

Dear Friends,

Bubbe, Zayde, Nanna, Poppa, Grandma, Grandpa, Oma, Opa, Saba, Savta, Whatever we call them – grandparents play a vital role in a child's life, and grandchildren are cast in the leading role in the lives of grandparents as well. I know many a grandparent who will stop complete strangers on the street to show off photos of a grandchild! (You know who you are!)

As the school year draws to a close, many parents will turn to grandparents to spend more time with children who are out of school. This is a perfect opportunity for grandparents to serve their most essential role – not only of babysitter par excellence, but also of transmitter of values, family lore, love, and spoiling to the max.

I know that my grandparents played a big role in my life. My maternal grandparents, Arnold and Phyllis Rosenberg lived near us, and as my mother was an only child, my three brothers and I were the only grandchildren. My grandfather taught me many things – funny stories and jokes and songs, a love of baseball, patience, the importance of arithmetic in daily life, the importance of caring for possessions, such as his beloved Ford Mustang, of working hard at whatever job one held – he was a salesman after he closed his five and ten cent store. He had a disability – he had little use of his right arm, yet he never let that hold him back from participating fully in life. My grandmother taught me many things – a love of baking, of fine calligraphy, of acceptance of life's problems, the importance of order in one's life, a love of pithy Yiddish expressions.

I am sure that each of us can point to lessons our grandparents taught us, either intentionally, or by example. For most of us these lessons are essential parts of who we have become. I would invite each of us, who fill the role of grandparent, great-grandparent, or who play a significant role in the life of a child, to think consciously of the lessons and values that we would like to teach. Perhaps we should make a list of the “Seven Habits of Highly Effective Grandparents” that will guide us in our interactions, based on proverbs and quotes from a few wise souls.

Here are a few pieces of advice for grandparents:

1. Be a vitamin: Joyce Allston said: "Grandparents, like heroes, are as necessary to a child's growth as vitamins." Supplement that which is missing from a child's life.
2. Rudolph Giuliani said: "What children need most are the essentials that grandparents provide in abundance. They give unconditional love, kindness, patience, humor, comfort, lessons in life. And, most importantly, cookies." Don't forget the cookies. Bake them with the kids if possible. Share your skills. Be hands on.
3. Sam Levenson said: "The reason grandchildren and grandparents get along so well is that they have a common enemy." Be an ally to your grandchildren – help their parents to cool off, to take a break, to be the best parents they can be. (But don't interfere!).
4. Sam Levenson also said: "The simplest toy, one which even the youngest child can operate, is called a grandparent." So let yourself be manipulated a little – have fun.
5. A Chinese proverb teaches: To forget one's ancestors is to be a brook without a source, a tree without a root." Give roots – channel the source of living waters.
6. An Irish proverb says: "You've got to do your own growing, no matter how tall your grandfather was." Let your grandchildren do their own growing – But be there to encourage them and to comfort them. For as the Italians say: "If nothing is going well, call your grandmother." (Proverbs Source:Grandparents.com).

Feel free to add to this list. I will be happy to compile any responses I receive over the summer and share them with the Temple community.

While grandparents, and elders in general are essential to grandchildren, we must not forget that grandparents get a great deal out of the bargain too. “Shepin naches fun the kinder” is to draw

pleasure, pride, and joy from one's children and grandchildren can be one of the most wonderful experiences of a person's life.

The Talmud tell the story of an old man who was planting a fig tree when the Roman general Hadrian passed by. He was astounded to see old man planting a tree that would take many years to bear fruit. He asked the man why he was planting – and the man answered that he was planting for his children and grandchildren, as his father and grandfather had planted for him. (Epilogue – He did live to see his tree bear fruit!) But enjoying the fruit himself was not his goal – it was to plant the seeds of a future of blessing and abundance. This summer may we all plant the seeds of love and kindness, setting the example of commitment and constancy with those we love. And may you all – grandparents and grandchildren, parents and significant people in the lives of children, enjoy an ample harvest of much *naches* – ice cream, ball games, movies, a few *shabbosim* – a few *noshes* now and then, some laughs and songs. And may you tend a garden that will bear fruit for many years to come.

