

Congregation Agudas Achim - Ezrath Israel

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Rabbi's Message

Dear Friends,

What do Ukuleles have to do with the pursuit of peace between Israel and the Palestinians? Surprisingly, these diminutive string instruments may help to bring Jews and Arabs into a more harmonious relationship -- in their own modest way. Last week in Malden we were treated to a lovely concert by a group called, "Ukuleles For Peace" hosted by the First Lutheran Church on Waite Street. Many AA-EI members were in attendance, as well as other members of the Jewish and interfaith community. Our mayor Gary Christensen was also present.

Led by their founder Paul Moore, this group of Jewish and Muslim Arab teens from neighboring towns in the Galilee (Hod Hasharon and Tira) performed a wonderful selection of music with enthusiasm and joy to kick off their tour of America. The founder Paul explained in a brief introduction that the group was founded some years ago as his way to give something back -- in gratitude for the Ukulele having helped him quit smoking and so "saving his life." Paul decided that bringing together Jewish and Arab children who lived in neighboring towns would be a powerful grass-roots approach to peacemaking -- one young ukulele player at a time. Over the years, the groups have bonded, and brought their parents and communities together. Paul said that we have to take peacemaking into our own hands, as "We can't trust the politicians." This elicited a strong response from the audience, and a laugh and good-natured smile from Mayor Christenson, who was standing in the back. After the laughter, Paul apologized, "Sorry, Mr. Mayor!"

The group was brought to Malden by Pastor Rachel Manke of the First Lutheran Church. She is an accomplished ukulele player and singer herself, and heard about the group through her musical connections. She performed last week with Garrison Keillor at Tanglewood in the Prairie Home Companion program. (You can listen to her performance online at this link: <http://rachelmanke.weebly.com/happenings>.) Upon their arrival in Malden, the group was provided with a delicious light kosher lunch catered by our own Marilyn Masters and the kitchen committee of AA-EI. Many thanks to the women of AA-EI for providing that hospitality and extending our support to this fine group.

The group played a number of instruments, in addition to the ukulele, including fiddle, drums, bass and blow-organ. Their styles ranged from American pop and folk, (Elvis, Pete Seeger, Beatles,) to Israeli and Jewish peace songs, and traditional Irish numbers. The group will tour the Northeast then make their way to Hawaii for the Ukulele festival, the Ukulele being one of the key instruments in Hawaiian musical culture.

The message of Ukuleles for Peace is that we should never lose hope that people can set aside their differences and forge a path toward reconciliation and peace. Before Ukuleles for peace was founded, there were virtually no ties between the neighboring Jewish and Arab towns. Now the residents know one another and meet regularly to engage in projects -- such as planting fruit trees together.

The lesson is clear: We must cast off preconceived and inherited notions about our neighbors and meet one another with trust in our common humanity and shared values. Despite all the terrible strife and violence around us, we must not despair or give up. Only if we personally take the initiative and reach out to our neighbors -- near and far, will we one day "Lay down our sword and shield by the riverside" and each will sit by his vine or her fig tree - and none shall make us afraid.

Wishing you all a happy, peaceful and healthy summer.

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.

President's Message

Summer is here. Time for the beach, BBQ, and etc. But do not forget the temple. We still have services on Saturday. Also, the bingo crew would like a day off. But you need to take their place for this to happen. Have a healthy safe summer.

