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SEPTEMBER—OCTOBER 2019

ELUL/TISHREI/CHESHVAN 5779—80

SEPTEMBER SERVICES

Fridays, 6:15pm

- 6 – Shabbat w/Birthday Blessing
- 13 – Shabbat Service
- 20 – Simchat Shabbat Service w/Michael Hunter Ochs
– Family Shabbat Service @ 5:45pm
- 27 – Shabbat Service w/potluck oneg following

Saturdays

- 7 – Shabbat Service/bar mitzvah of Jacob Kramarsky, 10am
- 14 – Shabbat Service/bar mitzvah of Noah Saivetz, 10am
- 21 – Shabbat Service/bat mitzvah of Chloe Lane, 9am
– Shabbat Service/bat mitzvah of Alice Rosenberg, 11:15am
– **Sh'ma S'lichot & Havdalah, 6:15pm**
w/potluck oneg, 5:30pm

SEPTEMBER PROGRAMS

- 10, 17 – Adult Ed: Shira w/Shira, 6:30pm
- 4, 11, 18, 25 – Intro to Judaism-200, 6:30pm
- 10 – Religious School, First Day for 6th & 7th gr, 4pm
- 11 – Religious School, First Day for 4th & 5th gr, 4pm
- 12 – Religious School, First Day for PreK-3rd gr, 4pm
- 13, 20 – Tot Shabbat, 5:45pm
- 17 – Teens program, First day, 5:15pm

OCTOBER SERVICES

Fridays, 6:15pm

- 4 – Shabbat Service w/Birthday Blessing
- 11 – Shabbat Service
- 15, 22, 29 – Adult Ed: Chumash...
- 18 – Shabbat Service
- 25 – Shabbat Service w/potluck oneg following
– Family Shabbat Services, 5:45pm

Saturday, 10am

- 12 – Shabbat Service/bar mitzvah of Samuel Wagman

OCTOBER PROGRAMS

- 2, 16, 23, 30 – Intro to Judaism-200, 6:30pm
- 4, 11, 18 – Tot Shabbat, 5:45pm
- 6 – Food For Families, 12pm



HIGH HOLY DAYS AT A GLANCE

Sh'ma Havdalah & S'lichot, Saturday, 9/21,
Service at 6:15pm, potluck oneg at 5:30, @EET

Erev Rosh Hashanah, Sunday, 9/29, 7:30pm @HUC-JIR
(Chapel, ticketed)

Rosh Hashanah Day, Monday, 9/30 @HUC-JIR

- Young Family/Tots-2nd gr – 9:15am (Chapel, *RSVP)
- Congregational – 10:00am (Lower Level, ticketed)
- Family/2nd-5th gr – 10:30am (Chapel, *RSVP)

Lunch & Learn w/Rabbi Stanton – 1:00pm @EET
Tashlich – 3:00pm @Stuyvesant Cove
(East River and 20th Street, Community welcome)

Kol Nidrei, Tuesday, 10/8, 7:30pm @HUC-JIR
(Chapel, ticketed)

Yom Kippur Day, Wednesday, 10/9 @HUC-JIR

- Young Family/Tots-2nd gr – 9:15am (Chapel, *RSVP)
- Congregational – 10:00am (Lower Level, ticketed)
- Family/2nd-5th gr – 10:30am (Chapel, *RSVP)
- Yizkor – 12:45 pm (Lower Level, open to the community)

Programs – 2:30 pm @EET
(building opens at 1:00 pm, Community welcome)
Afternoon and Concluding Services – 4:30 pm,
followed by Break-the-Fast @EET (ticketed)

***Free:** RSVP is required for Non-Members to attend.



**FOR SUKKOT SERVICES AND
INFORMATION, SEE PAGE 8.**

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FROM THE RABBI’S STUDY

Josh Stanton

Regaining Feeling in a Callous World



It is hard to believe that the massacre at the Tree of Life Synagogue in Pittsburgh took place less than a year ago. It is harder to believe that since then, another shooter ravaged a synagogue in Poway, California. It is even more difficult to believe the broader societal catastrophe of mass-shootings and violence against women, immigrants, people of color, LGBTQ people, and religious minorities.

