

# Congregation Agudas Achim - Ezrath Israel

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## Rabbi's Message

Dear Friends,

This fall and winter we are embarking on our combined adult education series exploring aspects of modern Israel. So far we have lined up a former Israeli soldier – former Rock Star & Local Businessman Shalom Zilber, Archaeologist & Registered Tour guide Dr. David Gurevich, Technologist & Former Kibbutznik David Dolev of MIT, & more great speakers to come.

Why is it important to talk and learn about Israel? In my Yom Kippur sermon I spoke about the need to support Israel in a time of great peril and sadness. The latest round of the Gaza war caused the deaths of many, many Israelis and caused Israel great damage to its standing in the world. It is depressing that Israel is penalized for defending itself when its enemies “don't fight fair” hiding behind women and children, in hospitals and mosques.

Showing our brothers and sisters that we care about them, that we are committed to the survival of the Jewish State, is vital to them, especially at times of crisis and conflict.

But that is not the only reason we should learn about Israel, support Israel, or even visit Israel. Israel is one of the world's most creative and productive countries. It is a center for the arts – a hotbed of creativity in music, literature, social science and countless other areas. Israel is a scientific powerhouse. It is rich in history – some of the earliest known civilizations left their mark there. Israel is rich in pre-historic sites – including one of the oldest sites with evidence of human use of fire (arguably one of the greatest technological achievements in human history) at the B'not Yaakov Bridge in the Galil.

As centers of Jewish life, Israel and America share the role of inspirational centers of the Jewish world – and the electric sparks that fly between the two poles of Jewish life – North America and Eretz Yisrael illuminate our religious and cultural expression.

Israel is the birthplace of our people, and it is a big part of our future.  
In the words of Hatikvah –

So long as still within the inmost heart a Jewish spriit sings,  
so long as the eye looks eastward, gazing toward Zion, our hope is not lost –

Let us all do our part to keep that hope alive, so that our people can live free and unfettered, and ultimately in peace in the land of Israel, and so that Israel and its people can contribute the gifts of its hearts and minds and hands to the betterment of the world.

Rabbi David Kudan

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## 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,

I want to thank everyone who showed up to the meeting on Sunday, November 2. Your input was much appreciated. As soon as the committees come back with their report, a meeting will be held.

Thank You, President Philip Butkovitz

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### 2014 High Holiday Donations

Thank you to the following people for their generous High Holiday donations.

Yizkor – Robert & Phyllis Lerner, In memory of their parents; Hy & Sylvia Sandler

Aliyah - M/M David Posner, M/M Vernon Stohn, Jason & Alan Spiegel, Eve & Sam Dower, Beverly Visnick, Herbert Baron, Oliver Davidson, M/M Michael Simons, Dottie Scott

High Holiday – Kenny Mazonson, M/M Al Baum, Rachel Baker

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### Building Fund Donations

To: Leslie Lerman, In memory of Uncle Pete  
From: Cyndi & Steven Levy

To: Helen & Al Baum, In honor of their 65<sup>th</sup> anniversary  
From: Mary Ann Pires

To: Mildred Baran & Family, In memory of Mel  
From: Joan & Sonny Cascio

To: Miller Family, In memory of Dan  
From: Joan & Sonny Cascio

To: Talia Kudan, get well  
From: Katrina & David Posner

To: Rick Gordon, In memory of his mother, Henrietta Rotberg  
From: Arlene Meltzer, Robert & Carl Johnson, Gail & Larry Greene

To: Marcia Friedman & Family, In memory of Gerry Friedman  
From: Alan & Carol Sugerman

To: Temple, In honor of Rabbi Kudan  
From: Rick & Sue Gordon

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### MEMBERSHIP

Welcome new member to our Congregation family, Marjorie Tzizik

**Please --- Help your synagogue by paying your Dues!!!! 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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### 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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### Ritual committee

**The High Holidays are behind us, and now we have Chanukah to look forward to. I hope you all enjoyed our High Holiday services. I'm sure at times it may have felt different to have a lay leader on the pulpit rather than an ordained rabbi, but I think that one of the hallmarks of our congregation is its resiliency and its ability to adapt when necessary.**

