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Rabbi's Message

Dear Friends,

As I reflect on the past nine years that I have been privileged to serve as your rabbi, I cannot help but think of all the wonderful gatherings we have had, the spiritual services, the Sisterhood and Brotherhood events, the lovely Seder meals, the concerts and study sessions, Yom Ha-Shoah commemorations and adult education courses that have enriched our Jewish observance and kept intact and vibrant the social fabric of our Jewish community. I think back of the Bnai Mitzvah – few but precious, the weddings and anniversaries, the birthdays and baby-namings, the conversions that have enriched our personal and communal experiences.

I cannot but feel a sense of sadness as I think of all those individuals, dear to this congregation, whom I accompanied to their final resting places, those who have departed this earth but are still so present in memory and thought to all of us.

I recall warmly the High Holidays I shared with you and my father Rabbi Harold Kudan, whom you welcomed so warmly and whose wisdom and experience you appreciated and embraced, indeed, you welcomed Barbara and my entire family and they felt very much at home at AA-EI.

It is with a mixture of sadness, nostalgia, and gratitude that we bring this chapter of my rabbinic career to a close – as I will conclude my tenure as rabbi of Agudas Achim – Ezrath Israel at the end of June, in order to take over the new full-time post of rabbi of the new congregation Temple Tiferet Shalom, formed this winter in the consolidation of Temple Tifereth Israel of Malden and Temple Beth Shalom of Peabody. I look forward to the challenges of serving a larger congregation with a vibrant school population and an active and growing membership.

I hope that I will have opportunities in the next few weeks to say goodbye personally to many of you, and to continue to reflect and reminisce over experiences we have shared. I also wish to assure you that I am not leaving the Boston community, and I hope that you we can still remain in connection, and I will strive to be available to you as my duties permit until new rabbinic leadership is chosen or if the congregation will be largely lay-led.

The Talmudic tractate, Ethics of the Fathers, asks, “Who is wise?” The text then proposes the answer: “He who learns from every person.” While I cannot claim great wisdom, I know that I have learned from each and every one of you – and the lessons I have gleaned have made me a better rabbi. I thank you for all your kindness and warmth, your acceptance and respect, your trust and friendship.

May we all go from strength to strength and continue to apply the lessons of our tradition to the end of bringing more Shalom to our world, more meaning to our existence, more Torah to our people, and more love to our fellow human beings.

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

To all members of AAEI. This will be my last bulletin as president. I am wishing the new president good health and luck. However, the new regime will need our help to succeed. It is time to pull together and help-out any way we can. It is up to us, if the temple lives or dies. The choice is yours. Make the right one!

President Philip Butkovitz

May, 2016 Building Fund Donations

To: Don Weiner, In memory of his brother, Sheldon
From: Toni & Ollie Davidson, Dina Fox & Family, Katrina & David Posner

To: Ahd-el & Idan Sillman if Israel, In honor of the birth of their son, Uriyah
From: Sheila Green

To: Kipnis Family, In meory of Maurice "Kippy" Kipnis
From: Dina Fox & Family, Barbara & Don Weiner, Sheila Green, Mary Ann & Donald Olive, Katrina & David Posner, Cyndi & Stephen Levy

To: Yessin Family, In memory of Rita
From: Vicki Hamberg & Family, Dina Fox, Barbara & Don Weiner, Ruth & Arthur Erlich, Julie & Frank Steinschriber, Marcy Orkin, Barbara Kamens, Freda & Max London, Harold Blass & Barbara Fermon, Anne Silva

To: The Don Family, In memory of Stewart
From: Barbara & Don Weiner

To: Beatrice Curtis, In memory of her brother Herbie
From: Arlene Alpert

To: Fran Campbell, In memory of her son, Sean
From: Dina Fox

DUES DUES DUES!!!

If you have not paid your Congregation Dues, please do so ASAP. We really need your cooperation this time of year. Your dues bills have been sent out and it would be appreciated if you would remit payment. Thanks in advance!!!!

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.

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

I see leaves on the trees and grass on my lawn and I know Spring has actually, finally arrived! Despite the long cold winter we were fortunate to have a minyan on Shabbat almost every Saturday. If you didn't make it during the winter, I suggest you start coming now – come once and you'll be hooked, I guarantee!

This is going to be a very critical year for our congregation – a new administration will be taking office and there are several exciting programs in the offing. But the most important thing remains the reason we exist – Congregation Agudas Achim-Ezrath Israel is our spiritual home, not just on the high holidays, but every day. And we exist for me, for you, for our community. We are now one of only two remaining Jewish congregations in Malden; our doors must remain open for those families who have suddenly realized that our community is a great place to raise children. We have good schools; our proximity to Boston is a great selling point; and crazy real estate prices haven't quite yet hit. Our doors have to remain open, and we're counting on you to help us do just that. I hope to see all of you at our Congregation Meeting this month and then the installation of our new officers in June. And most of all, I hope to see you this Saturday in shul.