Yes, there should be gun control. Yes, there should be better enforcement of laws against those who perpetrate domestic violence and bans to keep those people from owning guns. Yes, we should hold our public officials to account for words that inspire violence. But what is more frightening to me than the senseless hatred is how inured so many of us have become to it all. Gun violence, mass-killings, and hate crimes are public policy problems that we must address. Our growing callousness to the pain and suffering of others is an affliction of the soul.

I find myself succumbing to it, too. I am no longer surprised to read about a mass-killing. I rarely tune in to the stories of pain and grief by victims and their families. I seldom wring my hands in disgust anymore. Hatred and gun violence are chronic conditions, rather than sources of acute suffering.

It is especially at moments rife with societal woe that Jewish tradition is most helpful. Our prophets possessed what Abraham Joshua Heschel termed “divine pathos” of such depth that they could understand society and still feel the pain of each individual suffering. Our rabbinic sages engaged in myriad debates to elevate the role of the individual in community. The High Holy Days assert the responsibility of the community for the transgressions of each individual – and vice versa. Our tradition cries out for us not to become desensitized, lest we become insensitive; lest we countenance the senseless hatred.

It is usually in moments of silent prayer during the High Holy Days that a truly pitiable situation captures my attention. One victim of gun violence. One person suffering senselessly. One wrongful action. One story. I think about that person or moment or source of pain. Sometimes I tear up, and sometimes I sit with the story, finding points of connection to it throughout Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. It often frames the way in which I approach the New Year – and the work of repair I need to do internally, as well as externally.

I wonder which story will move me and upend the indifference that weighs on my spirit. I wonder which will reawaken you. May we all seize upon the holiest days of the year to regain sight of the individual. For it is difficult to re-encounter ourselves meaningfully until we finally see another more fully.

Shanah tovah u’mitukah – may it be a year of hope, health, and the healing for all of us and our society.

**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.

Confession of a Temple president: talking about money is my least favorite (read: most dreaded) aspect of this “job.” So why, you might wonder, have I signed up to talk about money more often?



Like most temples, East End Temple has long made our budget through reliance on fixed membership dues, supplemented by philanthropic giving and fees (for religious school and *b'nei mitzvah*). It is through members' dues and other contributions that we've been able to hire two brilliant clergy members (alongside other talented staff), maintain a beautiful brownstone, and ensure robust year-round programming.

The dues model came into fashion as a way to democratize synagogues – which had earlier relied on selling both seats and bimah honors. Keeping with our egalitarian ethos, EET has always adjusted dues for those with financial need.

This year, we're embarking on a bold, though measured, experiment. For new members, we're putting fixed dues aside and inviting them to tell us what they're willing to commit. We're calling this Voluntary Membership Dues. Though limited to new members, we hope that this one-year pilot will inform whether and how we might restructure our dues for *all* members going forward. This process is informed by the careful study of our Task Force on Alternative Dues, co-chaired by Karen Feuer and Elaine Lavine.

Why now, when we're on stable footing and growing modestly? True, the adage teaches “if it ain't broke....” But as a community focused on innovation, we look around and see thousands of Jews in downtown Manhattan who are not affiliated with any temple. We want to ensure our doors are open wide to them. And we'd like them to understand the cost of operating a temple in the nation's costliest city. So each new member will be asked to meet with a member of the leadership team as part of an intake process. We'll explore their interests and needs. And we'll also talk about this new model, including the average cost per household of operating East End Temple.

I'm excited about this new initiative, even if it means that I'll be talking about money more often. And I hope you'll share your perspectives – and spread the word amongst those who might find this initiative compelling.



It is common practice in many synagogues to read aloud the ‘Prayer for Our Country’ during Shabbat services. This is a prayer that I have always loved because it merges two of my strongest identities into one beautifully crafted, earnest and beseeching text. Together with the various communities of my life, I have declared my Jewish and American identities aloud with pride and with hope, with the knowledge of how fortunate we are, and how much more work we have to do to protect the freedoms and traditions so intrinsically linked to both.



Following the horrific shootings in El Paso, Texas and Dayton, Ohio I shared Shabbat lunch with a friend. She was noticeably stirred by a statement her rabbi made that morning at services. After the Torah service, they arrived at the moment where they recite the ‘Prayer for Our Country’ and the rabbi paused to give a short but powerful *d'rash*. He spoke of how God must be tired of our prayers alone. How more than ever we need to pray with our feet, with our hands, with purposeful and powerful action. Prayers alone no longer suffice. That morning they omitted the ‘Prayer for our Country.’

