

Congregation Agudas Achim - Ezrath Israel

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From the President

Dear Friends,

As I reflect back over my first year as president of our congregation, I'm pleased to say that I think we're doing all right! Our Shabbat minyanim are well attended (even during the winter); we managed to pull off a wonderful concert program last fall; our bingo fund raiser did well overall – although we ALWAYS are looking for more workers; our High Holiday services were very well received by you, our congregants. We witnessed a baby naming (for the first time in a long time); we had a congregant's grandson celebrate the second anniversary of his bar mitzvah; we even had an "uhpsherin," (good luck with that one, autocorrect) with Ray Harris's great-grandson, John, receiving a ritual haircut from our own Jewish barber, Brian McCarthy!

Unfortunately, however, we also lost several people who were an integral part of our temple – Harvey Steller, Bernie Yessin, Maurice Kipnis, and most recently, Jack Zimmerman. We lost Cynthia Roth, Marilyn Braverman, and Gary Parker. Please don't be offended if I left someone off. It wasn't intentional; sometimes I have a brain like a sieve.

By necessity we changed our second Seder around a bit. Rather than one person conducting the Seder, Wayne and I asked many of our guests to be active participants and lead various parts of the Seder. I almost felt like I was back at my parents' house years ago, when we would have aunts, uncles, cousins, strangers off the street – you name it, my mother invited them – and all would be a special part of the service. Everyone enjoyed participating and we plan to do it again next year.

My job is not a one person operation, and I am so fortunate to have my officers and board members. Allan Alpert has managed to save us a tremendous amount of money by examining our books, vendor contracts, various systems (such as heating and electricity) and effecting change where needed. To paraphrase the President, our Executive Board is truly working as a well-oiled machine – and that, my friends, is not fake news!

So what about our future? Well, we hope to have a special movie night program in the summer; we're planning another major fundraiser in the fall featuring a Klezmer Band; we'd like to plan a membership barbecue near the end of the summer; and we hope that our Religious Committee can block out a few special Friday night services before the bad weather sets in. Small baby steps indeed, folks, but given our circumstances, I think we're doing a terrific job. I am more than happy to entertain suggestions, questions, comments – my contact information remains the same:

Paula Z. Sack
Email: pzsack@aol.com
Phone: 781-321-2476

I am willing to accept criticism, but make sure that it's constructive criticism. If you feel we've done something wrong or inappropriate, please tell me, but be willing to back it up with an alternative. Our aim is to build our temple, not tear it down. And I can't do it alone – I need each and every one of you!

I wish a healthy fun-filled summer to you all. I hope to see you in shul on Shabbat and in shul helping at Tuesday Bingo! My best to you all!

Paula

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 our "Tov" group. The only way they will know if you are hospitalized or ill is if they are notified. Please rest assured that the "Tov" group does their best to protect a person's privacy.

Building Fund Donations

To: Dvora Zimmerman & Family, In memory of Jack
From: Ruth & Arthur Erlich, Michael, Beth, Michael & Mark Simons, Ray, Roz & Ron Buchholz, Katrina & David Posner, Jerry & Marrietta Gray

To: Mr. & Mrs. Daniel Burke, In memory of brother Jeffrey
From: Carol, Alan, Jacob & Alex

To: Mr. & Mrs. Frank Goldman, In honor of granddaughter Leah's Bat Mitzvah
From: Sandy & Joel Zigelbaum

To: Sam & Caroline Goldman, In honor of daughter Leah's Bat Mitzvah
From: Joel & Sandy Zigelbaum

To: Julian Gordon, In memory of wife Doreen
From: Katrina & David Posner

To: Joyce Miller, In memory of father Melvin Posner
From: Katrina & David Posner

To: Lanie Holmes, Renee & Jackie Hambro, In memory of son & grandson Zachary Joshua Holmes
From: Carol, Alan, Jacob & Alex

Thank you to the following people for their generous donations for our Purim celebration, including the delicious brunch & ice cream buffet:

From: Jerry Gray, in memory of his father Jack, Carol & Alan Sugerman, Dottie Scott, Bobbi Epstein, Ray Harris, Elaine & Leslie Lerman, Allan & Laraine Alpert and the Neal Sherman Youth Group

Religious committee

It's summertime summertime sum sum summertime! The days are getting warmer. The sun is out later. Winter coats and hats are put away for another season. But do not forget the temple. Saturday services are the best way to start the week. Join your fellow members and come.