Rabbi David Kudan

Bikkur Cholim/ Visiting the Sick

Please call the office or have someone call on your behalf if you are ill, or know of a congregant who is ill and would like a visit by Rabbi Kudan. The only way Rabbi Kudan will know if you are hospitalized or ill is if he is notified. Please rest assured that the Rabbi does his best to protect a person's privacy.

President's Message

It finally happened! The snow is gone, spring is here, and summer is around the corner. Time to get out and help the temple. There are some events planned. Come join us. Time to renew yourself. Help us renew the temple.

President Philip Butkovitz

April-May, 2015 Building Fund Donations

To: Charlene Messina, In memory of her brother
From: Dina Fox, Paula Sack & Larry Walsh

To: Kay Kennedy, In memory of her brothers
From: Bingo Committee

To: Paula Weiner, In memory of her aunt, Marcia Peltzman
From: The Zalk Family

To: Larry Walsh, In honor of the birth of his grandson, Andrew Jacob
From: Dina Fox & Family

To: Shirley Altman, In memory of her husband, Kenneth
From: Dina Fox

To: Ira Novoselsky, on being honored by Revere Chamber of Commerce
From: Barbara & Don Weiner

To: Otilia Pereira, In memory of her sister-in-law
From: Arleen & Dina Fox

To: Allan Alpert, In memory of his mother, Frances
From: Barbara & Don Weiner, Dina Fox & Family, Joan & Louis D'Addonizio, Patrice & Eric Montefusco, Maureen Monge, Nancy Flynn, Patricia & Frank Kowalski, Rick & Sue Gordon, Cary Square Associates, Flo & Marcia Meltzer, Chelsea Chamber of Commerce, Glen & Mary Helen Macleod, Barbara Indeck, Rose Buckley, Paul Freedman, Herbert & Patricia Fothergill, Janet & Joel Mazer

To: Temple, In honor of Rabbi Kudan & Barbara
From: Marian & Steven Fredman

To: Rotman Family, In memory of Gail
From: Carol, Larry, Heather & Amy Levine

To: Harvey Steller, In memory of sister, Gail Rotman
From: Arlene & Jerry Rubin

To: Roslyn Cohen-Pelletz, In memory of sister, Anita Davidson
From: Phyllis & Bob Lerner

To: Temple, In memory of Ada & Sidney Spiegel
From: Barbara Maldero

To: Brown Family, In memory of husband, father & grandfather, Benson
From: Mindy & Larry Levine, Sylvia & Hy Sandler

To: Temple, in gratitude for all the good wishes
From: Arlene Rubin

To: Elaine Dobinson, In memory of her mother, Edith Frieser
From: Barbara & Don Weiner

To: Jon Cooper, In memory of mother Mary Wartell
From: Bernard & Elaine Brody

To: Don Weiner, get well
From: Sylvia & Hy Sandler

DATES TO REMEMBER

Sunday, May 17- Congregation "Clean-up" morning (9:30-11:30a.m.) Coffee 'and will be served. bring the family to help. We can use everyone to do something!

Monday, May 18 - Sisterhood meeting @ 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, May 23 - Rabbi to conduct services

Monday, May 25 - Shavuot (YIZKOR) with continental brkst. Rabbi to conduct services

Saturday, June 6 - Rabbi to conduct services

Friday, June 12 - Sisterhood Sabbath (Rabbi to assist sisterhood)

Saturday, June 20 - Rabbi to conduct services
Sunday, June 21 - Brotherhood meeting

MEMBERSHIP

Please --- Help your synagogue by paying your Dues!!!! PLEASE HELP US OUT.

Thanks!

CANCELLATIONS OF SERVICES, ETC. FOR ANY REASON, WEATHER ESPECIALLY, WILL BE PUT ON TV CHANNELS 4, 5, AND 7.

Recycle

Recycle your Ink Jet cartridges, dispose of your cartridges in the marked box in the Temple office. Not only are you recycling, we will be getting back a donation that will be used for office supplies.

