

# Congregation Agudas Achim - Ezrath Israel

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## Rabbi's Message

Preparing for the High Holidays,

Dear Friends,

I had the opportunity this summer to travel extensively in France and Ireland. Some of our plans were made long in advance, others were more spontaneous. I tried to watch French movies on Netflix to get my language skills up to speed, I made flight reservations, even a few restaurant plans. Not everything was planned in advance, but I was happy to have made some arrangements in advance; and there a special pleasure in fulfilling the expectation of long awaited experience. With this in mind, as we prepare for our journey through the High Holidays, I would like to share with you some reflections of Julie Danon which resonate with me, and I hope will with you as well. Danon writes: "When a family plans a vacation, they usually begin weeks in advance to prepare by obtaining passports and other documents, sending for travel brochures, reading the guidebooks, and making plans." She continues with the observation that it is the rare family that will leave all the arrangements to chance. And so it is, she observes, that "without adequate preparation, we and our children are like travelers who take a spur of the moment trip to a place we haven't been for a long time – we may chance upon some exciting new experience, but we're really more likely to end up feeling like strangers, finding that we've forgotten some of the language and customs of the place." (Julie Hilton Danon, *The Jewish Parents Almanac*, p. 179)

Even in these last days before Rosh Ha-Shana, even through the 10 days of repentance, we can prepare ourselves for the experiences we will undergo during the High Holidays. We will certainly make lists of what to buy at the grocery store to prepare for our holiday meals. We can also make other lists, lists of our accomplishments over the past year, lists of dear ones and friends we wish to renew our contacts with, lists of those we have lost – and the lessons they have imparted to us, lists of the things in ourselves we wish to change or improve, goals, plans, and resolutions. And of course, there is the all-important list of those whom we have wronged and from whom we should ask forgiveness.

In addition to making lists, we can look at the map – review the schedule of services to come. We can pull out the Machzor-- the High Holiday prayer-books to review our favorite parts, and the melodies that go with them. Many radio stations schedule programming for the High Holidays, and listening to the moving melodies of the season can do much to put us in the "Yontovdik" Mood, the High Holiday mindset. Traditionally one is encouraged to hear the sound of the Shofar each day of the month of Elul preceding Rosh Hashana. Sacred Sounds reach deep into our souls and memories, awakening us from our spiritual lethargy and helping to move us to the alertness and opening required for fully experiencing the High Holidays. Getting children prepared is also vital to having a meaningful High Holiday journey. Learning songs, cooking together, going over the key concepts involving them in all the preparations is really the key. (Danon offers many great suggestions for these types of activities too, for the High Holidays and all throughout the year.) Asking elders, grandparents and others to talk about High Holidays of years past, sharing memories and stories is also a great way to

engage the generations in the holiday season.

However you prepare, or even if you arrive at services, "Without reservations," or having shown up "On a last minute booking," I wish you all a voyage through the season that is meaningful and enlightening, satisfying and challenging, motivating and comforting. L'Shana Tova Tikateyvu – May you have a good New Year – With or without reservations.

Rabbi David Kudan

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### **Bikkur Cholim/ Visiting the Sick**

Please call the office ( 781-322-7205 ) 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.

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### **Temple President's Message**

Dear Congregation,

The High holidays are here. Start the new season off right. The temple needs your help - both financially (please pay your dues on time) and physically (volunteer to help at bingo and etc.).

Please note this is the last paper bulletin you will receive. Future bulletins will be sent by email. Please notify the office so that your e-mail address is on file. If you still want a paper bulletin, also call the office.

Have a good holiday season and a safe and healthy fall. Hope to see you Saturday mornings.

President Philip Butkovitz

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### **Building Fund Donations**

To: Mr. & Mrs. Sam Tabasky, In memory of Brother, Mark Toder  
From: Carol & Alan Sugerman, Marvin & Rosalyn Tabasky

To: Willinger Family, In memory of wife & mother, Helen  
From: Carol, Alan & Jacob Sugerman

To: David Tepper, In our thoughts  
From: Carol & Alan Sugerman

To: Colleen Fox, In memory of mother, Barbara Shute  
From: Carol & Alan Sugerman, Arlene & Jerry Rubin

To: Arlene Rubin, In memory of mother, Sylvia Glassman  
From: Dina & Arleen Fox, Steven & Colleen Fox, Marilyn Masters, Allan & Laraine Alpert, Bobbi Epstein, Barbara & Don Weiner

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## 2013 High Holiday Schedule

### Schedule of Services

#### **ROSH HASHANAH**

Wednesday Evening, September 4, 2013

Mincha/Maariv.....6:45 P.M.