Paula Z. Sack, Ritual Chair

***** 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.

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.

******* TEI Cemetary *******

Please note that Don and I are preparing to retire as chairpeople of Ezrath Israel Cemetery as of July 1, 2016. We have been doing this job for many years and we're hoping that someone who has grave sites in the cemetery and are members of our congregation will take over. If not, we plan to turn the running and business of the cemetery to John Ross & Son, people who have been caretakers, etc. for well over 50 years. If you are interested in purchasing lots, please get in touch with us as we have no idea what the purchase prices will be after the change of ownership. We will keep you informed as we get closer to the change.

Barbara Weiner
Bobie52003@yahoo.com
781-324-0108

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!

Adult Education

Our latest "Koffee With Kudan" programs this season have been very educational and very thought provoking. Thank you to everyone who attends the rest of the programs this year. By the time you read this our month of Yiddish in May will be here. Those of us who don't speak or read it, will be able to understand it with the explanations the Rabbi gives us. He has assures me of that.

Thursday, May 19th from 10:00am - 12:00pm. Koffee With Kudan' we will be discussing Yiddish Humor.

A Special Presentation on Sunday, May 22nd from 10:15am - 11:45pm is going to be : Jewish Magic and Superstition. We hope you will join us for a slide lecture and discussion on Jewish folkways and beliefs in the demonic and the supernatural. As always, we will be providing coffee and light refreshments.

There will be a Yiddish-related Friday night service conducted by the Rabbi so I hope you come to this different Friday night service with an Oneg Shabbat.

As always, there is no cost to Temple members. Please call the Temple office at 781-322-7205 for reservations for each event so we know how many refreshments we will need. Also if you need a ride to any of these programs, mention that when you call the office.

I truly hope you will join us for these wonderful, enlightening and interactive programs. They will be the last ones Rabbi Kudan will be providing, so I'm hoping you will consider joining us.

Elaine Lerman
Adult Education Chair

****** 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 strips 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 a call at 781-324-7562 or leave your name and phone number at the temple.

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

Sisterhood News

It's hard to believe that the season for Sisterhood is almost over. The Yard Sale didn't happen at the beginning of May but the board will be considering it for the fall or next spring. We only have one big event left: Donor Luncheon, Sunday, May 15. Phyllis Werlin and I are co-chairs and we will have a wonderful luncheon prepared by Marilyn Masters and her kitchen committee from appetizers and wine to salad, main course and desert. I know it's going to be scrumptious (like all our meals designed and prepared by Marilyn and her crew). Our entertainment will be Senior Moments, a popular musical tap dance group with women ages 60 to mid 80's. If you can attend, you won't be disappointed.

Phyllis and I want to thank Laraine Alpert for creating the pretty flyer for us, taking reservations and for helping Phyllis and I create the tables. Thank you to the board members for donating raffle prizes: Barbara Weiner, Laraine Alpert, Carol Sugerman, Marilyn Masters, Dottie Scott, Dina Fox, Bobbi Epstein, Ilysa McCarthy and myself. The Rabbi will be saying Motzi for us, his last official contribution to a Sisterhood event. Thank you Rabbi for this and for your contributions to our Sisterhood. Lastly but certainly not least, we want to thank Marilyn for creating the food for our luncheon and all the women behind the scenes who help her make the luncheon preparation and delivery run so smoothly.

We will be helping out at the June 25th Sabbath which is the last Shabbat with our Rabbi David Kudan, so it will be bittersweet. I hope everyone will attend. You will be getting a flyer for this.

I give all of the women who contributed their time, effort, ideas and labor to all the meetings and events we have had this year. You have my deepest thanks. Without you we wouldn't have such an active Sisterhood. And thank you to all of you who have come to our meetings and events this year. The board is so thrilled to see you and have your participation in everything we plan for you. Ladies, we are all sisters working for our enjoyment and for the continuation of Congregation AA-EI. We would love to see more of you in the coming year. And if you have any ideas for future programs, please let one of us know or you can call me at [781-223-8501](tel:781-223-8501). I wish for you a wonderful, relaxing summer!