I thought of what a bold statement that made, of how though we all come to services for different reasons, many of us seek solace within the sanctuary walls, seek comfort within the stirring melodies of our tradition and even answers within the words of our liturgy. But by sheer power of omission, I believe that rabbi made an even more commanding statement. Though certainly we are each seeking answers, and are in need of solace and comfort, collectively at this moment of history, we are in even greater need of action and change. Though our tradition doesn't always offer us what we want in quite the way we want it, it can very well offer us in no uncertain terms, exactly what we need.

As we enter this High Holy Day season and a New Year together, may this be a year of action, of righting wrongs, and of repairing our broken world.

Ready for you before the High Holy Days: A new East End Temple website! The refreshed website - still a work in progress - reflects a modern, crisp identity and more streamlined navigation, making it easier to find the information you need. It also includes new tools, such as an improved calendar (with “Add to Calendar” feature). **Stay tuned!**

SISTER TO SISTER

Suellen Eshed

Sisterhood: New President, New Beginning

East End Temple has been my spiritual, social and educational home as a child, as a mother and as an empty nester. Over the course of my EET journey, I have led initiatives for religious school parents, baby boomers and Sisterhood. I love to sing, travel and make new connections. I am honored to be your new Sisterhood President.



I believe that our Sisterhood makes a difference.

Our 17-member Sisterhood Board uses their critical female lenses to create programs which address a variety of interests to help us connect and grow. This year, we are continuing our engaging *Rosh Chodesh* study and discussion about women in the Torah, under the direction of our past President, Judith Lorber. Our Assemblyman, Harvey Epstein, will lead a panel of four local women politicians who will share their experiences and thoughts on their role in the current landscape. This is a sample of what we are planning this year.

Sisterhood provides financial and administrative oversight to our beautiful temple library, ensures a wide selection of books for you to borrow, and organizes an outstanding annual author event. We donate to our clergy, religious school and multiple building initiatives. We have been feeding hungry New Yorkers for over 25 years, through a program known as *Food For Families*. Our *Cold Weather Project* donates hats and scarves to the needy and our *Birthday Fund* donates to organizations which improve the lives of women and girls, in honor of members' birthdays.

We cannot accomplish any of this without your feedback and support. We are grateful for your contributions to our Library, Food For Families and Birthday Funds. We invite the women of EET to support us with a dues contribution, starting at \$36. This tells me that you believe in what we do as much as I do. You also become a member of the global organization of the Women of Reform Judaism (WRJ) and will receive updates on programs and issues affecting us.

I look forward to meeting you and hearing your thoughts about what is important to you. Feel free to contact me at sisterhood@eastendtemple.org.

Belong, Connect and Grow with us!



LIBRARY BUZZ

Barbara Ringel

As we begin the New Year, I am delighted to announce the author for our 17th annual Helene Spring Library Event, on March 22, 2020. We will host noted author **Dani Shapiro**, whose memoir, *Inheritance: A Memoir of Genealogy, Paternity, and Love*, is a moving exploration into her own identity, a story of family secrets not meant to be uncovered and the repercussions of that revelation. It is a story that asks what we inherit, how and why, both psychologically and biologically.



In the spring of 2016 Dani, in her mid 50's, submitted her DNA for analysis, and the results upended her life. Everything she thought she knew about her family history was contradicted. Raised in New Jersey as an Orthodox Jew by a father she cherished, she was now confronted with the reality that he was not her biological father. While she had harbored questions throughout her childhood and wondered why she was the only blond blue-eyed member of the family and often the object of questions about her appearance by others, she had never considered the possibility that her family was not what it appeared to be.

We follow Dani as she proceeds on her quest to unlock the story of her identity, a story hidden from her for over fifty years. The memoir also explores ethical questions and the ways in which science and technology have changed our lives.



SIMCHAT SHABBAT w/CANTOR SHIRA GINSBURG & MICHAEL HUNTER OCHS, COMPOSER-IN-RESIDENCE FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 6:15PM

Join us for the first Simchat Shabbat of the season, as our community learns a new song by our Composer-in-Residence



Michael Hunter Ochs.