President Philip Butkovitz

Building Fund Donations

To: Don Weiner – get well
From: Dolores & Lester Mack

To: Dina Fox, in honor of her grandson's Bar Mitzvah
From: Dolores & Lester Mack

To: Al Baum & Family, In memory of Helen
From: Dolores & Lester Mack, Judy Lubov, Barbara & Don Weiner, Dina Fox, Hy & Sylvia Sandler, Beverly & Jerry Levenson & Family

To: Temple, In honor of the engagement of their son Jared Arnofsky to Jill Romano
From: Barry & Sharen Arnofsky

To: Bernie Yessin, In honor of the birth of a great grandson, Alexander Breet Holmes
From: Vicki Hamberg & Family

To: Rosalind Badiner, In memory of husband, Fred
From: Auntie Arlene Meltzer, cousins Gayle & Roberta

To: Vernon Stohn, In honor his special birthday
From: Arlene & Philip Wish

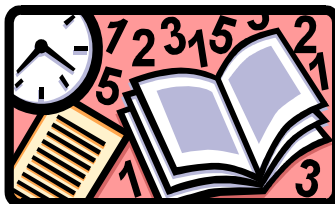
To: Mrs. Helaine Hyzen & Family, In memory of husband & father, Robert
From: Don & Barbara Weiner

To: Celia Brown, In memory of Benson
From: Priscilla & Robert Monroe

MEMBERSHIP

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.

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.

Special Message

Mazel Tov to all of our Temple members & friends on their children's and grandchildren's Graduations this year.

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

Religious committee

Dea Friends,

The high holidays will be here before you know it. Watch your mail and email for more information.

Paula Z. Sack, Ritual Committee Chair
pzsack@aol.com

***** 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.

Brotherhood News

Brothers,

I'm not going to say the usual, 'happy summer, blah blah, blah.' We are in a pickle, and it's not getting any better.

We must do all we can to not lose our place of worship due to financial difficulties. Right?

Coming to the Every-Other-Month meeting to drink the coffee, schmooze with your buddies, and then leave, is not helping anyone. We need some participation, here. Coming to the meetings shows you do care, but caring about how the Red Sox are doing, is not going to raise us any money.

We will be starting some interesting fund-raisers soon. And we (meaning the Brotherhood) will need some help in pulling them off successfully.

Our on-going electronic recycling program has proven itself to be very successful. However, we need some help...ANY help. All you need to do is to sit and unwrap wire. Any day, even for an hour.

C'mon. You all live a stone's throw from the Shul. You can't tell me you can't spare one hour from your very busy schedule. No training necessary. I'm available any time you are. Any day. No excuses. Let's work together. Call me and let's do our part to save our Shul.

What d'ya say?

Les Lerman, President

***** 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.

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.

I would to have some volunteers to help sell tickets 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 give me your phone numbers.

I 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 phone numbers with me or the office.

Bobbi Epstein (781) 324-7562

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) 321-2528
Corresponding Secretary (Body)	Dina Fox	(781) 324-1145

Sisterhood News

Happy Summer! I hope everyone had an enjoyable Fourth of July. It's getting hotter and more humid but we can't complain after the winter we had. The Spring was like a yo-yo warm, hot and cold as if Mother Nature couldn't make up her mind. But like all New-Englanders, we take the weather in stride, and do what we have to do.

Which brings me to bad news and good news. First I'll mention the bad news. We lost a long-time Sisterhood member, Helen Baum this past Spring. Helen was a kind, sweet lady and her passing has left a hole in the fabric of our Sisterhood. Helen, we will miss you dearly.

The good news is we had a very lively and delightful Sisterhood Sabbath/Installation of Officers on Saturday, June 27, 2015. The Sisterhood Sabbath was run by Carol Sugerman and Dottie Scott. They had help from Rabbi Kudan, our Sexton Wayne Freedman and Phyllis Werlin (who helped Wayne by reading Torah in her beautiful voice). It was so exciting to see so many people show up, that I kvelled all day. As part of the Saturday Sabbath Minyonaires, my husband Leslie (the Brotherhood President) and I are thrilled to see more people come to services in the small sanctuary. Usually, we have the Sisterhood Sabbath on a Friday night. It's a shorter service that has been done very often. Due to unforeseen circumstances, the date had to be changed from a Friday to a Saturday.