**We have many wonderful events planned for the coming year – special Friday night services, our annual Chanukah celebration– keep checking our website ([www.aa-ei.org](http://www.aa-ei.org)) for our schedules. Laraine Alpert will also be sending out emails and Dina Fox will be sending out flyers announcing these events. So you can't say you didn't know about anything! And, of course, every Saturday we have our Shabbat service. It's a shame more of you don't come; we really have a wonderful couple of hours together. We even have a "minyanaresses" club – a great group of women who come almost every Saturday (OK – I'll name names – Carol Sugerman, Barbara Weiner, Bella Westerman, Bobbi Epstein, Dina Fox, and last but not least, yours truly, Paula Sack). Maybe we can even get you to consider sponsoring a Kiddush in memory of a loved one or in celebration of a simchah.**

**To those of you who are leaving for warmer climates – have a safe and healthy journey. To those of you hardy New Englanders who plan to stick around – see you in "shul."**

**Paula Sack, Ritual Committee Chairman [ [pzsack@aol.com](mailto:pzsack@aol.com) ]**

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## DATES TO REMEMBER

Dec. 8 Sisterhood Board. Meeting  
14 Sisterhood Chanukah Brunch  
19 Friday night Chanukah Service @ 7:30 p.m.

Rabbi Kudan will be at the following Saturday services: Nov. 22, 29

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## Brotherhood News

Greetings everyone,

Hope you are all well. As you remember, we meet every other month. Our next huge get-together will be December 21, and every sixty days we are lucky to have a half-minyan. Those who bother to show up stay long enough to have a nosh and then leave. I must admit there is hardly any kvetching. Probably because you can't talk while you are napping. You can't make any useful suggestions, either.

All the officers feel this way. I'll bet you are surprised at my airing-out our dirty laundry. Unfortunately, nothing will happen until our every-other-month Breakfast Club meetings have a few more guys. They need to care less about bagels and coffee and more about rescuing the shul from financial ruin.

Les Lerman  
Brotherhood President

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## Neal Sherman Youth Fund

The Fund was honored to present a scholarship to Mark Simons, he is attending Framingham State College. Congratulations Mark!

Not to be left out of a Simcha, the Fund provided the centerpieces for the testimonial of Dina Fox. The tables were adorned with beautiful live flower plants.

The Sukkah was decorated with funding from the Youth Fund and a donation from Barbara and Don Weiner.

The Fund will be providing the crafts and Chanukah goodies & gelt for the Chanukah Brunch.

If children are involved, then the fund will be also!

## 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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## Adult Education

I'm very excited by this Fall's series of talks about Israel with some very learned, experienced speakers about key aspects of life in Israel. I hope you will try to make at least one of them. Tell your friends, relatives and neighbors to join us as the series is free with bagel and coffee provided, and we're both handicapped accessible.

Lifelong Jewish Learning  
Israel Speaker Series at AAEL and TTI  
Fall Courses 2014 at 11:00 - 12:30 (unless otherwise noted)  
Bagels and coffee, Conversation and Engagement

Nov. 23 @ AA-EI: The Jewish National Fund - Major Projects in the Negev & Throughout Israel  
(Speaker TBA)

Dec. 7 @ TTI: Israel as a High-Tech Incubator for the World (Speaker TBA)

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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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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 \*\*\*\*\*

Please be aware that our lots are now \$950.00 per for members and \$1100.00 for non-members. If interested, please contact Don/Barbara Weiner @ 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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### \*\*\*\*\* 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.

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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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### ANNUAL HOLIDAY TOY DRIVE -or- Hats and Gloves for Children

Please bring "unwrapped" toys to the Temple office by December 10!

Any questions? Call Ilysa McCarthy (781) 771-7012

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

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	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 (Board)	Helen Baum	(781) 322-8914

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### Sisterhood News

As I sit and write this, Fall has been proving to be unusual. We've had some cold days, warm days with temperatures in the 70's (I call it "yo-yo weather") and now a Nor'easter with blustery cold and driving rain. The beautiful towering tree out my living room window, which yesterday had gorgeous yellow leaves against the clear blue azure sky, is now losing all its leaves to this crazy weather, so typical of New England

By the time you read this, we will have attended the Donor Luncheon on October 26th. I have no doubt that Marilyn and her kitchen committee will have provided us with a delectable fish dinner with all the trimmings. They always do a remarkable job. Also, our entertainment was provided by the cabaret singer Scott Best who I'm sure had an enjoyable program of songs. He performed for us before and he came back to perform again due to popular demand. Thank you to Laraine and Dina who co-chaired and organized everything. Also, I must give a shout-out to Louise London-Choate who explained and demonstrated her skill with Reiki at our September meeting. Sisterhood catered a delicious light supper. It was a fun evening to start up the Fall season after our Summer break.