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

MY POINT of VIEW

Mirah Curzer

The obligation to care for the stranger is mentioned more than any other commandment in the Torah – 36 times, according to Rabbi Eliezer. (Babylonian Talmud, Bava M'tzia 59b). No doubt with these words in mind, Jewish poet and activist Emma Lazarus wrote the words now etched on the base of the Statue of Liberty: “Give me your tired, your poor, / Your huddled masses yearning to breathe free, / The wretched refuse of your teeming shore.”



But in August, the acting director of U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services said the poem referred only to “people coming from Europe,” and that it really ought to read: “Give me your tired and your poor who can stand on their own two feet and who will not become a public charge.” In a regulation scheduled to go into effect in October 2019, the Trump administration will drastically redefine “public charge,” a longstanding feature of U.S. immigration law, to deny green cards to immigrants seeking Medicaid, food stamps, housing vouchers, or other forms of public assistance. The rule is not only cruel, but also arbitrary; Dept. of Homeland Security offered either the flimsiest explanations, or none at all, to explain its focus on these programs.

“**Public charge**” was used as an excuse to deny entry to Jews fleeing the Nazis during World War II. Now, it is being used to deny immigrant families access to food, housing, medical care, and education.

This rule has already created a disastrous chilling effect, discouraging lawful immigrants from seeking public services to which they have every right. In New York, community organizations reported last year that immigrant families had started withdrawing from nutritional programs like SNAP and WIC for fear it will harm their immigration status. Immigrants are pulling their children out of early childhood programs and missing appointments at health clinics.

Nothing could be further from Jewish values. The Rabbis taught that “if a stranger comes and says, ‘I am hungry. Please give me food,’ we are not allowed to check to see if he is honest or not; we must immediately give him food.” (Mishnah Torah 6:6).



EDUCATION NEWS

Mindy Sherry, RJE

Our new Director of Education, Mindy Sherry, hails from Miami, participated in youth group, the local Community Center as a counselor and has been immersed in Judaism and congregational life for over 18 years. She has planned an engaging year with many varied programs.



Shalom Families and Welcome back!

Here are some important dates to put on your calendar:

Welcome Back Ice Cream Social, Fri., Sept. 6, 5pm

First Days of Religious School

- Tuesday, September 10 for 6th and 7th Grade
- Wednesday, September 11 for 4th and 5th Grade
- Thursday, September 12 for Pre-K through 3rd Grade

Before Pick Up-Pick Me Up

Once a month come for pick up a little early, meet other parents, have some snacks (pick me up) and chat with Mindy and Rabbi Josh.

- Tuesday, September 17 starting at 5:30 pm
- Wednesday, September 18 starting at 5:30 pm
- Thursday, September 19 starting at 5:15 pm

Family Shabbat Friday, September 20 at 5:45pm

High Holy Day Services

Family Services for Rosh Hashanah on Monday, Sept. 30 and for Yom Kippur on Wednesday, October 9 take place at Hebrew Union College, 1 West 4th Street (bet. Mercer and Broadway). We offer two options for families:

- **Tot through 2nd grade 9:15-10:00 am**
For Tots and children through 2nd grade, join us for a lively yet intimate service conducted in a sing-a-long format. Children and their parents will come together in celebrating the holidays with songs, prayers, and stories.
- **Young Family Service 10:30-11:30AM**
A fun and engaging service geared towards families with children in second through fifth grades. 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.



VOICES

Marcia Muskat

Our Congenial Custodian, Mohammed Hoque

Mohammed Hoque grew up in Bangladesh before and during its 1971 War of Independence. In keeping with the Muslim tradition, his marriage to Hasina Bagum (his wife of 49 years) was arranged by the newlyweds' parents.

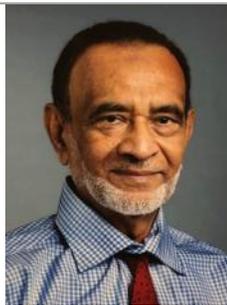
Buoyed by an American administration open to immigration, Mohammed left home and family in 1981 to have his hopes of living in America realized.

As a beneficiary of the 1986 Immigration Reform and Control Act, Mohammed received U.S. amnesty. In 1991 he was reunited with Hasina and their four children by way of family-based immigration visas. Mohammed's six siblings followed suit. The family settled on Delancey Street.