I'd like to commend Carol and Dottie for rising to the occasion to make this service run so smoothly. It was a lot of hard work to do the service from scratch, but you never knew that from the outstanding job they did. Every Sisterhood member, as they always do, put a lot of heart into whatever part of the service they had. Thank you to the gentlemen who helped us, also. Paula Sack did a very meaningful Dvar Torah that affected us all. Laraine Alpert installed the officers with very meaningful descriptions about each officer's duties and how their tasks affect the running of the Sisterhood. Laraine and I have known each other for almost 30 years, and when she installed *me*, I was very overcome by everything she said. I will repeat what I said again for those of you unable to attend: I am humbled by your faith and vote of confidence in me. I will work hard for the next two years to make them even better than the last two.

To top off this very special Shabbat, Marilyn and her Kitchen Committee whipped up a luncheon par excellence! From appetizers and veggies, to egg salad and tuna salad to bagels and lox spread to herring spread and the scrumptious lockshen kugel, it was a feast for the eyes and stomach. Dessert was delicious too with a variety of new confections to choose from. There were enough choices for everyone and if you went home hungry, I'd be very surprised. Thank you ladies for setting up such festive tables with such a feast.

Below is our calendar for 2015 - 2016 which the Board decided on at the Calendar Board meeting held at Amanda Alpert's house in early June.

Sisterhood President
Elaine Lerman

Calendar 2015 - 2016

Sunday, September 20	Regular Mtg. Breakfast
Sunday, October 18	Donor Luncheon, Amanda & Barbara, Chairs
Sunday, November 8	Holiday Fair, Phyllis and Cheryl, Chairs
Monday, November 16	Regular Mtg.
Sunday, December 6	Chanukah Event
Monday, December 14	Chanukah Board Mtg,
Monday, March 21	Regular Mtg.
Sunday, April 10	Regular Mtg., Sisterhood Presents "Hava Nagila"
Monday, April 11	Board Mtg.
Sunday, May 15	Membership Luncheon, Phyllis & Elain, Chairs
Monday, June 6	Calendar Board Mtg.

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:

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:

Contact Laraine Alpert at lja609@aol.com if you are looking for something for yourself, kids or hostess gift.

Hostess Fund

Hostess Fund for the months of May, June and July of 2015. These include Birthdays, Anniversaries and other mitzvahs.

Thank you, everyone!

May, 2015

Birthdays:

Jennifer Jones, May 21

Anniversaries:

Marla and David Freedman, 5/28

Lena and Jared Wickham, 5/29

June, 2015

Birthdays:

Dina Fox, 6/2

Marion Green, 6/5

Phyllis Werlin, 6/6

Elise Caputi, 6/7

Sylvia Sandler, 6/8

Anniversaries:

Arlene and Herbert Baron, 6/10

Elaine and Leslie Lerman, 6/26

Barbara and Arthur Kahn, 6/28

Marriage:

Andrea (Falta) and Robert Passacantilli, 6/26/15

July, 2015

Birthdays:

Rob Passacantilli, 7/3

Andrea (Falta) Passacantilli, 7/13

Ashley Rivers, 7/19

Madelyn Rose Dupois, 7/25

Joanne Ruderstein, 7/27

Sarah Luong Falta, 7/28

Roberta Giller, 7/31

Barbara Kahn, 7/31

Anniversaries:

Dotty and Bob Scott, 7/2

Elise and Jeff Caputi, 7/3

August, 2015

Birthday;

Ileen Cohen, 8/1

I will be contacting more of the August birthdays/anniversaries in the near future. If there is anyone who does not see their date in this bulletin, I am sorry. I have attempted to contact people for whom I have information.

Please don't hesitate to contact me to have your birthday, anniversary or anything you would like to honor in our Sisterhood Bulletin.

My phone number is (617) 389-1447.