The Tree of Life

The TREE OF LIFE is on the wall in the lobby at the entrance. Not only does this enhance the beauty of our Temple, but the purchase of a Leaf is a way to permanently commemorate a joyous occasion, a special day or a Memorial. Please consider the purchase of a Leaf on our Tree of Life.

CONTRIBUTION - \$200.00

For more information, inquire at the Temple Office (781) 322-7205

Religious committee

Please don't forget – May 25 Yizkor Services in the morning followed by a sumptuous (well, very nice) brunch. And remember, we feed you after our regular Shabbat service every Saturday morning, so if food is the incentive to get you there, then by all means, we've got you covered.

The high holidays will be upon us soon, and once again, I need your help. Unfortunately, we're losing many of our stalwart souls who can no longer carry the Torah, lift the Torah, ascend to the bimah for an Aliyah. If you are still able to do any of these mitzvot, I would appreciate it if you would contact me so that I can slot you in to our schedule. And just in case you want to practice

beforehand, come to at least one Saturday morning service before the holidays. You might just like it!

At a meeting of the Ritual Committee on Sunday, March 1, the following dates were finalized for the rest of the season:

Saturday Services: **May 16**
 May 23 - Rabbi Kudan will be conducting service
 May 30
 June 6 - Rabbi Kudan will be conducting service
 June 13
 June 20 - Rabbi Kudan will be conducting service

Services will be held every Saturday during the months of July and August

Special Events: **Monday, May 25 (Shavuot Yizkor Service & Breakfast)**
 Friday, June 12 (Sisterhood Sabbath)

There will be mailings to remind you of these special events and special services. We hope you will attend all that our Congregation has to offer.

Paula Z. Sack, Ritual Committee Chairperson
pzsack@aol.com

Brotherhood News

Brothers,

April 26 was our most recent meeting. We sent out 53 flyers and five members showed-up. Unfortunately, this is the usual response. Since we skip every other month, our next meeting will be June 21. Then we'll go on Summer Vacation.

We are working on several Fun-D Raising projects. Here is a sneak peek:

Patriots tickets
kosher meats
tool sales
yard sale

Our ongoing electronic salvage/recycling program is presently sailing full steam ahead. This last week alone we got an upright vacuum cleaner, an old telephone answering machine, two computer printers, and three radios.

We (and the environment) thank all those donors. Keep 'm coming.

That's all I can complain about for now. More news at eleven.

Les Lerman, President

Adult Education

The winter has gotten in the way of planning a Spring Lifelong Learning Program. The Rabbi and the committee and I will get together soon and begin planning for the fall. Any ideas you have or would like us to present are always welcome. Anyway have a terrific summer and see you in the fall with brand new programming!

Adult Education Chair
Elaine Lerman

*** DO YOU NEED A RIDE TO A CONGREGATION FUNCTION OR SERVICE? ***

Call Don Weiner at (781) 324-0108. He will try to arrange transportation for you.

Do you have a Simcha coming soon? Let us help you celebrate such Happy Occasions. Sponsor an Oneg or Kiddush and enjoy with Family and Friends. Call Marilyn Masters (781) 322-2035.

***** TEI Cemetary *****

Please be aware that our lots are now \$950.00 per for members and \$1100.00 for non-members. If interested, please contact Don/Barbara Weiner @ 781-324-0108.

FOR SALE:

2 Cemetery Plots in section 2, graves 22 & 23. Asking price, \$1100.00. Contact Barbara & David Servita at davidservita@comcast.net .

Have you given your E-mail address to the office for our TEI Lifeline? We are trying to keep everyone updated on all important Temple news electronically. So, if you want to be included on this listing, please leave your information with Dina in the office at (781) 322-7205 or send to Laraine Alpert at Lja609@aol.com.

Oneg/Kiddush Sponsors

Please consider full or partial sponsorship of an Oneg Shabbat (Friday night after services), a Kiddush (Saturday morning after services) or even a Friday Night Dinner in honor of a simcha in your life, in memory of a loved one, or just because you want to. Call the shul office at 781-322-7205 for details.