Elaine Lerman
Sisterhood President

May 15, 2016	Sunday	Sisterhood Donor Luncheon
June 25, 2016	Saturday	Sisterhood Sabbath

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:

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

It has been a very busy time of year. Hoping that everyone had a lovely Passover. At this time, I don't think I can eat another piece of matzoh. Well, maybe matzoh and eggs.
Now we are thinking of spring and summer celebrations such as engagements, weddings and graduations. And, as always, there are, birthdays, anniversaries and births to honor.
Whatever the mitzvah, please remember the Hostess Fund. The Hostess Fund is a venue by which we are able to honor and celebrate what is significant to us. It is a fundraiser for the Sisterhood. I know that each of us takes pride in our Sisterhood ... donating to the Hostess Fund not only helps keep our Sisterhood viable, but who doesn't like to see someone we love honored.

May

Birthday wishes to:
Iris Arnofsky, May 8
Jennifer Jones, May 21

Happy Anniversary to:

Marla and David Freedman, 5/28
Lee and Frank Goldman, 5/24
Lena and Jared Wickham, 5/29

June

Birthday wishes to:
Dina Fox, 6/2
Marion Green, 6/5
Phyllis Werlin, 6/6
Elise Caputi, 6/7
Marlee Waleik, 6/7
Sylvia Sandler, 6/8

Happy Anniversary to:

Arlene and Herbert Baron, 6/10
Andrea and Rob Passacantilli, 6/26
Elaine and Leslie Lerman, 6/26
Barbara and Arthur Kahn, 6/28

We are also celebrating Marlee Waleik's high school graduation.
Marlee is being honored by her aunt, Phyllis Werlin.

Mazel Tov to all our celebrants.

It is my pleasure to say thank you to everyone for supporting the Hostess Fund and your Sisterhood.

Happy Spring,
Cheryl Rivers
(617) 389-1447
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Sisterhood Club-O-Grams

CONGRATULATIONS

To: Sheila Green, in honor of birth of great grandchild
From: Sisterhood, Barbara & Don Weiner

To: Jared Hoppenfeld, in honor of winning the "National Award for Business Libraryinship"
From: Your Saugus Family

To: Sara Chait, in honor of birth of great granddaughter, Lillian
From: Congregation, Sisterhood, Dina Fox, Laraine & Allan Alpert, Marilyn Masters, Sheila & Maurice Kipnis, Carol & Alan Sugerma

GET WELL

To: Stewart Don
From: Barbara & Don Weiner, Celia Brown

To: Leslie Lerman
From: Cheryl Rivers, Brotherhood

To: Gary Parker
From: Celia Brown

To: Bernie Yessin
From: Congregation, Barbara & Don Weiner, Marilyn Masters, Vicki Hamberg, Dina Fox

To: Carl Jones, for a quick and easy recovery.
From: Cheryl Rivers

To: Zachary Shwartz - for an easy recovery
From: Barbara and Don Weiner, Laraine and Allan Alpert, Dina Fox, Bobbi Epstein, Paula Sack, Cheryl Rivers, and Marilyn Masters

CONDOLENCES

To: David Posner, in memory of beloved father-in-law, Robert Lomish
From: Congregation, Barbara & Don Weiner, Marilyn Masters, Paula Sack, Dina Fox, Bobbi Epstein, Arlene & Herb Baron, Lee & Frank Goldman, Celia Brown, Cheryl Rivers, Arthur & Barbara Kahn, Sheila & Maurice Kipnis

To: Ruth Finkelstein, in memory of beloved daughter, Nancy
From: Sisterhood, Celia Brown, Miriam & Ed Cohen, Lorraine Bendell

To: Arlene Ceppetelli, in memory of dear godchild
From: Congregation, Sisterhood, Dina Fox, Barbara & Don Weiner

To: Esther Kaufman, in memory of dear mother, Barbara Murstein
From: Sisterhood, Dina Fox, Arlene & Herb Baron, Lee & Frank Goldman, Celia Brown

To: Ms Amy Gold, in memory of father, Paul Sheiber
From: Celia Brown

To: Sheila Kipnis & family, in memory of beloved husband, father & grandfather, Maurice
From: Congregation, Be3lla & David Westerman, Cheryl Rivers, Barbara & Don Weiner, Marilyn Masters, Laraine & Allan Alpert, Dina Fox, Bobbi Epstein, Paula Sack, Carol & Alan Sugerman, Dottie & Bob Scott, Barbara & Arthur Kahn, Arlene & Herb Baron, Lee & Frank Goldman, Beverly Visnick, Flo Meltzer, Gerry Gray, Elaine & Eddie Piven, Celia Brown, Phyllis Werlin & Alan Levine, Jill Weiner, Lorraine Bendell, Miriam & Ed Cohen, Aronson Family, Margie & Mark Casper, Bobbi Giller, Elaine & Leslie Lerman, Claire Moretti, Natalie & Gary Waleik & Family

