

Congregation Agudas Achim - Ezrath Israel

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From the President

Dear Friends,

Ah, the lazy hazy days of summer! But that doesn't mean we're not still in business, folks. We've got lots of things planned for the summer – yard sales, movie nights/days, barbecues – keep watching your email for all we have planned.

A hearty mazel-tov to all the families who have recently celebrated graduations, engagements, weddings – “ahf simchah” as we say. As a congregation, as a family, we all join you in these wonderful events in your life.

This summer Larry and I had the pleasure of going to our son-in-law's graduation as a Doctor of Divinity. The event took place in a huge Baptist church in Jacksonville, Florida. The musical accompaniment was provided by a huge organ and trumpets, and of course, a multi-racial choir that kept the service lively and spirited. Although I wasn't familiar with any of the songs, I couldn't help but be moved by the joy I heard throughout the chapel. I thought back to the days when Temple Ezrath Israel had its choir and how much it added to our services. Perhaps that's something we can begin again for special services. Something to think about.

Some of you may have noticed the grounds around the temple are looking a little bit better. The husband of one of our congregants has volunteered to do some landscaping, and Leslie Lerman has volunteered the brotherhood to clean up some of the garbage that somehow lands on our lawn. Thank you, Leslie and your membership. We really appreciate the help.

I don't want to rush the summer, but we're thinking of the High Holidays and how we can make our service even more personal for our congregation. At the last board meeting we discussed the possibility of adding to our lay leader group. I know there are many of you in our midst who would like to speak at services, to add your voice in a d'var torah, or a brief sermon on a relevant topic. And we would like to hear from you. Please don't be shy. Give me a call, send me an email, and we'll talk. Our regular lay leaders (Michael, Barbara and Don, and I) will be up there with you to help. Remember, we're a family and everyone gets a chance to speak at the family table!

Have a wonderful summer. Enjoy the weather. And watch your mail and email for some fun activities at the temple. Of course, we're always open on Shabbat and we hope to see you at our minyan on Saturday. If you'd like to sponsor a Kiddush for a loved one's yahrzeit, contact Phil Butkovitz or Dina at the office to make arrangements. We look forward to seeing you!

Paula

Building Fund Donations

To: Peter Horn & Family, In memory of wife & mother, Ellen
From: Dina Fox & Family

To: Miriam Cohen, In memory of her husband, Ed
From: Hy & Sylvia Sandler, Sandy & Eddie Swerdlick, Mickey Levine

To: Stuart & Cindy Weiner, In honor of daughter Courtney's high school graduation
From: Dina & Family

To: Marla & David Freedman, In honor of their 50th anniversary
From: Marilyn Masters

To: Sara & Heidi Chait, In honor of Jalen's high school graduation
From: Dina Fox

To: Allan & Linda Zalk, In honor of grandson, Shai's Bar Mitzvah
From: Dina Fox

To: Don & Barbara Weiner, in honor of their grandchildren's high school graduations
From: Dina Fox

To: Marilyn Masters, In honor of her granddaughter, Rebecca's high school graduation
From: Dina & Family

Religious committee

Summer is here at last. The weather is warm time to get out and relax. Do not forget the temple. Come to a Saturday service, cool-off, pray and eat. Start the weekend off right (not left). Saturday services can be the best 2 hours spend all weekend.

Ritual person Philip

DUES DUES DUES!!!

If you have not paid your Congregation Dues, please do so ASAP. We really need your cooperation. Your dues bills have been sent out and it would be appreciated if you would remit payment. Thanks in advance!!!!

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

***** 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.

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.

Neal Sherman Youth Fund
Rabbi Howard K. Kummer Memorial Scholarship Fund

The Scholarship Fund is proud to announce the recipient of this year's scholarship. Jalen Chait Green will be graduating from Gann Academy this year and will be attending the University of Hartford. He is the son of Heidi Chait and grandson of proud Gramma, Sara Chait. This presentation was made at Sisterhood's Shabbat Services and Installation of Officers on Friday, June 9.

Thank you to Rachel Baker for her continued support to the Youth Fund.

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

Please note that the Ezrath Israel Cemetery is now in the hands of John Ross & Son, who have been its custodian for many years. Any questions, please call them at 978-774-0139.

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 us. 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.

We would like to have some volunteers to help sell strips 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 leave your name and phone number at the temple.

We 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 names & phone numbers in the office.

Brotherhood News

Brothers,

To paraphrase a familiar song, 'here we are, another year older and deeper in debt'. The Brotherhood doesn't owe anything, but we aren't living up to our obligations. Like the Sisterhood, we exist to support the shul - religiously, socially, and financially.

Anyone can see we are failing miserably on all counts. It's the start of another new season for us, and we can start it off on the right foot by...oy vey, he's saying it again!

