

Congregation Agudas Achim - Ezrath Israel

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Rabbi's Message

Dear Friends,

It is said that "Hope Springs Eternal." This year it seems that Winter is Eternal -- and so our hope is for a warm and glorious spring season! Indeed Hope is the hallmark of our spring holiday season in the Jewish faith. Purim and Passover are celebrations of our penchant for survival and our passion for freedom, our ability to overcome oppression and respond with creativity to challenge and and adversity. Yom Ha-Shoah reminds us of the darkest impulses of the human soul -- of which anti-Semitism is one of its most virulent reflexes. And Israel Independence Day speaks to us most eloquently of our people's ability to rise from the ashes and to be reborn.

The spring holidays can also inspire us as individuals to "Turn over a new leaf." Just as our people have found the strength to grow in new directions, clear away the debris and melt the ice of winters uncounted, so too can we find the strength and motivation to sow seeds of new projects, new and renewed relationships, commitments and possibilities. What better time than spring to sign up for a course, take up a hobby, plan a trip, discover a new author or composer, visit family or friends!

Even in our own community, perhaps this year we will take the initiative to find new directions, to embark on paths that will ensure the continuity of the future and provide for our dwindling but still vital Jewish populations in Malden and environs.

I wish all of you Happy Purim and Sweet Pesach! May you and yours enjoy a season of health and happiness. May all of our gatherings and celebrations, our commemorations and communal events bring us strength and inspiration, joy and meaning in the weeks 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.

Temple President's Message

Dear Congregation,

Well another week, another snow storm. So far this has been a cold wet winter. Yet your temple is dry and warm. There are some events planned for the next few weeks. Come in from the weather. Meet old friends, make new ones. Stop staring at the same old walls. Come to temple and stare at some new walls. Stay safe and warm. Hope to see you soon.

President Philip Butkovitz

February, 2014 Building Fund Donations

To: Don Weiner, In honor of his birthday
From: Barbara & Arthur Kahn

To: David Tepper, thinking of you.
From: Carol & Alan Sugerman

To: Allan Greenberg, In memory of Gail
From: Carol & Alan Sugerman

The following people made donations for the Shabbat Dinner, Services and Oneg recently held on February 21:

Philip Butkovitz, Bobbi Epstein, Dina Fox, Paula Sack, Carol Sugerman, Barbara Weiner and Bella Westerman

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.

DATES TO REMEMBER

March 15 - Purim @ TTI

16 - Adult Ed. Coffee and @ 10 am, class @ 11 am

17 - Sisterhood Meeting

30 - Brotherhood Meeting

April 15 - Passover Family Second Seder @ AA-EI

Brotherhood News

The Brotherhood is having Stuart Don, CPA coming on the date of Sunday, March 23, 2014 to discuss the new tax laws and what effect the changes in the tax code will have on most people. A continental breakfast will be served at 9:30 A.M. – this event will be open to the entire congregation.

The Brotherhood will have its next meeting on Sunday, March 30, 2014. I hope to see you all soon.

Stephen Levy, President pro tem
(978) 546-2447

Ritual committee

It seems so comforting to be able to say, “Ah, it’s March. Can Spring be far behind?” But I’m afraid of the Evil Eye here in the Northeast this winter, so I’ll just say, “Ah, it’s March!” And with March comes Purim! We’ve been invited to spend Megillah night at TTI – and I understand that Bunny has outdone herself with this year’s Purim Shpiel, even including references to the convergence of Purim and St. Patrick’s Day. I can’t wait! Don’t forget we have our second seder on Tuesday, April 15. Once again we’ve been awarded a grant by the NJOP to help defray the cost of our seder and to truly be able to make it a community wide event. More information will be going out about this award and what it means. But mark your calendars – March 15, Purim with TTI, and April 15, Passover with the Greater Malden community.

A couple of weeks ago we had a wonderful Shabbat minyan led by Rabbi Kudan and his daughter, Talia. Not only did Talia chant the Torah and Haftarah portions for the week; she also led our Musaf service. It was a Shabbat to be remembered. I’ve written to Talia and asked her to join us again, and if she can, I will let you know when she’ll be coming. You don’t want to miss hearing this young woman as she leads us in prayer.

A joyous Purim (but don’t drink and drive – just drink!) and we hope to see you at Shabbat services.

Paula Z. Sack, Religious Committee Chairperson

HELP WANTED - Part time for Wed. & Thurs. 8 am-12 noon. If you know of someone or even yourself who may be interested, please call Don Weiner @ 781-324-0108 or 781-864-2428. You will assist our custodian, Susan.