To: Vicki Hamberg, in memory of sister-in-law, Rita Yessin
From: Elaine & Eddie Piven

To: Carol Goodman, in memory of dear husband, Murray
From: Celia Brown

To: Mr. & Mrs. Robert Giolito & family, in memory of dear mother, Dora
From: Bobbi & Dickie Giller

To: Silk Family, in memory of husband & father, Stephen
From: Bella & David Westerman

To: Kushlan Family, in memory of dear wife & mother, Evelyn
From: Bingo Committee, Beverly Visnick, Aronson Family, Barbara & Don Weiner, Marilyn Masters, Sheila Kipnis, Dina Fox, Bobbi Epstein, Laraine & Allan Alpert, Bella & Dave Westerman, Sonny & Joan Cascio

To: Mrs. Carolyn Cohen & family, in memory of beloved mother, Stephanie Glazer
From: Miriam & Ed Cohen, Lorraine Bendell, Robert & Cathy Bendell

To: Don Weiner - Condolences on the loss of brother Sheldon
From: Lorraine & Allan Alpert, Herbert & Arlene Baron, Bobbi Epstein, Dina Fox, Lee & Frank Goldman, Barbara & Arthur Kahn, Sylvia & Hy Sandler, Dottie & Bob Scott, Carol & Alan Sugerman, Beverly Visnick, Phyllis Werlin & Alan Levine, Marilyn Masters, Paula Sack, Sheila Kipnis, Flo Meltzer, Vicky Hamberg, Celia Brown, Cheryl Rivers

To: Donovan Family, on loss of beloved husband and father
From: Celia & Elizabeth Brown

To: David and Barbara Tolstrup, on loss of son
From: Celia Brown

To: Yessin Family, in memory of beloved wife, mother and grandmother, Rita.
From: Marilyn Masters, Sheila Kipnis, Laraine and Allan Alpert, Dina Fox, Beverly Visnick, Paula Sack, Bella and David Westerman, Elaine & Leslie Lerman

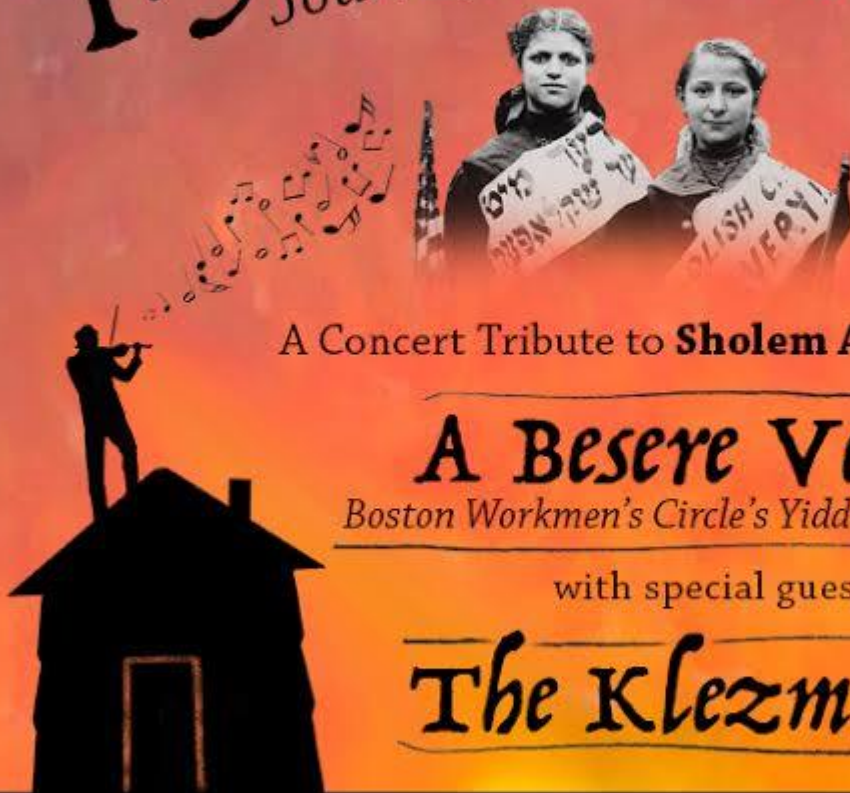
To: Susan Don and Family, in memory of beloved husband and father Stewart
From: Cheryl Rivers, Jill Weiner, Marilyn Masters, Laraine and Allan Alpert, Dina Fox, Elaine & Leslie Lerman

Officers of Sisterhood Congregation Agudas Achim-Ezrath Israel (2015-2017)

President	Elaine Lerman	(781) 223-8501
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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**