Just passed was our Annual Holiday fair on Sunday November 9th co-chaired by Phyllis and Cheryl. If anyone attended last year, you were treated to a dazzling array of gifts to choose from for Chanukah and Christmas. This year was no exception.

Following our fair was our regular November meeting on the 16th. The last Sisterhood event of 2014 is our annual Chanukah Brunch run by Ilysa McCarthy on December 14th. She has a whole program planned out for the kiddies and one for the adults. I have no doubt it will be a fabulous celebration. We have a busy calendar coming up in November and December as you can see and ladies, I hope you will be able to join us on these Sundays and feel free to bring guests. We always love to welcome new faces to share in our excitement. See you soon!

Elaine Lerman, Sisterhood President

Here is our list of the 2014-2015 meetings:

December 14, 2014	Chanukah Brunch
February 8, 2015	Winter get-together
March 8, 2015	Meeting
April 19, 2015	Membership Luncheon
May 17 or 18, 2015	Meeting
June 12, 2015	Sisterhood Sabbath

## 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.

### 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:

Did you know our own Judaica Shop carries high end names such as Quest, Tamara Baskin, Gary Rosenthal, Emanuel and more? These names are seen in the *Source for Everything Jewish* catalog. Of course, you could also go to Brookline to buy their items, but why use gas, pay more and pay taxes, when we have it right here in Malden. If we don't have it in stock, it most likely can be ordered. A new shipment of Judaica jewelry is in, these items will make a great Chanukah gift.

Have a Pats fan? We have Patriot mezzuzot at the Sisterhood Judaica Shop, call Laraine Alpert at 781-231-1140 to get one today.

### Hostess Fund

We know that women wear so many hats! Well, I am now wearing yet another hat - one of maintaining the Hostess Fund and I am happy to report that we are off to a great start. So, please contact me with birthdays, anniversaries and other mitzvahs. My phone number is (617) 389-1447 and my e-mail address is [cmel5@aol.com](mailto:cmel5@aol.com). I feel like I hit a lottery! I have the job of hearing only happy and positive things.

The members who have donated to the Hostess Fund are:

Barbara Weiner: Happy Anniversary, Barbara and Donny  
Helen Baum: Happy Birthday  
Cheryl Rivers: Happy Birthday to my granddaughter, Danielle Rivers  
Laraine Alpert: Happy 1st Anniversary, Amanda and Stacie  
Barbara and Arthur Kahn: Happiness in your new home  
Carol Sugerman: Happy Anniversary, Carol and Alan  
Bobbie Epstein: Happy Birthday  
Regina Kaufman: Barbara Lynne - Happy Birthday  
John Kaufman - Happy Birthday  
Lisa Joy - Happy Birthday  
Regina Kaufman: Happy 35th Anniversary, Regina and John  
Cheryl Rivers: The Hostess Fund rebirth

So, whether it be a birth, birthday, anniversary, new home or any other celebration, please remember the Hostess fund.

--Cheryl Rivers



## Sisterhood Club-O-Grams

### CONGRATULATIONS

To: Helen Baum, in honor of 85th birthday  
From: Laraine & Allan Alpert, Marilyn Masters, Barbara & Don Weiner, Dina Fox, Sheila & Maurice, Bobbi Epstein

To: Lisa Schwartz, in honor of son Jared's marriage to Allison  
From: Arlene & Herb Baron

To: M/M Barry Falkof, in honor of marriage of son  
From: Arlene & Herb Baron

To: M/M Alan Newmark, in honor of 25th wedding anniversary  
From: Bobbi & Dickie Giller

To: Don & Barbara Weiner, in honor of 57th wedding anniversary  
From: Regina & John Kaufman

To: Mrs. Mickey Levine, in honor of grandson, David's becoming a Bar Mitzvah  
From: Sisterhood, Bingo Committee, Marilyn Masters, Barbara & Don Weiner, Dina Fox

### GET WELL

To: Sara Chait  
From: Sisterhood, Congregation, Sheila & Maurice Kipnis, Marilyn Masters, Barbara & Don Weiner, Dina Fox, Bobbi Epstein

To: Talia Kudan  
From: Congregation, Barbara & Don Weiner, Laraine & Allan Alpert, Marilyn Masters, Dina Fox, Sheila & Maurice Kipnis, Bobbi Epstein, Paula Sack, Barbara & Arthur Kahn, Carol & Alan Sugerman, Cheryl Rivers, Elaine & Leslie Lerman, Helen & Al Baum