Thursday Morning, September 5, 2013

Shacharit..... 9:30 A.M.

Torah Service.....10:30 A.M.

Shofar Service.....11:45 A.M.

Sermon/Musaf..... 12:00 P.M.

Friday Morning, September 6, 2013

Shacharit.....9:30 A.M.

Torah Service.....10:30 A.M.

Shofar Service.....11:45 A.M.

Sermon/Musaf.....12:00 P.M.

#### **SHABBAT SHUVAH SERVICES**

Saturday Morning, September 7, 2013.....9:30 A.M.

#### **YOM KIPPUR SERVICES**

Friday Evening, September 13, 2013

Kol Nidre Service.....7:00 P.M.

Saturday Morning, September 14, 2013

Shacharit.....9:30 A.M.

Dvar Torah/Service.....10:30 A.M.

Sermon/Musaf Service.....11:45 A.M.

Intermission

Yizkor Service.....5:30 P.M.

Mincha.....6:15 P.M.

Neilah Service.....6:30 P.M.

Maariv/Havdalah.....7:30 P.M.

Sounding of the Shofar.....7:45 P.M.

### Flowers & Break The Fast

We are looking for some people to donate money to help defray the cost of our lovely Bima flowers during Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, as well as our refreshments for Break The Fast. If you would like to contribute, please call the office at 781 322-7205.

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### Hebrew School Donation

We would like to thank the Malden Hebrew School & the Metro North Regional Hebrew School for their recent generous donation to our Temple. It has been our pleasure & privilege to be a part of the Hebrew School for so many years. It is greatly missed.

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### WELCOME NEW CONGREGATION MEMBERS!

Stephen Spector  
Marc & Nicole Freedman & family  
Raymond Harris

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

Thanks!



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

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## Brotherhood News

Brotherhood members,

The first meeting of our new year will be Sept. 22.

It is with great sadness that I must leave my position as active President and become an ex officio. That is, an absentee advisor.

Until recently I have been successfully coping with a long-term illness. But soon I will be requiring specialized care in a controlled environment for about a year.

During my tenure as President, I enjoyed working with and for the Brotherhood. It was sometimes challenging but always rewarding.

I have every confidence the present slate of officers will lead you into new and exciting areas.

Regretfully yours,  
Leslie Lerman

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## Ritual committee

For once, my friends, I'm going to be brief – a happy and healthy new year to all. Please check in with our new webpage ( [www.aa-ei.org](http://www.aa-ei.org) ) to see all the wonderful things that are being planned for the year ahead. See you in “shul.”

Paula Z. Sack, Ritual Committee Chairperson  
781-321-2476  
[pzsack@aol.com](mailto:pzsack@aol.com)

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## 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.

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## 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

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**\*\*\* 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.

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**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.

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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.

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**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

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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](mailto:Lja609@aol.com).

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**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.

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**\*\*\*\*\*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!

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**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

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**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.

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**Sisterhood Greetings**

Due to the illness of Elaine Lerman, Sisterhood President, there will be no Sisterhood greetings in this bulletin. However, Elaine wishes everyone a very Happy and Healthy New Year!

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**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
Recording Secretary (Body)	Barbara Kahn	(781) 321-1177
Recording Secretary (Board)	Phyllis Werlin	(781) 321-0238
Corresponding Secretary (Body)	Sharon Shopnick	(781) 321-4441
Corresponding Secretary (Board)	Helen Baum	(781) 322-8914

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## Sisterhood Calendar (2013-2014)

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

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## 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](mailto: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.

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## Sisterhood Kitchen Fund Donations

To: Helen & Al Baum, In honor of granddaughter Amy's marriage  
From: Estelle Barzelay, Maxine Chancey, Beverly Visnick

To: Roberta Eptein, get well after surgery  
From: Esther Gorin

To: Maureen Fritz, In memory of brother Daniel Fritz  
From: Esther Gorin

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## Sisterhood Club-O-Grams

### CONGRATULATIONS:

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

### GET WELL:

To: Ilysa Mccarthy – wishing you a speedy recovery from surgery  
From: Laraine & Allen Alpert, Bobbi Epstein, Dina Fox, Sheila & Maurice Kipnis, Barbara & Don Weiner, Carol & Alan Sugerman, Barbara & Arthur Kahn, Esther Goren, Helen & Al Baum, Sylvia & Hy Sandler, Dottie & Bob Scott, Beverly Visnick, Cheryl Rivers, Marilyn Braverman, Bobbi Giller, Sisterhood, Elaine Lerman, President, Brotherhood, Leslie Lerman, President, Cong. A.A.E.I.