To make ends meet, Mohammed bootstrapped his way from construction at a White Plains country club to bartending at a New Jersey dance club. During his 29 years as an operating room housekeeper at NYU Langone Orthopedic Hospital he has been recognized four times as Employee of the Month. Since 2003 as our custodian, he has kept EET temple-ready at a place Mohammed calls home and cares for like his own. Our members know him; and he has become a familiar face at many of our functions.

In 2008 Mohammed and Hasina fulfilled the conditions of Hajj, a one month, once-in-a-lifetime pilgrimage to Mecca. They have also raised six successful children, the two youngest born in the U.S. and still in college. Eleven grandchildren keep the Hoque family busy all the time.

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

Happy Holidays, New Year and the start of a new school year! The East End Temple Men's Club welcomes all! Our membership is open, and we are planning several exciting new family and adult activities, such as Game and Movie Nights. This is a time of beginnings and development.



Our first event is building the sukkah for our temple. This will occur after the Break the Fast on Yom Kippur – Wednesday, October 9. All are welcome to participate.

I would like to introduce the officers of the Men's Club:

President - Marc Block
Vice-President - Patrick Roger-Gordon
Treasurer - Ron Orland
Secretary - Peter Walker

Special thanks to Bobby Kolin, the torch bearer who kept the dream alive during the decade's long night, and Pavel Lempert z"l, our brother-in-arms who helped bring us out of the dark.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

- Marion Aaron
- Betsy Billard
- Jonathan and Laura Bloom with daughter Lucy
- David & Catherine Caplan with sons Silas and Sebastian
- Stephanie Cuba and family
- Shira Derasmo and son Dylan
- Kayla Feld and Manuel Geitz
- Julia Friedman and Kyle Rosen
- Elizabeth and Robert Groat
- Alexis Alpern and daughter Maya
- Brian Platzer and Alex Hardiman with sons Samuel and Owen
- Samuel Price
- Jodi Rubin and daughter Charlie
- Michael Scolnic and Allison Knight
- Jodie Wagner and daughters Morgan and Alexa
- Disheng Zheng



JUDAICA SHOP

Fran Kolin

Happy Fall, friends. The East End Temple Sisterhood Judaica Shop is your first stop for those Judaica items you need.

- Have you been meaning to put up your mezzuzah?
- Have you checked out the tried-and-true recipes in the Sisterhood Cookbook?
- Would a honey jar add to your Rosh Hashanah celebration?

Come take a look, and shop The Shop!

THEATER PROGRAM



Moulin Rouge, September 18, 7pm show

Linda Hetzer will now be handling your theater program orders and can be reached at EETtheaterLH@gmail.com. Thank you, Helene Spring, for handling theater orders for many profitable years.

OUR TEMPLE COMMUNITY

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER B'NEI AND B'NOT MITZVAH CELEBRANTS:

Jacob Kramarsky, Chloe Lane, Alice Rosenberg, Noah Saivetz, and Samuel Wagman

Mazal tov from your EET Community.



MAZAL TOV & CONGRATULATIONS

- **Jenn Corker** on her marriage to Scott Rozany
- **Dan Lavin and Judith Jacobson** on the recent marriage of their son, Benjamin Aaron Lavin to Francine Claire Fernandez. Both Ben and Francine received their Masters degrees in Global Human Development this past May from Georgetown's School of Foreign Service.
- **Phil Gollance**, on the recent post of daughter Sonia Gollance as new Visiting Assistant Professor at The Ohio State University in the Dept. of Germanic Languages and Literatures, where she will be revitalizing Yiddish studies.
- **Marc Mezvinsky and Chelsea Clinton**, and big sister and brother Charlotte and Aiden, on the birth of little brother Jasper Clinton Mezvinsky.
- **Catherine Morrissey and Jared Parker**, on the birth of their daughter, Edie Ruth Parker.

Shalom to our HS Grads:

Jacob Berk, Siena Harris-Gissler, Emily Lang Elliot Tufaro, Daniel Workman

College Grad:

Benjamin Gordon, from Lafayette College

OUR DEEPEST CONDOLENCES TO

- Lisa Denby, Ron, Joanna and Emma Orland on the death of mother and grandmother, Barbara Denby, and on the death of father and grandfather, Dr. Dennis Orland
- Julia Friedman and Kyle Rosen on the death of Vicky Friedman, Julia's mother.
- Julie Livingston and Peter Gordon on the death of father and grandfather, E.A. "Bud" Livingston.