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.

ATTENTION:

Our fiscal year ends 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.

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 note that as of July 1, 2014 lots at Ezrath Israel Cemetery will be increased to \$1000.00 for members and \$1200.00 for non members. We also have a new section and if you are interested in purchasing, please contact Don or Barbara Weiner @ 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!

***** 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.

Bobbi Epstein (781) 324-7562

Adult Education

The Spring 2014 Series of Adult Education with Rabbi Kudan has begun. Sunday, February 23rd, was the first class. First we noshed on bagels, cream cheese etc. from 10:00 to 11:00am and then Rabbi Kudan led us in a discussion on "Essential Lessons of the Torah." We had a very nice crowd. If you didn't come, you missed not only a nice brunch, but lively conversation about the lessons in books we have read and how they were similar to or the same as those in the Torah. In fact, the time passed much too quickly!

You can still join us for the next two classes. We have a bagel brunch from 10:00 to 11:00 and the classes are from 11:00 to 12:00. Please join us. You'll be glad you did.

Session 2: Sunday, March 16 The Inner Meaning of Jewish Prayer

Session 3: Sunday, April 6 How To Be A Mensch-Jewish Ethics in Action

Sisterhood Greetings

Happy New Year! 2014 is turning out to be cold and snowing. Winter has been a tough one for many of our Sisterhood members. I hope things will quiet down for all of us. After the winter we've been having, i would imagine you are as sick of the cold and the snow as I am. Maybe when Spring comes in mid-March, we will actually have Spring weather. I hope so.

Some brave souls came out early in February for our winter breakfast. The "I'm- so-glad-to-see-you" gathering, which was the February Breakfast Get-Together, was attended by a nice crowd. Together was the word of the morning. I don't know how we did it, but we all managed to cram into one table and have our breakfast along with lots of talk. Our next Board meeting is March 3rd and our Regular meeting is Monday, March 17th. It would be nice if there is some warmth in the air. We will have the Pound Auction and yummy nosherie as we always do. Bring something new that weighs a pound to be auctioned off. Amanda Alpert has kindly agreed to be our auctioneer. If it's anything like last year, it will be lots of fun! I hope the weather improves by then, so more of you will venture out for this meeting. We really want to see more of your smiling faces at our meetings. Below is the list of dates of the rest of the 2013-2014 meetings.

March	17	Regular Meeting
April	7	Board Meeting
May	5 18	Pre-Donor Meeting 61st Annual Donor Luncheon (Sunday)
June	2 13	Board Meeting - calendar meeting Sisterhood Sabbath (Friday evening) (Chairs - Carol Sugerman and Amanda Alpert)

If anybody has any program suggestions or if you'd like to chair or co-chair a meeting, please call me at 781-480-4552. I would like to hear your ideas.

Sincerely,

Your President, Elaine Lerman

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 (Board)	Helen Baum	(781) 322-8914

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 the Hostess Fund.

Sisterhood Kitchen Fund Donations

To: Bernard Goldstein, Get Well wishes
From: Helen & Al Baum

To: Ilysa McCarthy, Get Well after surgery
From: Maxine Lepore

Sisterhood Club-O-Grams

CONGRATULATIONS:

To: Lee & Harvey Steller, best wishes in your new apt.
From: Sheila & Maurice Kipnis

GET WELL:

To: Mindy Levine
From: Sheila & Maurice Kipnis

To: Nancy Sharp
From: Helen & Al Baum

To: Raymond Harris
From: Cong. AA-EI

To: Philip Lerman
From: Cong. AA-EI

To: Al Baum
From: Cong. AA-EI, Brotherhood, Bingo

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

To: Dr. Barbara Abrams
From: Cong. AA-EI, Laraine & Allan Alpert, Barbara & Don Weiner, Marilyn Masters, Paula Sack, Dina Fox, Barbara & Arthur Kahn, Carol & Alan Sugerman

To: Estelle Barzelay
From: Regina & John Kaufman

CONDOLENCES:

To: Jim Smith, in memory of loving wife, Lil
From: Sheila and Kippy

To: James Perkins, Jr. & Family, in memory of James Perkins, Jr.
From: Bella & David Westerman

To: Ralph Turpin, in memory of mother
From: Robert & Lorraine Bendell

To: Leonard Krasker, in memory of wife, Isabelle
From: Helen & Al Baum

To: Gloria Shear, in memory of sister, Charlotte Spector
From: Phyllis Bertman

To: Brigell Family, in memory of parents, Mildred & Alan Brigell
From: Cong. AA-EI



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**