To: Sharon Shopnick  
From: Lee & Frank Goldman

To: Mrs. Sandra Hoffman  
From: Allan & Laraine Alpert

To: Elisa Zimmerman  
From: Allan, Laraine & Jonathan Alpert

To: Mrs. Barbara Kahn  
From: Cong. AA-EI, Sisterhood

To: Carmella Casio  
From: Bella & David Westerman

To: Edward Cohen  
From: Lee & Frank Goldman

To: Edward Gothelf  
From: Bella & David Westerman

To: Benson Brown  
From: Cong., Brotherhood, Helen & Al Baum, Frank & Lee Goldman, Beverly Visnick, Barbara & Don Weiner, Arlene & Herb Baron, Sylvia & Hy Sandler, Marilyn Masters, Leslie & Elaine Lerman, Paula Sack

To: Cheryl Rivers  
From: Cong., Sisterhood, Barbara & Don Weiner, Marilyn Masters, Sheila & Maurice Kipnis, Dina Fox, Bobbi Epstein, Dottie & Bob Scott, Elaine & Leslie Lerman, Beverly Visnick, Helen & Al Baum, Sylvia & Hy Sandler, Arlene & Herb Baron, Laraine & Allan Alpert, Carol & Alan Sugerman, Barbara & Arthur Kahn, Phyllis Werlin, Paula Sack

**To: Leslie Lerman**  
**From: Cong., Brotherhood, Phyllis Werlin, Barbara & Arthur Kahn, Barbara & Don Weiner, Cheryl Rivers, Marilyn Masters, Sheila & Maurice Kipnis, Laraine & Allan Alpert, Dina Fox, Bobbi Epstein, Helen & Al Baum, Sylvia & Hy Sandler, Arlene & Herb Baron, Dottie Scott, Carol & Alan Sugerman, Bella & David Westerman, Beverly Visnick, Lee & Frank Goldman, Paula Sack**

**CONDOLENCES:**

**To: Mrs. Dorothy Katz & family, in memory of husband, father & grandfather, George**  
**From: David & Bella Westerman, Barbara & Don Weiner**

**To: Mrs. Karen Levine & family, in memory of sister, Sandra Clayman**  
**From: Bobbi & Dickie Giller**

**To: Joel Geller & family, in memory of sister, Sandra Clayman**  
**From: Bobbi & Dickie Giller**

**To: Grochberg Family, in memory of Dr. Sumner Grochberg**  
**From: Bobbi & Dickie Giller**

**To: Heidi Goldsobel & family, in memory of mother, Sandra Clayman**  
**From: Deborah & David Maltese**

**To: Mr. Andy Maninos & family, in memory of wife, Ellie**  
**From: Bella & David Westerman**

**To: Mrs. Arlene Rubin, in memory of mother, Sylvia Glassman**  
**From: Barbara & Don Weiner, Marilyn Masters, Dina Fox, Laraine & Allan Alpert, Harvey & Lee Steller, Lee & Frank Goldman**

**To: Mrs. Colleen Fox & family, in memory of dear mother & grandmother, Barbara Shute**  
**From: Barbara & Don Weiner, Marilyn Masters, Ilysa & Brian McCarthy, Laraine & Allan Alpert, Bobbi Epstein, Sheila & Maurice Kipnis**

**To: Family of Dorothy Bialer, in memory of Dorothy**  
**From: Bella & David Westerman**

**To: Freedan Family, in memory of husband, father, brother, Kenneth**  
**From: Cousins, Elaine & Buddy Aronson**

**To: Celia Brown, in memory of beloved brother, Stephen Malkin**  
**From: Cong., Sisterhood, Barbara & Don Weiner, Barbara & Arthur Kahn, Arlene & Herb Baron, Marilyn Masters, Lee & Frank Goldman, Sylvia & Hy Sandler, Helen & Al Baum, Beverly Visnick, Phyllis Werlin, Cheryl Rivers and Marion Green, Paula Sack, Dina Fox**

**To: Jeannette Malkin, in memory of son Stephen**  
**From: Sisterhood, Cheryl Rivers & Marion Green**



### **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**