To: Benson Brown  
From: Congregation, Barbara & Don Weiner, Laraine & Allan Alpert, Dina Fox, Hy & Sylvia Sandler, Helen & Al Baum, Herb & Arlene Baron, Marilyn Masters, Barbara & Arthur Kahn, Lee & Frank Goldman, Beverly Visnick

To: Arlene Baron  
From: Regina & John Kaufman

To: Marla Freedman  
From: Sisterhood, Congregation

To: Mrs. Eleanor Clark  
From: Bella & David Westerman

## **CONDOLENCES**

**To: Robin Katzman & family, in memory of dear father and grandfather, Jacob Aronson  
From: Barbara & Don Weiner, Beverly Visnick, Elaine & Buddy Aronson, Carol & Alan Sugerman, Jacob Sugerman & Alex Magyar, Helen & Al Baum**

**To: Barbara Lerman & family, in memory of dear husband & father, Phillip "Pete"  
From: Congregation, Bobbi Epstein, Sylvia & Hy Sandler**

**To: Millie Baran & family, in memory of dear husband & father, Melvin  
From: Congregation, Brotherhood, Phyllis Bertman, Arlene & Herb Baron, Don & Barbara Weiner, Bobbi & Dickie Giller, Lee & Frank Goldman, Sylvia & Hy Sandler, Carol & Alan Sugerman, Bobbi Epstein, Dina Fox, Paula Sack, Arthur & Barbara Kahn, Barbara Murstein, Lorraine Bendell & Miriam & Ed Cohen**

**To: Daniel Casper, in memory of wife, Jane  
From: Bella & David Westerman**

**To: Lodgen & Gerber Family, in memory of dear mother, Etta  
From: Bella & David Westerman**

**To: Stanley Chamrin, in memory of brother, Gerald  
From: Bella & David Westerman**

**To: Victor Lerman, in memory of brother, Phillip "Pete"  
From: Arlene & Herb Baron**

**To: Mrs. Shirley Gilgulin, in memory of dear husband, Alan  
From: Barbara & Don Weiner, Bella & David Westerman**

**To: Leslie & Elaine Lerman, in memory of Uncle "Pete"  
From: Regina & John Kaufman**

**To: Family of Joan Harris, in memory of Joan Harris  
From: Bobbi & Dick Giller**

**To: Miller Family, in memory of Daniel Miller  
From: Bella & David Westerman**

**To: Richard Gordon & family, in memory of dear mother & grandmother, Henrietta Rotberg  
From: Congregation, Barbara & Don Weiner, Marilyn Masters, Dina Fox, Bobbi Epstein, Laraine & Allan Alpert, Sheila & Maurice Kipnis, Carol & Alan Sugerman, Cheryl Rivers**

**To: Rosalyn Arnofsky & family, in memory of dear son & brother, David  
From: Sisterhood, Elaine & Leslie Lerman, Regina & John Kaufman, Carol & Alan Sugerman, Barbara & Don Weiner, Sylvia & Hy Sandler, Arlene & Herb Baron, Bella & David Westerman**

**To: Barry & Sharon Arnofsky, in memory of dear brother, David  
From: Leslie & Elaine Lerman**



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September 15, 2014

Congregation Agudas Achim  
Attn: Ms. Dina Fox  
245 Bryant Street  
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Dear Congregation Agudas Achim,

On behalf of Housing Families Inc. (HFI), I would like to **thank you** for your very generous contribution. We are so grateful for your kindness and ongoing dedicated support.



Item(s) donated: School Supplies and Backpacks

Date received: 8/28/2014

Donor's estimated value: \$500

In-kind donations like yours help homeless and at-risk families get the supplies they need to sustain permanent affordable housing, increase their self-sufficiency and maintain their dignity.

Last year, generous donors like you helped homeless and at-risk families move into homes of their own by donating household goods, cleaning supplies and other items that many take for granted but are necessary for daily life. Donations to our annual Backpack and Holiday Gift drives gave our children the confidence to succeed academically and put smiles on their faces.

With your help, we can continue to build and expand our important programs and better serve the families in our shared community who need it the most.

Sincerely,

  
Jim Gochelbecker  
Chief Executive Officer

*Thank You!*

*As always,  
thank you for  
your  
continued  
support.  
Dina*

*Housing Families did not provide any goods or services to the contributor in consideration for any contributions of property or services.*

*This form is intended to facilitate compliance with the Internal Revenue Code section 170 (f) (8) Substantiation Requirements to Certain Contributions, applicable to charitable contributions made on or after January 1, 1994.*

*According to IRS requirements, Housing Families Inc. cannot verify the donor's estimated value*



## **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**