, we decided to join the EET Legacy Circle in gratitude for all the temple has provided to our family, particularly in the development of our daughters. EET welcomed them with open arms and provided them with a formidable education of what it means to be a humanitarian as a Jewish person. This is priceless." – Barbara and Evan Bell

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 JEWISH HOLIDAYS... excerpts taken from ReformJudaism.org



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.

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 benefitting 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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| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
| | | | 1 | 2 | 3 6:15p Shabbat services w/Birthday Blessing | 4 |
| 5 L' Shanah Tovah Have a sweet year!  | 6 Labor Day 7:30p Erev Rosh Hashanah @ HUC-JIR | 7 Rosh Hashanah @ HUC 10a Rosh Hashanah 1:30p Adult study -Zoom 2p Young Family service 3:30p Family service at 5p Teen prog. @ EET 5p Tashlich @ Stuy- Cove & 20th Street | 8 | 9 | 10 6:15p Shabbat services | 11 |
| 12 1p Sh'ma Social Justice committee 3p Sisterhood Welcome Back Gathering (park)  | 13 | 14 | 15 7:30p Kol Nidrei @ HUC  | 16 Yom Kippur @ HUC 10a Yom Kippur Service 12:45p Yizkor 2p Young Family service 3:30p Family service 2:30p Adult study -Zoom 4:30p Afternoon service, Neilah & Havdalah | 17 6:15p Shabbat services | 18 |
| 19 | 20 6p Erev Sukkot | 21 Chol Hamoed Sukkot 8a Sukkot Shake & Shake Office Closed | 22 Chol Hamoed Sukkot 6:30p BOT mtng | 23 Chol Hamoed Sukkot | 24 Chol Hamoed Sukkot 4:45p Torah study 6:15p Shabbat services | 25 Chol Hamoed Sukkot  |
| 26 Chol Hamoed Sukkot 6:15p Simchat Torah  | 27 Chol Hamoed Sukkot 8a Sukkot Yizkor service Office Closed | 28 Shemini Atzeret | 29 6:30p Sisterhood mtng | 30 | | |

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| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|  | | | | | 1 4:45p Torah study 6:15p Shabbat services w/Birthday Blessing | 2 10a Boker Tov Shabbat 10a Shabbat services and bat mitzvah of Jane Apter |
| 3 12p Food For Families 1p Sisterhood Stitch-a- Thon  | 4 | 5 12p Intro to Judaism 4p RS grade 6 & 7 5:45p Teens grds 8-12 6:30p Lay Clergy Inst. | 6 1p Sisterhood First Wed. Speaker Series 4p RS grades 4 & 5 | 7 4p RS grades 2 & 3 4p RS grds pre-K, K & 1 | 8 4:45p Torah study 5:45p Tot Shabbat 6:15p Shabbat services | 9 |
| 10 | 11 Columbus Day Office Closed | 12 12p Intro to Judaism 4p RS grade 6 & 7 5:45p Teens grds 8-12 6:30p Lay Clergy Inst. | 13 4p RS grades 4 & 5 | 14 12p BELL (Bus. Ethics Lunch & Learn) 4p RS grades 2 & 3 4p RS grds pre-K, K & 1 | 15 4:45p Torah study 5:45p Tot Shabbat 6:15p Simchat Shabbat | 16 |
| 17 11a Single-Gender Cohorts: Still Necessary? Sisterhood & Men's Club joint program  | 18 | 19 12p Intro to Judaism 4p RS grade 6 & 7 5:45p Teens grds 8-12 6:30p Lay Clergy Inst. | 20 4p RS grades 4 & 5 6:30p BOT meeting | 21 4p RS grades 2 & 3 4p RS grds pre-K, K & 1 | 22 4:45p Torah study 5:45p Tot Shabbat 6:15p Shabbat services 7:45p BEET Dinner (TBD) | 23 |
| 24 | 25 | 26 12p Intro to Judaism 4p RS grade 6 & 7 5:45p Teens grds 8-12 6:30p Lay Clergy Inst. | 27 4p RS grades 4 & 5 | 28 4p RS grades 2 & 3 4p RS grds pre-K, K & 1 | 29 6:15p Shabbat services | 30 |
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