Ritual chairman Philip

Shavuot-Yizkor Wednesday, May 31, 7:30 pm

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 will be 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.

Don and I have retired after over 25 yrs. Thank you, Barbara

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,

We are planning a fund-raiser for some time in June. More news at eleven.

Surprised we're still in business? Yup. We've got to keep the shul in business. Bingo and High Holiday ticket sales can't do it all. Think of it. The clock is still ticking.

Call me at (781) 223-8501 if you have any ideas. Or suggestions. Or...

Leslie Lerman, Brotherhood President

Sisterhood News

Dear Sisterhood Members,

This is the last time I will be writing to you as Sisterhood President. The past 4 years have flown by. So many meetings and events took place during these 4 years. We learned about Reiki , had wine and cheese, had Purim and Chanukah parties, Membership and Donor luncheons, and discovered ways to organize our houses. We read "Boston Girl" together and planned a Holiday Fair. We played games, had our February gatherings and collected toys, hats and gloves for Housing Families. I want to thank all our members for contributing to every meeting and event with their assistance as well as their enthusiasm. It has been a real pleasure being your President!

By the time you read this, our Donor Luncheon will be here on Sunday May 21, 2017 at 12:30 pm. Donation is \$40.00 and Triple Chai is \$54.00. Chairpersons D'vora Zimmerman and Sheila Kipnis have planned a wonderful Luncheon with entertainment by Jody Ebling and food by Marilyn Masters. I'm looking forward to attending and i hope you are too.

Our last event of the year will be the Installation of Officers at the Sisterhood Sabbath Services and Supper on Friday evening June 9, 2017 at 6:30 pm. The supper will be catered by the Sisterhood. Adults are \$12.00 and children 13 and under are free. The Nominating Chairperson is Cheryl Rivers.

Officers for 2017 – 2019

President: Ilysa McCarthy
1st Vice President: Amanda Alpert
Treasurer: Marilyn Masters
Financial Secretary: Roberta Epstein
Recording Secretary of the Board: Phyllis Werlin
Recording Secretary of the Body: Lois Werlan
Corresponding Secretary of the Board: Dottie Scott
Corresponding Secretary of the Body: Celia Brown
Chairperson of the Board: Amanda Alpert

We have wonderful, capable women on the new Slate of Officers. My best wishes to all of You!

Sincerely
Elaine Lerman, Sisterhood President

Sisterhood Calendar

Sunday, May 21, 2017, Donor Luncheon

Friday, June 9, 2017, Sisterhood Shabbat

Monday, June 12, 2017, Board Calendar meeting

Hostess Fund

Welcome to the Hostess Fund.

What a very busy time of year.

I certainly hope that everyone had a lovely Passover. Personally, I am happy that I don't have to look at another piece of matzoh for a while.

I am very happy to announce the following birthdays and anniversaries for the months of May and June.

May Birthdays:

Marjorie Werlan, May 5

Iris Arnofsky, May 8

Sandy Levin, May 14

Jennifer Jones, May 21

May Anniversaries:

Lee and Frank Goldman, May 24

Marla and David Freedman, May 28

Lena and Jared Wickham, May 29

June Birthdays:

Dina Fox, June 2

Marion Green, June 5

Phyllis Werlin, June 6

Marlee Waleik, June 7

Elise Caputi, June 7

Sylvia Sandler, June 8

Laraine Alpert, June 9

Jessica McCarthy, June 27

June Anniversaries:

Arlene and Herbert Baron, June 10

Linda and Sonny Dall, June 10

Elaine and Leslie Lerman, June 26

Andrea and Rob Passacantilli, June 26

Barbara and Arthur Kahn, June 28

I would also like to say Mazel Tov to the parents and grandparents of Leah Goldman who celebrated her Bat Mitzvah on March 18, 2017.

