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Rabbi's Message

Dear Friends,

As we swelter in 90+ degree heat this summer in Massachusetts, our attention is drawn to another hot-spot, the entire Middle East which is embroiled in conflict and struggle. In Syria, we look on as a brutal authoritarian regime, aligned with Shiite extremists, battles with a strange coalition of Sunni extremists of the Al Qaeda ilk and Western oriented moderates. The U.S. and most of the world sit on the sidelines, afraid of “blowback” if weapons provided to the rebels are turned against Western interests. At the same time the Taliban and their allies are resurgent in Iraq and Afghanistan, and even in nuclear-armed Pakistan. Iran gets ever closer to acquiring an atomic bomb, and even with their newly elected government, it is hard to see how the new leaders will have the power to change course. In recent days the world's attention has turned to the dramatic events in Egypt which is in the throes of a military coup. At first glance this seems like a set-back for the nascent democracy. But upon reflection, the move seems to be necessary to save the Egyptian people from an inept Muslim Brotherhood leadership which was destroying the economy and laying the groundwork for installing a fundamentalist Muslim government. The army takeover, bitter medicine though it is, may serve to keep the country alive long enough to recover economically and socially. The coup puts the West in the uncomfortable position of choosing between a failing elected government, and a resurgent military defending the ideals of popular revolution. As David Brooks wrote so incisively in the New York Times, “The debate on Egypt has been between those who emphasize process and those who emphasize substance.” By “process” he means the mere appearance of a democratic process.

In Egypt, the Islamist party of Mohammed Morsi was never committed to the ideals which are the basis of a true democracy. They did not ascribe to the values of liberty, religious tolerance, to the rights of the individual – those “self-evident” rights that are the basis of the entire democratic edifice. As Brooks writes: “...the substance people are right. Promoting elections is generally a good thing even when they produce victories for democratic forces we disagree with. But elections are not a good thing when they lead to the elevation of people whose substantive beliefs fall outside the democratic orbit. It's necessary to investigate the core of a party's beliefs, not just accept anybody who happens to emerge in a democratic process.” As I like to say, a band of pirates and cut-throats can elect a leader, but that does not make them a democratic institution worthy of the name. All parties participating in a true ethical democracy should be pledged to uphold the principles of liberty, respect for minorities, for the rights of all as enshrined in the United Nations Universal Proclamation of Human Rights – or in our Bill of Rights which is the model for all such documents.

As Jews and as Americans we have an interest in seeing Egypt and indeed the entire Middle East progress towards true democracy. If Israel is to have a lasting peace with her neighbors they need to have stable governments which respect their own citizens' rights and can therefore respect their neighbors. Thankfully, Egypt's fragile peace with Israel has endured for many years – but for the peace to survive, Egypt's people must have hope – and even more fundamentally, they must have food for its burgeoning population of 80 million. Egypt

must urgently find real solutions to its problems. And as we know -- too often demonization of Israel and Jews has provided the safety-valve for tensions in the Islamic world. It is important for the U.S. to do all it can to help Egypt's society modernize its economy and government and to set itself on the true path to democracy.

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.

Temple President's Message

Dear Congregation,

The summer has arrived. Time for cook-outs, the beach and etc. Please do not forget the Temple. The few of us who run bingo would also like a break. But your help is needed for this to occur. Also remember the holidays come right after Labor Day. Have a safe and healthy summer. See you Saturday and at the high holidays.

President Philip Butkovitz

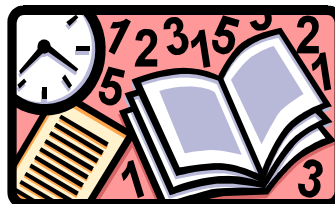
Building Fund Donations

To: Larry Green, In loving memory of his father Sidney
From: Larry & Mindy Levine, Marilyn Masters, Dina Fox

To: Temple, In loving memory of her family
From: Pearl Sinowitz

Please --- Help your synagogue by paying your Dues!!!! We are now beginning our new year. PLEASE HELP US OUT.

Thanks!



Brotherhood News

Greetings Brothers,

Well, we're finally at the point in the year where both 'Hoods are off-duty until September. For us, there is always some behind the scenes prep-work for the next season. Our next meeting will be September 22. Mark that date on your calendar.

We will be doing some interesting things next season. Here is a little preview;

BBQ, party, guest speakers, fund-raisers

To you non-participating Brotherhood members, get off your tush and come to a meeting. I know you will be pleasantly surprised at the friendliness. And the nasheri. And especially the Happy Hour. Come one, come all. See what we can accomplish.]