Cheryl Rivers

Sisterhood Donations-June, 2015

In Memory of Helen Baum

From: Bob & Dottie Scott, Carol & Alan Sugerman

The following donations were given on the occasion of the June 27th Sisterhood Sabbath:

From Celia Brown, in memory of:

Mother, Jeanette Malkin

Brother, Stephen Malkin

Husband, Benson Brown

From Laraine Alpert, in honor of Amanda being installed as Vice President

From Dottie Scott in memory of Mom & Dad, Chana & Hyman Seldin

Sisterhood Club-O-Grams

CONGRATULATIONS

To: Gerald Gray, in honor of grandson, Evan, becoming a Bar Mitzvah

From: Cong., Brotherhood, Dina Fox, Carol & Alan Sugerman, Barbara & Don Weiner, Laraine & Allan Alpert, Marilyn Masters

To: Bernie & Rita Yessin, in honor of becoming great grandparents

From: Cong., Brotherhood, Sisterhood, Dina Fox, Marilyn Masters, Barbara & Don Weiner, Laraine & Allan Alpert, Beverly Visnick

To: M/M Barry Arnofsky, in honor of son, Jared's engagement

From: Sisterhood, Elaine & Leslie Lerman

To: Sheila & Maurice Kipnis, in honor of granddaughter, Gillian Pergament becoming a Bat Mitzvah

From: Cong., Sisterhood, Flo Meltzer

To: Cheryl Rivers, in honor of marriage of granddaughter, Andrea Falta

From: Sisterhood, Cong., Barbara & Don Weiner, Laraine & Allan Alpert, Dina Fox, Bobbi Epstein, Marilyn Masters, Phyllis Werlin, Paula Sack, Carol & Alan Sugerman, Sheila & Maurice Kipnis

GET WELL

To: Arthur Kahn

From: Cong., Brotherhood, Barbara & Don Weiner, Marilyn Masters, Sheila & Maurice Kipnis. Laraine & Allan Alpert, Bobbi Epstein, Dina Fox, Lee & Frank Goldman, Arlene & Herb Baron, Beverly Visnick, Carol & Alan Sugerman, Bella & David Westerman,

To: Dottie Bochus

From: Bingo Cmte., Sunny & Joan Cascio

To: Elaine Aronson

From: Sisterhood, Joan & Sunny Cascio, Beverly Visnick

To: Mrs. Roberta Gothelf

From: Bella & David Westerman

CONDOLENCES

To: Celia Brown & family, in memory of dear husband & father, Benson
From: Bobbi & Dickie Giller, Vicki Hamberg

To: Robert Pann & family, in memory of dear wife & mother, Sylvia
From: David & Bella Westerman

To: Mr. Neil Gore, in memory of dear mother, Sylvia
From: Bobbi & Dickie Giller

To: Alfred Baum & family, in memory of dear wife & mother, Helen (Honey)
From: Cong., Sisterhood, Brotherhood, Bingo Cmte., Vicki Hamberg, Bobbi & Dickie Giller, Claire Moretti, Bella & David Westerman, Marilyn Masters, Sheila & Maurice Kipnis, Laraine & Allan Alpert, Barbara & Don Weiner, Cheryl Rivers, Carol & Alan Sugerman, Regina & John Kaufman, Ilysa & Brian McCarthy, Amanda & Stacie Alpert, Celia Brown, Lorraine Bendell, Paula Sack, Lee & Frank Goldman, Arlene & Herb Baron, Dottie Scott, Barbara & Arthur Kahn, Hy & Sylvia Sandler, Beverly Visnick, Dina Fox, Bobbi Epstein

To: Mr. Harold Blass, in memory of sister, Irene Weitzman
From: Bella & David Westerman, Barbara & Don Weiner, Lee & Frank Goldman, Hy & Sylvia Sandler

To: Goldstein Family, in memory of Frances Goldstein
From: Bella & David Westerman

To: Demeter Family, in memory of Husband & father, George
From: Bella & David Westerman

To: Arthur Michaels, in memory of father, Harvey
From: Gerry Gray & Marrietta Maduro

To: Weitzman Family, in memory of mother, Irene
From: Leslie & Elaine (Gilbert) Lerman



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**