FOOD FOR FAMILIES

Celia Vimont

First Date: Sunday, October 6, noon-2:00pm

Food For Families is East End Temple's social action program when we get together to prepare meals for hungry New Yorkers. Nearly 1.2 million New Yorkers face hunger every year, including one-in-five New York City children.

Each single meal includes sandwiches, fruit, water, dessert and cookies. The meals are picked up by a City Harvest truck and brought to pantries, and are distributed within hours. Last season we made more than 9,000 meals.

How does Food For Families work?

On seven Sundays from October through April. FFF is held between 12:00 noon – 2:00 pm. Each participant (including children) brings five (5) loaves of whole wheat bread and 16 pieces of fruit. Please wear a hat or cap to comply with NYC Health Dept. rules.

Who comes to Food For Families?

Temple members and friends, including children old enough to help, are welcome. To comply with health regulations, children under the age of 10 do not prepare sandwiches.

How is Food For Families funded?

FFF is sustained through the East End Temple Sisterhood and generous sponsorships and donations from congregants. In addition, we are the beneficiaries of grants from the NYU Combined Campaign, \$1500 this year. To be a **Food For Families Sponsor for the Day**, a donation of \$360 is required (the actual cost of each session is approximately \$1,500). In addition, donations of \$18 or more can be made by sending your check to the temple, 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.

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OUR TEMPLE COMMUNITY

SUKKOT FESTIVAL

Join us for our Sukkot festival as we find meaning and celebration in this ancient joyous harvest holiday.



EREV SUKKOT SERVICE

Sunday, 10/13, 6:15-7:00 pm

Join us to shake the *lulav** and *etrog** and celebrate Sukkot in musical prayer. All ages will enjoy this tradition. Bring your children, family and friends.

EET SUKKOT SHAKE & SHAKE

Monday, 10/14, 8:00-8:30 am

Have you always wanted to shake the *lulav* and *etrog* in our sukkah, but couldn't be late for work? Join us when we'll joyously celebrate Sukkot in true EET style. Shake the *lulav* in our sukkah and we'll send you on your way with a breakfast fruit shake in hand by 8:30 am. With two shakes behind you, you'll be ready to head out to the rest of your day with extra pep in your step.

Congregants are invited to bring their lunch to the Sukkah during Chol Hamoed (the week of Sukkot).

SIMCHAT TORAH

Sunday, 10/20, 6:15 pm

(Torah unrolling is at 5:45 pm)

Simchat Torah marks the completion of the annual cycle of *Torah* readings. We roll our beautiful *Torah* scroll back to *B'reisheit*, the first chapter of Genesis, and prepare to begin again. Accompanied by our EET band, we celebrate by singing and dancing with our *Torah* scrolls outside on 17th Street (weather permitting). Oneg to follow.

SUKKOT YIZKOR – Monday, 10/21, 8:00-8:30 am

Join us as we gather to pray and remember with a *Yizkor* service for those loved ones who are no longer with us.

**Lulav* is the combined branches of palm, willow and myrtle ritually shaken for the Sukkot holiday. *Eetrog*, a citron, is used with the *lulav* in the Sukkot ritual.

<https://reformjudaism.org/jewish-holidays/sukkot>

<https://reformjudaism.org/jewish-holidays/simchat-torah-and-shmini-atzeret>

IN MEMORIAM

Anita Seyler

1928 – 2019

East End Temple sends condolences to daughters Julie B. Seyler, Patricia Grace, and Alison Nagel and their families on the death of Anita Seyler, mother and grandmother.



Adult Jewish Learning at EET:

Year of Renewal

So much of Jewish life is about bringing ancient wisdom to bear on the present – and reinvigorating old traditions in ways that bring them new meaning. Please join us for a year of study about ancient texts and ideas, as we apply them anew to our lives and the world in which we live. Adult education classes will take place on Tuesday evenings from 6:30 - 7:30 pm, with care to ensure that they do not interfere with *Shira with Shira*. Learners of all backgrounds and levels of experience (including no prior experience!) are welcome to join us.