*****Saturday Minyans*****

We are in need of YOU, our members, to attend Saturday Morning Services as often as you can (Men & Women). Services begin at 9:30 am, followed by Kiddush.

Come and enjoy the services and friendship of our weekly "Minyannaires."
Hope to see you soon!

***** Kaddish *****

You can now arrange for Kaddish to be said for a loved family member or friend at our weekly Shabbat Services. Call the shul office at 781-322-7205 for details.

Bingo News

Bingo is one of our Temple livelihoods; think of this as giving a few hours a month as a nice donation to the Temple. PLEASE HELP!!! -- If anyone would like to lend a hand on Tuesday nights -- please get in touch with me. We especially need sellers on the floor for the first

half.....for as long as you can stay...maybe 1 – 2 hours, once or twice a month. _ I will be more than happy to hear from you.

I would like to have some volunteers to help sell tickets out front (for backup) – we seem to be shorthanded on Tuesday nights - because someone is sick, has some kind of problem and can't make it for some other reason. It's from 5:00 – 6:45. Just give me your phone numbers.

I would also like some volunteers to call back numbers from the floor when bingos are called. It is not a hard job - it can be taught in a few minutes. Leave your phone numbers with me or the office.

Bobbi Epstein (781) 324-7562

Officers of Sisterhood Congregation Agudas Achim-Ezrath Israel (2013-2015)

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| President | Elaine Lerman | (781) 223-8501 |
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Sisterhood News

Hello ladies! Wasn't it terrific to get together, especially in good weather? It was wonderful seeing so many of you at the Membership Luncheon. The lunch of course was delicious. Thank you to Marilyn and the kitchen committee for preparing and cooking everything and to all the other women who helped make the afternoon so memorable. Although Smokin' Joe mixed up the dates of his performance, I must admit that it was nice to just chat with people. I hope you all had a great time.

We will be having our next Sisterhood meeting Monday, May 18, 2015. The slate of officers will be voted on and if you would like to run for office please tell me or Cheryl Rivers so we can add your name (or someone else's) to the slate. After the vote, we will have a make-your-own sundae station. I don't know about you, but I love ice cream sundaes!

Although we only had a few meetings this year, we will have our last event in June at the Sisterhood Sabbath. I hope you will consider joining us on this meaningful evening. You can participate by taking a part in English or Hebrew. If you don't feel comfortable taking part, that's okay. Just your presence is important to us all.

Over the summer, the Board will set the calendar for the 2015-2016 season. If you can think of any ideas for a program, I would love to hear them. Also, please let me know what you'd like to have for a program. See you in May!

Sisterhood President
Elaine Lerman

Monday, May 18, 2015: Regular Meeting

Friday, June 12, 2015: Sisterhood Sabbath

Sisterhood Contacts

Club-o-Grams:

Club-o-Gram cards are sent out for any and all occasions. Cost is \$2.50 each.
Sent by chair Barbara Weiner - (781) 324-0108 or Phyllis Werlin - (781) 321-0238.

Kitchen Fund:

Other Donations can be made to support the Sisterhood kitchen – contact Kitchen Fund chair Beverly Visnick at (781) 388-6995. _

Kitchen Committee:

The Sisterhood Kitchen Committee can always use assistance for Kiddushes, Temple Functions, and Sisterhood meetings and dinners. If you can offer some help, either in food preparation or setting tables, contact Marilyn Masters at (781) 322-2035.

Judaica Shop:

Contact Laraine Alpert at lja609@aol.com if you are looking for something for yourself, kids or hostess gift.

Hostess Fund

The purpose of the Hostess Fund historically was put in place as a means to defray the cost of meetings in honor of birthdays and other occasions. For a while, the Hostess Fund was floundering, but we are reviving the program. Every means of fundraising is significant to keep our Sisterhood viable. I will be chairing the Hostess Fund and hope to keep it alive. This past year has been tenuous at best, but I have every faith that we can again get this program going and maintain a healthy, respectable status.