Yes, that's right. Attendance. How about coming to a Brotherhood meeting. Well, we have to schedule one first. Okay. Well, how about July 16, 2017. It's also 22 Tammuz 5777. There will be some nasheri, and we'll start kvetching about 9:30 AM. Is that enough advance warning, for you to be there?

We all must support the shul somehow, and we'll talk about how we can all do it. We only get together once every other month. Try to be there.

Les Lerman, Brotherhood President

Sisterhood News

Dear Sisterhood Members,

This is my first time writing to you as Sisterhood President. It is an honor and a pleasure being your President!

By the time you read this, our sisterhood season is complete for the year. I want to say thank you for a beautiful Shabbat evening on June 9, including a wonderful dinner catered by our own sisterhood followed by services chaired by Carol Sugerman and Dottie Scott, with the installation of officers conducted by Laraine Alpert. Donations from Sisterhood Sabbath are listed below.

While everyone is resting over the summer, Sisterhood is getting ready for our fall season. Our thanks to Laraine Alpert for having our final board meeting at the pink house on Revere Beach. Club-o-grams are still being sent over the summer months – call Barbara Weiner or Phyllis Werlin if you need a card sent out. Also, Dina Fox has already started working on the Sisterhood Calendar – be sure to get your ads, well-wishes and greetings in soon.

Before we know it, the holidays will be here!

Feel free to contact me or any officer with any questions or suggestions.

Regards,

Ilysa

Officers of Sisterhood Congregation Agudas Achim-Ezrath Israel (2017-2019)

President	Ilysa McCarthy	(781) 321-0042
First Vice President	Amanda Alpert	(781) 775-0174
Treasurer	Marilyn Masters	(781) 322-2035
Financial Secretary	Bobbi Epstein	(781) 324-7562
Recording Secretary (Board)	Phyllis Werlin	(781) 321-0238
Recording Secretary (Body)	Lois Werlan	(781) 321-0771
Corresponding Secretary (Board)	Dottie Scott	(781) 324-1145
Corresponding Secretary (Body)	Celia Brown	(781) 324-1721

Sisterhood Sabbath Donations

In honor of Ilysa, Amanda & all the newly installed officers
From: Laraine & Allan Alpert

In honor of the new slate of Sisterhood Officers
From: Paula Z. Sack

In honor of Ilysa as she is installed as Sisterhood President
Love from Linda & Rick

In honor of Ilysa's installation as President of Sisterhood
From: Arleen & Dina Fox

In Honor of Sisterhood & the new officers for 2017-2019
From: Carol & Alan Sugerman

Donations were also received from:
Marla & David Freedman
Dvora Zimmerman

Sisterhood Calendar (2017-2018)

August	28	Board Meeting
September	10 17	Yard Sale Regular Meeting
October	2 22	Board Meeting Membership Luncheon (Sunday)
November	6 19	Board Meeting Regular Meeting
December	4 10	Chanukah Board Meeting Chanukah Party (Sunday)
February	11	Sunday Breakfast Get-together
March	5 19	Board Meeting Regular Meeting
April	9 23	Board Meeting Pre-Donor Meeting
May	7 13	Board Meeting Donor Luncheon (Sunday)
June	8 2	Sisterhood Sabbath (Friday evening) Board Meeting – calendar meeting

Hostess Fund

Well, finally, summer is here! It's such a lovely time of year and so many of us are very busy with weddings, bar/bat mitzvahs and graduations to name a few celebrations. Before we know it July 4th will be here and I am wishing everyone a very happy and safe holiday.

While honoring these holidays and happy events, please keep the Sisterhood Hostess Fund in mind. The Hostess Fund is a venue by which we are able to raise funds for the Sisterhood while recognizing significant occasions and persons in our lives.

July Birthday wishes to:

Rob Passacantilli, 7/3
Edward Swerdlick, 7/8
Andrea Passacantilli, 7/13
Dorothy Waldman, 7/14
Ashley Rivers, 7/19
Beverly Visnick, 7/21
Madelyn Rose Dupois, 7/24
Barbara Kahn, 7/31

July Anniversary Wishes to:

Dottie and Bob Scott, 7/2
Elise and Jeff Caputi, 7/3

August Birthday wishes to:

Ilene Cohen, 8/1
Sandra Swerdlick, 8/9
Arlene Baron, 8/16
Eli Wickham, 8/20

August Anniversary Wishes to:

Paula Sack and Larry Walsh, 8/8
Carol and Larry Levine, 8/18

Mazel Tov to our celebrants and thank you for supporting our Sisterhood. If your birthday, anniversary or other honor is not addressed, please contact me at cmel5@aol.com or (617) 389-1447.