Your President,
Leslie Lerman

Ritual committee

Another year has passed, and we are on the cusp of a very early High Holiday season. In retrospect, I feel the year has gone well. We've had many programs that were well-attended; our Shabbat minyanim have welcomed the "regulars" as well as some new "regulars." Unfortunately, the weather and certain events (the Patriots Day attack) forced us to cancel some of our Friday evening services, but the ones that we had were wonderful, and I look forward to planning more for next year.

We are so fortunate to have the congregation that we have. Sometimes it takes us a little longer to institute some changes, but on the whole, we recognize that circumstances change and sometimes we have to change with them. One of the things we discussed at our last Ritual Committee meeting was encouraging our congregants to celebrate their bar and bat mitzvah haftarah portions with us. Last year was the 55th anniversary of my bat mitzvah (I know, I don't look that old – but I am!). It was such a joy to have my children and grandchildren celebrate with me as I recited the story of Deborah the Judge. I hope there will be many of you who will take the opportunity to do the same at a Saturday morning service. There will be more information coming and there are many of us in the congregation who would be willing to help you if you choose to become a bar or bat mitzvah once again. I look forward to celebrating the High Holidays with our Rabbi, our Cantors Wayne and Phyllis, and our lay leaders Michael Simons, Barbara and Don Weiner, and myself. We got some very favorable feedback last year, and so we decided to continue.

We will be sending out our calendar of events soon, and of course, you'll also get flyers and emails reminding you of our events and simchas. Have a peaceful and fun-filled summer and we'll see you right after Labor Day!

Paula Sack, Ritual Committee Chairperson

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.

Neal Sherman Youth Group

Rabbi Howard K. Kummer Memorial Scholarship Fund Donations:

The fund will continue to help sponsor events that involve our children. The Kummer Fund will continue to donate to a high school senior of a member going on to college.

ATTENTION:

Our fiscal year ended in June. If you owe "dues" please take care of your obligation as this time of the year is a financial hardship for the Congregation. We thank you in advance for your cooperation.

<p>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.</p>

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

TEI Cemetary

CEMETERY ----- The price of lots for the Ezrath Israel Cemetery in Danvers are: members \$900.00 and non-members, \$1100.00.

Don Weiner, Chairperson (781) 324-0108

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!

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.

Bobbi Epstein (781) 324-7562

Sisterhood Judaica Shop

Gary Rosenthal Collection, we have it; Quest Gifts, we have it; plus so much more.

Don't forget the Judaica Shop when looking for a gift for Bar/Bat Mitzvahs, weddings, housewarmings or just a gift for yourself. We have many mezuzahs, tallit, beautiful jewelry and gifts for all ages.

Check with the shop, before going to Brookline, we might just have what you are looking for. Call Laraine at 781-231-1140 when looking for something special.

Adult Education

We just finished the spring Lifelong Jewish Learning program recently. Koffee with Kudan explored Hot Button Issues and Jewish Ethics. Although the last class about gossip had to be cancelled, the Rabbi assured me that we will be able to discuss this sometime soon. I was unable to attend the classes due to medical issues, but I heard this was a popular series of courses. The Adult Education Committee will be meeting this summer to plan our programs for the fall and spring, so if you have any suggestions, call me at 781-480-4552 or the Rabbi at 781-322-2794. Have a wonderful summer and we will see you in the fall for more courses and programs!

Elaine Lerman, Adult Education Chair

Sisterhood Greetings

Hi ladies! We had a very productive year thanks to all of you, our program chairs, our kitchen committee and of course, our Past President Cheryl Rivers. We had a fantastic Donor Dinner as the capstone to the year and I want to thank Barbara Kahn and her committee for the beautiful 60th Diamond Jubilee celebration and for being part of the entertainment. Our election of officers produced some changes and as your new President, I'm excited about the next two years. I can't wait to get started. The board meeting in June came up with not only a calendar of dates, but with ideas for our meetings. We will again have our holiday fair in November which was fun and was profitable for us. Look below for the list of dates for our meetings for 2013-2014.

The summer is a time of relaxation and renewal of our energy. I know that I will enjoy the warmer weather, going without a coat and hat, not having to scrape ice or brush the snow off the car, and the general feeling of freedom that this time of the year brings. Make sure to wear at least 30+ SPF and a hat if you sit in the hot summer sun, if you go on vacation, take plenty of pictures to share at our September meeting. Take care of yourselves and have fun in whatever you do.