Robert Alter's New Translation of the Chumash:

October 15, 22, and 29

Renowned Torah scholar Robert Alter recently published a new translation of the 5 Books of Moses. Together, we can study the nuances of his translation – and what it means for us as contemporary learners.

Synagogue and State in Israel: December 3, 10, and 17

Key figures in Zionist History envisioned different roles for religion to play in modern Israel. Learn how these philosophical divisions continue to play out and discuss the role that Reform Judaism should (or could) play.

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.

Adult
Education

*"Understanding the needs
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Labor Day and Equal Pay

by Florence Peloquin

"You're making a lot of money for a woman" was the comment from my boss, the advertising director, as I stood in front of his desk that morning in the late 1960s. The company was Family Circle magazine, owned then by the New York Times and I was a manager in the ad sales department. As in the corner offices of many executives, there were no chairs in front of his desk – a device to discourage long conversations and to make you uncomfortable.

It was a year since my last 3% raise (ugh!) and no sign of more money to come. I didn't hesitate to reply, "You can't say that any more. They passed the Equal Employment Opportunity act in 1965 where women are supposed to get equal pay for equal work". He smiled, said I should take it up with the publisher. When I did, I only got a \$500 increase after fending his argument that budgets had already been fixed. After many more jousts about money, I left for higher pay at the competition. But that's another story.

The differential then between women's salaries and men's was 60% in men's favor. It took me years to obtain parity in the magazine field. Many fights. In general, the pay differential now is about 80% across the board in favor of men. In the Fortune 500 companies, only 33 women are CEOs; that's a little under 6%. The journey continues...

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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.

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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.

For November-December
contribution listing, please have
your messages and checks sent
to the office by October 10.

Sh'ma Community Potluck Oneg and Havdalah Saturday September 21, 6:15 pm

Please join us... for this warm and
intimate Saturday evening ritual,
marking the end of Shabbat and in
celebration of S'lichot when we will
dress our Torahs in their High Holy
Day whites, sing songs and be in
Community.

A vegetarian friendly potluck oneg is
at 5:30 pm. Please join us and bring a
dish to share. No meat or shellfish.

~ October 2019 ~

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Rosh Hashanah (Cont.) No Religious School	2 6:30p Judaism 200 Class 6:30p BOT Meng. No Religious School	3 No Religious School	4 5:45p Tot Shabbat 6:15p Shabbat Services w/Birthday Blessing	5
	6 12p Food For Families 	7 4p Chofshi B'Manhattan	8 7:30p Kol Nidrei @HUC-JIR No Religious School	9 Yom Kippur @ HUC-JIR 9:15a Young Family Service Tot's-2nd gr 10a Congregational Service 10:30a Family Service 2nd-5th gr 12:45p Yizkor 2:30p Adult Progs. @EET 4:30p Afternoon services and Neilah, Break-the-Fast to follow	10 No Religious School	11 5:45p Tot Shabbat 6:15p Shabbat Services
13 6:15p Erev Sukkot Service	14 Columbus Day/Sukkot 8a Sukkot Shake & Shake Office Closed	15 Sukkot (Cont.) 4p Religious School 5:15p Teens 5:30p Before Pick Up -Pick Me Up 6:30p Adult Ed: Midrash	16 Sukkot (Cont.) 4p Religious School 5:30p Before Pick Up -Pick Me Up 6:30p Judaism 200 Class	17 Sukkot (Cont.) 4p Religious School 5:15p Before Pick Up -Pick Me Up	18 Sukkot (Cont.) 5:45p Tot Shabbat 6:15p Shabbat Services	19 Sukkot (Cont.)
20 Sukkot (Cont.) 5:45p Torah Unrolling 6:15p Simchat Torah and Dancin' on 17th St.	21 Shmini Atzeret 8a Sukkot and Yizkor	22 4p Religious School 5:15p Teens 6:30p Adult Ed: Midrash	23 4p Religious School 6:30p Judaism 200 Class 6:30p ADL Event	24 4p Religious School	25 5:45p Family Services 6:15p Shabbat Services 7:30p Potluck oneg	26
27	28 4p Chofshi B'Manhattan	29 4p Religious School 5:15p Teens 6:30p Adult Ed: Midrash	30 4p Religious School 6:30p Judaism 200 Class	31 No Religious School 4p Teachers Training Afternoon		