I would love to encourage everyone to contact me at (617) 389-1447 to submit any celebration, family member or friend you would love to recognize. The following represents a skeleton of the members who potentially would have been recognized, so if you would like to support the Sisterhood by donating to the Hostess Fund, again, please contact me at (617) 389-1447.

Happy Birthday to:

Marla Freedman, January 25

Carol Sugerman, January 27

Regina Kaufman, February 11

Dotty Scott, March 24

Cheryl Rivers, April 15

Lee Goldman, April 18

David Dupois, April 27

Happy Anniversary to:

Sean and Sarah Falta, January

Reisa and Gary Parker, March

Sylvia and Hy Sandler, March

Ilysa and Brian McCarthy, March

Dvora and Jack Zimmerman, April

If you would like to add your simcha, which is meaningful to you, please contact me.

Thank you,
Cheryl Rivers
Hostess Fund Chairperson

(617) 389-1447

Sisterhood Club-O-Grams

CONGRATULATIONS

To: Dina Fox, In honor of grandson, Jake becoming a Bar Mitzvah
From: Congregation, Sisterhood, Cheryl Rivers, Barbara & Don Weiner, Marilyn Masters, Sheila & Maurice Kipnis, Laraine & Allan Alpert, Carol & Alan Sugerman, Helen & Al Baum, Lorraine Bendell, Arlene & Herb Baron, Beverly Visnick, Lee & Frank Goldman, Bobbi Epstein, Barbara & Arthur Kahn, Celia & Benson Brown, Dottie & Bob Scott, Sylvia & Hy Sandler, Bella & David Westerman, Joan & Sunny Cascio, Philip Butkovitz

To: Joan & Sunny Cascio, In honor of granddaughter Emily becoming a Bat Mitzvah
From: Sisterhood, Bella & David Westerman

To: M/M Max Guarino. In honor of daughter, Emily becoming a Bat Mitzvah
From: Aunt Bella & Uncle David Westerman

GET WELL

To: Donald Adelman
From: Bobbi Epstein

To: Don Weiner, Best Wishes for a Complete and Speedy Recovery
From: Congregation, Brotherhood, Celia Brown, Lorraine Bendell, Vicki Hamberg, Bella & Dave Westerman, Marilyn Masters, Laraine & Allan Alpert, Dina Fox, Bobbi Epstein, Carol & Alan Sugerman, Barbara & Arthur Kahn, Sylvia & Hy Sandler, Arlene & Herbert Baron, Paula Sack, Beverly Visnick, Lee & Frank Goldman, Sheila & Maurice Kipnis, Dottie Scott, Cheryl Rivers, Bobbi and Dickie Geller, The Temple Brotherhood, Helen & Al Baum, Phyllis Werlin & Alan Levine, Susan & Rick Gordon, Flo & Marcia Meltzer

To: Helen Baum
From: Congregation, Sisterhood, Beverly Visnick, Barbara & Arthur Kahn, Celia Brown, Marilyn Masters, Laraine & Allan Alpert, Dina Fox, Bobbi Epstein, Carol & Alan Sugerman, Sylvia & Hy Sandler, Arlene & Herbert Baron, Paula Sack, Lee & Frank Goldman, Sheila & Maurice Kipnis, Dottie Scott, Phyllis Werlin & Alan Levine, Flo Meltzer, Barbara & Don Weiner, Cheryl Rivers.