I hope I will see you all at the September meeting. If you have any ideas for Sisterhood programs or fundraisers, I am always ready to hear them. Just call me at 781-480-4552. Have a wonderful summer and see you in September!

Elaine Lerman, Sisterhood President

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

President	Elaine Lerman	(781) 480-4552
First Vice President	Ilysa McCarthy	(781) 321-0042
Second Vice President	Amanda Alpert	(781) 775-0174
Treasurer	Marilyn Masters	(781) 322-2035
Financial Secretary	Carol Sugerman	(781) 321-4535
Asst. Financial Secretary	Bobbi Epstein	(781) 324-7562
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Recording Secretary (Board)	Phyllis Werlin	(781) 321-0238
Corresponding Secretary (Body)	Sharon Shopnick	(781) 321-4441
Corresponding Secretary (Board)	Helen Baum	(781) 322-8914

Sisterhood Calendar (2013-2014)

August	26	Board Meeting
September	16	Regular Meeting (Chair- Phyllis Werlin)
October	7 27	Board Meeting Membership Luncheon (Sunday) (Chairs – Dottie Scott & Barbara Weiner)
November	4 10 18	Board Meeting Holiday Fair (Sunday) – [Tentative] Regular Meeting – Jewish Book month (Chair - Dina Fox)
December	2 8	Chanukah Board Meeting Chanukah Brunch (Sunday) (Chair – Ilysa McCarthy)
February	9	Sunday Breakfast Get-together
March	3 17	Board Meeting Regular Meeting
April	7	Board Meeting
May	5 18	Pre-Donor Meeting 61 st Annual Donor Luncheon (Sunday) (Chair – ; Reservations)
June	2 13	Board Meeting – calendar meeting Sisterhood Sabbath (Friday evening) (Chairs – Carol Sugerman and Amanda Alpert)

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 Bobbi Epstein - (781) 324-7562.

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:

The Sisterhood Judaica Shop, which resides in its beautiful home in the front lobby of the building, has many items for all occasions. Call Laraine at 781-231-1140 or email lja609@aol.com if you are looking for a New Year/shower/wedding/hostess or baby gift. We have lots of mezuzahs in stock plus many other Judaica items including jewelry.

Hostess Fund:

Donations to help defray the cost of meetings in honor of Birthdays and other occasions can be made to Hostess Fund chair Sharon Shopnick at (781) 321-4441.

Sisterhood Kitchen Fund Donations

From: Marilyn Masters

From: Maxine Lepore

From: Laraine & Allan Alpert, in honor of daughter Amanda being installed as Sisterhood 2nd Vice President

From: Laraine & Allan Alpert, in honor of Dina Fox's Birthday

To: Dorothy Eisenman, In honor of Lifetime Achievement Award from Temple Ner Tamid
From: Beverly Visnick

From: Beverly Visnick, In honor of Granddaughter Kyra Visnick's graduation from High School and her acceptance to Cornell University.

Sisterhood Club-O-Grams

CONGRATULATIONS:

To: Eleanor Meltzer, In honor of grandson Max's graduation from Army Reserve
From: Flo Meltzer

To: Mr. & Mrs. Alan Meltzer, In honor of son, Max's graduation from Army Reserve
From: Aunt Flo

To: Elise Meltzer, In honor of nephew Max's graduation from Army Reserve
From: Flo Meltzer

To: Mr. & Mrs. Jay Goldman, In honor of daughter, Maya becoming a Bat Mitzvah
From: Beverly Visnick, Elaine & Buddy Aronson

To: Susan Goldman, In honor of granddaughter, Maya becoming a Bat Mitzvah
From: Beverly Visnick, Elaine & Buddy Aronson

To: Harriett Sherman, In honor of granddaughter, Holly becoming a Bat Mitzvah
From: Sisterhood, Laraine & Allan Alpert, Dina Fox, Sheila & Maurice Kipnis, Marilyn Masters

To: Marjorie Tzizik, In honor of new apartment
From: Elaine & Buddy Aronson

To: Beverly Visnick, In honor of granddaughter Kyra's graduation from High School.
From: Elaine & Buddy Aronson

To: Arlene & Herbert Baron, In honor of anniversary
From: Lorraine Bendell & family