Thank you & have a wonderful summer,

Cheryl Rivers
Hostess Fund

Kitchen Fund Donations

To: Dvora Zimmerman, in memory of husband, Jack
From: Barbara & Arthur Kahn

To: Dvora Zimmerman, in memory of husband, Jack
From: Beverly Visnick

To: E. Donald Weiner, in honor of his birthday
From: Barbara & Arthur Kahn

From: Dottie Scott, in honor of her husband Bob's recovery

Sisterhood Club-O-Grams

Club-O-Grams (Barbara Weiner@781-324-0108 or Phyllis Werlin@781-321-0238)

CONGRATULATIONS

To: Dorothy Eisenman, in honor of new home

From: Beverly Visnick

To: Ethel Tzizik, in honor of your birthday

From: Dorothy Waldman, Elaine Porter, Lois Kligerman

To: Dvora Zimmerman, in honor of grandson, Carl, becoming a Bar Mitzvah

From: Cong. AA-EI, Sisterhood, Marilyn Masters, Barbara & Don Weiner, Paula Sack, Cheryl Rivers, Ihysa & Brian McCarthy, Carol & Alan Sugerman, Lee & Frank Goldman, Dina Fox, Bobbi Epstein, Beverly Visnick, Celia Brown, Barbara & Arthur Kahn, Laraine & Allan Alpert, Sheila Kipnis

To: Phyllis Werlin, in honor of receiving certificate in Sacred Jewish Music from Hebrew College School

From: Cong. AA-EI, Sisterhood, Barbara & Don Weiner, Carol & Alan Sugerman, Marilyn Masters, Sheila Kipnis, Dina Fox, Paula Sack, Dvora Zimmerman, Dottie Scott, Barbara & Arthur Kahn

To: Barbara & Don Weiner, in honor of grandchildren Courtney and Austin Weiner's high school graduations

From: Dottie & Bob Scott, Beverly Visnick, Paula Sack & Larry Walsh, Lee & Frank Goldman, Marilyn Masters, Laraine & Allan Alpert, Phyllis Werlin & Alan Levine, Bobbi Epstein, Cheryl Rivers, Arlene & Herb Baron, Carol & Alan Sugerman, Barbara & Arthur Kahn, Sheila Kipnis, Dina Fox, Beverly Visnick

To: Dr. & Mrs. Allan Zalk, in honor of grandson, Shai Cohen becoming a Bar Mitzvah

From: Cong. AA-EI

To: Mrs. Rose Baggelman, in honor of 100th birthday

From: Cong. AA-EI

GET WELL

To: Charlotte Gross

From: Elaine Porter, Lois Kligerman

To: Elaine Holcroft

From: Bingo Committee

To: Anne Vincent

From: Bella & David Westerman

To: Lois Werlan

From: Elaine & Leslie Lerman, Sisterhood

To: Reisa Parker

From: Dina Fox, Celia Brown, Sisterhood

To: Francis (Sonny) Cascio

From: Bella & David Westerman

To: Al Baum

From: Cong. AA-EI, Barbara & Don Weiner, Sheila Kipnis, Dina Fox, Lee & Frank Goldman, Cheryl Rivers, Paula Sack, Beverly Visnick, Marilyn Masters, Laraine & Allan Alpert, Arlene & Herb Baron, Barbara & Arthur Kahn

CONDOLENCES

To: Miriam Cohen & family, in memory of husband and father, Edward

From: Sisterhood, Barbara & Don Weiner, Sheila Kipnis, Marilyn Masters, Elaine & Eddie Piven, Arlene & Herb Baron, Estelle Barzley, Vicki Hamberg, Bella & David Westerman, Willy Freedman, Bobbi & Dickie Giller, Claire Shapiro Moretti, Celia Brown, Beverly Visnick

To: Michael Megna, in memory of grandmother, Margaret Megna

From: Bingo Committee, Marilyn Masters, Ilysa & Brian McCarthy, Sheila Kipnis, Dina Fox, Bobbi Epstein, Cheryl Rivers, Barbara & Don Weiner, Paula Sack

To: Thomson Family, in memory of father, William

From: Bella & David Westerman

To: Arthur Freedman, in memory of brother, Gerald

From: Celia Brown

To: Marilyn Stempler, in memory of mother, Naomi Sandler

From: Celia Brown

To: Triber-Hoar Family, in memory of mother, Nancy Triber-Hoar

From: Joan & Sonny Cascio

To: Marion Desmond & family, in memory of husband & father, Kenneth

From: Celia Brown, Barbara & Don Weiner & family

Sisterhood Contacts

Club-o-Grams:

Club-o-Gram cards are sent out for any and all occasions. Cost is \$3 each.
Sent by chairs Barbara Weiner - (781) 324-0108 or Phyllis Werlin - (781) 321-0238.

Kitchen Fund:

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:

Don't forget we carry a large selection of Mezzuzot including Red Sox and Patriots.

Connect Laraine Alpert at lja609@aol.com when you are looking for Judaica.



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**