Congratulations to Marlee Waleik who completed her first year of college.

Congratulations to Courtney Weiner and Austin Weiner. Courtney and Austin are 2017 high school graduates.

Carol and Larry Levine are honoring their granddaughters, Alyssa and Rani

I want to offer my deep-felt thank you's to all the sisterhood members who have supported the Hostess Fund. It is so important to support our Sisterhood; after all we have so much to offer and pass down to our future generations

My contact information is:

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Happy Spring,

Cheryl Rivers

Hostess Fund

Officers of Sisterhood Congregation Agudas Achim-Ezrath Israel (2015-2017)

President	Elaine Lerman	(781) 223-8501
First Vice President	Ilysa McCarthy	(781) 321-0042
Second Vice President	Amanda Alpert	(781) 775-0174
Treasurer	Marilyn Masters	(781) 322-2035
Financial Secretary	Bobbi Epstein	(781) 324-7562
Asst. Financial Secretary	Carol Sugerman	(781) 321-4535
Recording Secretary (Board & Body)	Phyllis Werlin	(781) 321-0238
Corresponding Secretary (Board)	Dottie Scott	(781) 324-1145
Corresponding Secretary (Body)	Dina Fox	(781) 321-2528

Sisterhood Club-O-Grams

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

CONGRATULATIONS

To: Lee & Frank Goldman, in honor of granddaughter becoming a Bat Mitzvah
From: Cong. AA-EI, Sisterhood, Marilyn Masters, Barbara & Don Weiner, Dina Fox, Bobbi Epstein, Arthur & Barbara Kahn, Paula Sack, Celia Brown, Carol & Alan Sugerman, Arlene & Herb Baron

To: Arthur & Barbara Kahn, in honor of Granddaughter, Alexandra Braver, becoming a Bat Mitzvah
From: Cong., AA-EI, Sisterhood, Marilyn Masters, Barbara & Don Weiner, Laraine & Allan Alpert, Paula Sack, Sheila Kipnis, Dina Fox, Lee & Frank Goldman, Arlene & Herb Baron, Bobbi Epstein

GET WELL

To: Allan Zalk
From: Cong. AA-EI, Dina Fox, Barbara & Don Weiner

To: Bob Scott
From: Paula Sack, Barbara & Don Weiner, Dvora Zimmerman

To: Joseph Westerman
From: Mom & Dad

To: Eddie Cohen
From: Celia Brown, Barbara & Don Weiner, Arlene & Herb Baron

To: Ray Harris
From: Cong. AA-EI, Barbara & Don Weiner, Marilyn Masters

To: Arlene Baron
From: Elaine & Leslie Lerman, Sisterhood AA-EI

To: Deena Gonick
From: Sisterhood AA-EI, Dina Fox

To: Charlotte Gross
From: Lois Kligerman, Elaine Porter

CONDOLENCES

To: Dvora Zimmerman, in memory of loving husband, Jack
From: Claire Moretti, Miriam & Ed Cohen, Arlene & Herb Baron

To: Willy Freedman, in memory of loving husband, Gerald
From: Barbara & Don Weiner, Paula Sack, Miriam & Ed Cohen, Sheila Kipnis

To: Arlene & Joe Ceppetelli, in memory of loving grandson
From: Amanda Alpert, Dina Fox

To: Barbara Tolstrup, in memory of loving husband, David
From: Beverly Visnick

To: Russ Greenblatt, in memory of dear mother, Judi
From: Celia Brown

To: Yessin Family, in memory of loving father & grandfather, Bernard (Bernie)
From: Cong. AA-EI, Beverly Visnick, Barbara & Don Weiner, Marilyn Masters, Sheila Kipnis, Barbara & Arthur Kahn, Bella & David Westerman, Paula Sack, Laraine & Allan Alpert, Dina Fox

To: Harvey Malin & family, in memory of loving wife & mother, Judy
From: Barbara & Don Weiner

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 AAEI**