To: Gail Rotman, In honor of birth of granddaughter, Emma Rose
From: Congregation, Sisterhood, Marilyn Masters, Sheila & Maurice Kipnis, Dina Fox, Bobbi Epstein, Barbara & Don Weiner, Laraine & Allan Alpert, Carol & Alan Sugerman

To: Mr. & Mrs. Wayne Parillo, In honor of birth of son, Tyler James
From: Aunt Elaine & Uncle Buddy

To: Burton & Long Visnick, In honor of Kyra's graduation from H.S.
From: Mom

To: Kyra Visnick, In honor of graduation from H.S. and your acceptance to Cornell Univ.
From: Grandma

To: Helen & Al Baum, In honor of marriage of granddaughter
From: Congregation, Sisterhood, Brotherhood, Barbara & Don Weiner, Dina Fox, Bobbi Epstein, Lorraine Bendell, Marilyn Masters, Sheila & Maurice Kipnis, Laraine & Allan Alpert, Dottie & Bob Scott, Carol & Alan Sugerman, Hy & Sylvia Sandler, Lee & Frank Goldman, Elaine & Leslie Lerman, Arlene & Herb Baron, Beverly Visnick, Cheryl Rivers, Paula Sack

To: Jordan Tye – graduation from college
From: Marilyn Masters

MAZEL TOV to all the parents, grandparents, and families of our children who have graduated from all levels of learning! May all their futures be bright!

GET WELL:

**To: Joan Schecket
From: Helen & Al Baum**

**To: Harold Hoffman
From: Arlene & Herb Baron, Margie, Mark & Jared Casper**

**To: Edward Cohen
From: Arlene & Herb Baron**

**To: Elaine Lerman
From: Bella & David Westerman, Regina & John Kaufman**

**To: Evelyn Kushlan
From: Barbara & Don Weiner, Laraine & Allan Alpert, Bobbi Epstein, Elaine & Buddy Aronson, Beverly Visnick**

**To: Eddie Gothelf
From: Bella & David Westerman**

**To: Barbara Furman
From: Bella & David Westerman, Helen & Al Baum**

**To: Dottie Scott
From: Barbara Murstein**

**To: David Arnofsky
From: Regina & John Kaufman**

**To: Sharon Shopnick
From: Sisterhood, Dina Fox, Arlene & Herb Baron, Barbara & Don Weiner, Laraine & Allan Alpert, Marilyn Masters, Bobbi Epstein, Beverly Visnick, Carol & Alan Sugerman**

**To: Dina Fox
From: Congregation, Sisterhood, Barbara & Don Weiner, Marilyn Masters, Sheila & Maurice Kipnis, Dina Fox, Bobbi Epstein, Helen & Al Baum, Elaine & Leslie Lerman, Paula Sack, Arlene & Herb Baron, Carol & Alan Sugerman, Hy & Sylvia Sandler, Lee & Frank Goldman, Philip Butkovitz, Cheryl Rivers, Beverly Visnick, Bella & David Westerman, Dottie & Bob Scott**

**To: Alan Sugerman - wishing you a speedy and easy recovery
From: Barbara & Don Weiner, Sheila & Maurice Kipnis, Bobbi Epstein, Marilyn Masters, Dina Fox, Laraine & Allen Alpert, Congregation A.A.E.I**

**To: Brian McCarthy – a speedy and easy recovery from surgery
From: Barbara & Don Weiner, Sheila & Maurice Kipnis, Dina Fox, Bobbi Epstein, Laraine & Allen Alpert, Carol & Alan Sugerman, Congregation A.A.E.I**

**To: Evelyn Kushlan – a speedy & easy recovery from surgery
From: The bingo players, the workers, Sheila Kipnis**

To: Elaine Lerman - get well soon from surgery
From: Laraine & Allen Alpert, Bobbi Epstein, Dina Fox, Marilyn Masters, Sheila & Maurice Kipnis, Barbara & Don Weiner, Carol & Alan Sugerman, Helen & Al Baum, Dottie & Bob Scott, Sylvia & Hy Sandler, Beverly Visnick, Paula Sack, Cheryl Rivers, Cong. A.A.E.I – Sisterhood & Brotherhood

CONDOLENCES:

To: Brown Family, In memory of brother, Doug
From: Auntie Honey & Uncle Al

To: Clara Finn & Family, In memory of husband, father, & grandfather, Gerald
From: Miriam & Ed Cohen, Aunt Lorraine Bendell, Robert & Cathy Bendell, Uncle Murray Bendell & Mary, Sandra Bendell Berson



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**