To: Helen Baum - for a complete and speedy recovery!
From: Marilyn Masters, Laraine & Allan Alpert, Dina Fox, Bobbi Epstein, Carol & Alan Sugerman, Barbara & Arthur Kahn, Sylvia & Hy Sandler, Arlene & Herbert Baron, Paula Sack, Beverly Visnick, Lee & Frank Goldman, Sheila & Maurice Kipnis, Dottie Scott, Phyllis Werlin & Alan Levine, Flo Meltzer, Barbara & Don Weiner, Cheryl Rivers

CONDOLENCES

To: Laurel Gordon & Family, In memory of daughter, mother & wife, Ivie Skidds
From: Barbara & Don Weiner, Dina Fox, Laraine & Allan Alpert, Marilyn Masters, Regine & John Kaufman, Sunny & Joan Cascio, Sheila & Maurice Kipnis, Bobbi & Dickie Giller

To: Allan & Laraine Alpert & Family, In memory of dear mother & grandmother, Frances
From: Congregation, Sisterhood, Brotherhood, Carol & Alan Sugerman, Helen & Al Baum, Bobbi Epstein, Barbara & Arthur Kahn, Cheryl Rivers, Dottie & Bob Scott, Lee & Frank Goldman, Sylvia &

Hy Sandler, Paula Sack, Marilyn Masters, Sheila & Maurice Kipnis, Beverly Visnick, Celia & Ben Brown, Arlene & Herb Baron, Lorraine Bendell, Vicki Hamberg, Bella & David Westerman

**To: Mrs. Mickey Levine, In memory of husband, Andy Sutherland
From: Barbara & Don Weiner, Marilyn Masters, Bobbi Epstein, Dina Fox, Sheila & Maurice Kipnis, Bobbi & Dickie Giller, Lee & Frank Goldman, Dottie Scott, Miriam & Ed Cohen, Lorraine Bendell**

**To: Alana Cooper, In memory of dear mother, Mary Wartell
From: Sisterhood, Barbara & Don Weiner, Dina Fox, Arlene & Herb Baron**

**To: Rotman & Steller Families, In memory of mother & sister, Gail Rotman
From: Sylvia & Hy Sandler**

**To: Celia Brown & Family, In memory of dear husband & father Benson
From: Congregation, Sisterhood, Cheryl Rivers, Miriam & Ed Cohen, Lorraine Bendell, Barbara & Arthur Kahn, Bella & Dave Westerman, Marilyn Masters, Laraine & Allan Alpert, Barbara & Don Weiner, Dina Fox, Bobbi Epstein, Carol & Alan Sugeran, Barbara & Arthur Kahn, Sylvia & Hy Sandler, Arlene & Herbert Baron, Beverly Visnick, Lee & Frank Goldman, Sheila & Maurice Kipnis, Dottie Scott, Cheryl Rivers, The Temple Brotherhood, Helen & Al Baum, Flo Meltzer.**

The following ladies made donations at the Membership Luncheon in April:

**Cheryl Rivers
Dina Fox
Linda Zalk**

A special donation was made to Sisterhood by Beverly Visnick with the following message:

I would like to thank everybody for the Club-o-Grams, Donations and Well-Wishes during my illness. I also would like to thank everybody for the Club-o-Grams, Donations and Well-Wishes when my Daughter-in-law, Long Visnick, died.

My family and I thank you all for your thoughtfulness.

**Sincerely,
Beverly Visnick**

JF&CS Family Table Helping Those in Need

Congregation Agudas Achim - Ezrath Israel has partnered with JF&CS Family Table and will be collecting food for their monthly distributions.

Jewish Family & Children's Services Family Table provides low-income families, isolated seniors, disabled adults, unemployed, working poor and Waltham residents with emergency or monthly groceries.

JF&CS has grown dramatically since its inception, and have gone from assisting 40 families in 1993 to assisting over 400 families in Greater Boston today. With the donations of food from 48 collection sites, JF&CS Family Table currently provides Kosher food, fresh produce, dairy products, meats, and Jewish ritual and holiday items each month.

We have been asked to make a commitment to collect 1 lb boxes or bags of rice or raisins every month. Our goal is to collect ten of each item before delivering them for distribution. We hope you will help us reach our goal.

Next time you purchase your family groceries; won't you please add one of these items to your shopping cart and bring it with you to the temple? Please help us fulfill our responsibility to provide the corners of our field for the poor and needy. Help us make a difference and help feed the hungry in our community.

A collection bin has been set up in the Temple office.

Thank you,

**Phyllis Werlin
Family Table Site Coordinator for AAEL**