

Congregation Agudas Achim - Ezrath Israel

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President's Greetings

Dear Congregants,

First let me wish all of you, your families, and loved ones a very happy and healthy New Year. Although the holidays are late this year (they're never on time – it's either "The holidays are early this year" or "The holidays are late this year"), it's never too soon to wish our friends and family the best for the coming year.

Most of all, we wish our temple, our spiritual home and family, a healthy new year. We seem to be on the right track – our Shabbat minyanim during the summer have been very well attended and it seems that every once in a while, we even add a new person or two to the regular mix. That doesn't mean I'm giving anyone a pass! As Religious Committee Chair and now as President, I will continue to encourage you to give us at least one Saturday a month. Recently, a member of my family was diagnosed with a serious illness. I had been going pretty regularly to services for the past several years, but now, the Shabbat became almost like a refuge for me. My fellow congregants literally and metaphorically embraced me when I arrived. It was almost like getting a gigantic hug from G-d. The two hours I spent in prayer for just one day a week was enough to sustain me through everything. It gave me a whole new perspective on the "mitzvah of Shabbat."

This coming year will be very important for our Congregation. Those of you who love the shul as much as I do must do all you can to help sustain us through this critical time. If you haven't purchased your tickets for our Ljuba Davis concert on September 18, call now! Bring 10 people and the price of your tickets will be reduced. We have been fortunate to raise money from several donors from both within and without our membership. But we need bodies to fill the seats – to show our solidarity with each other and with our temple. Call the temple for tickets (781-322-7205) or call me (781-321-2476). But CALL!

I look forward to seeing you on September 18 and seeing you on the holidays.

Paula

Religious committee

The summer is about over. Time to get ready for the high holidays. Join us on Saturday to get in the correct frame of mind. The services are good, the company is great, the kiddush is excellent. Try it, you will like it.

Ritual chairman Philip

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245 Bryant Street Malden, MA 02148
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proudly presents

The Ljuba Davis Ensemble

in Concert featuring
Ladino and Sephardic Music



SAVE THE DATE

Sunday, September 18, 2016

4:00 PM

More information to follow

DUES DUES DUES!!!

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

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

***** 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.

Adult Education

The fall 2016 program will be a set of Jewish themed movies.
If you have any suggestions, let me know at 781-223-8501.
Keep your eye out for the flyers.

ELAINE

Neal Sherman Youth Fund

Our fund is still a viable fund providing fun our children on various occasions. The Fund sponsors the Chanukah Arts and Crafts for our youth. When Purim or Simchat Torah is celebrated, the Fund supplies the goodies for all to enjoy. We are an active affiliate of our Temple.

**** TEI Cemetary ****

Please note that the Ezrath Israel Cemetery is now in the hands of John Ross & Son, who have been its custodian for many years. Any questions, please call them at 978-774-0139.

Don and I have retired after over 25 yrs. Thank you, Barbara

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.

Brotherhood News

Dear Brotherhood members,

As you know, we have been taking apart electronic discards behind the bimah, for the last 4 years. This was to obtain money to help keep the shul alive.

We have to vacate our work space by the end of September. In order to move everything, we need help from all the brothers.

No, not help carrying heavy things, but help unwinding motors. We desperately need your help so we don't lose valuable materials. Even one hour a week will really make a difference.

Call me at (781) 223-8501 and tell me when you can meet me – any time, any day. The work is not heavy, dangerous, dirty or tiresome. WE NEED HELP! I CAN'T SAY IT ANY CLEARER!

Leslie Lerman, Your Brotherhood President

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 is so hard to believe summer is almost over. Children have started school. Some mothers have gone back to work. And so must we get back to doing Sisterhood work and having fun while we do it! Ladies, the Sisterhood Board has decided on the calendar for the 2016/2017 season. I'm excited by it and I hope you are too. Because we did not get to review Boston Girl last year, we will be having this review for our first meeting on September 12 at 6:30 after a light supper and short meeting. Due to the Ljuba Davis concert, Laraine, Amanda and Barbara Weiner decided to cancel the Yard Sale scheduled for the 25th. Below is this year's calendar.

Monday, September 12, 2016, Regular meeting light supper and book review

Monday, September 26, 2016, Board meeting at Marilyn's

Sunday, October 30, 2016, Membership Luncheon, Cheryl and Barbara Weiner, chairs

Monday, November 7, 2016, Board meeting at Barbara Weiner's

Sunday, November 20, 2016, Regular Breakfast meeting, Modern Girl book review

Monday, December 12, 2016, Chanukah Board meeting

Sunday December 18, 2016, Sisterhood Chanukah Party, brunch, latkes, Ilysa, chair

Sunday, February 5, 2017, winter brunch get-together

Monday, March 6, 2017, Board meeting, Nominating report, Cheryl, chair

Sunday, March 12, 2017, Regular Purim meeting, Amanda, chair

Monday, April 3, 2017, Board meeting at Laraine's

Monday, April 24, 2017, Donor meeting and elections, Elaine chair

Monday, May 8, 2017, Board meeting at Carol's

Sunday, May 21, 2017, Donor Luncheon, Sheila and Deborah

Monday, June 5, 2017, Board meeting at Laraine's

Friday June 9, 2017, Sisterhood Shabbat, Carol and Dottie, chairs

Elaine

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:

Holidays are quickly approaching and if you are looking for a hostess gift or just something for yourself, check us first.

Special sale on "Quest Mezuzahs." Now only \$25.00 each and are on display in the Judaica Shop window.

All 3-D Wall Hanging are also on sale, some are on display in the front lobby.

If interested in any above mentioned, contact Laraine Alpert at 781-231-1140 or email lja609@aol.com

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

Hostess Fund

I have been overseeing the Hostess Fund for almost two years and have enjoyed being able to support our Sisterhood along with your help.

My concern is that I am certain that there are many members for whom I do not have a birthday date for themselves or family members or an anniversary date. Therefore, I do not have the opportunity to contact these members. I have had the privilege of meeting and speaking with many of the Sisterhood members and been able to learn about not only birthdays and anniversaries, but also, births, marriages and other mitzvahs.

I am hopeful that members who are not contacted communicate with me either by calling me at (617) 389-1447 or sending me an email at cmel5@aol.com.

September Birthdays:

Barbara Lynne Kaufman, 9/11

Walter Falta, 9/12

Claire Moretti, 9/13

John Kaufman, 9/21

September Anniversaries:

Barbara and Don Weiner, 9/2

Sharon and Barry Arnofsky, 9/21

October Birthdays:

Lisa Joy Kaufman, 10/1

Danielle Rivers, 10/10

Emily McCarthy, 10/16

Reisa Parker, 10/20

Owen Nathaniel Alpert, 10/23

Bobbie Epstein, 10/31

October Anniversaries:

Amanda and Stacie Alpert, 10/13

Carol and Alan Sugerman, 10/22

Lindsay and Justin Alpert, 10/23

Darlene and Carl Jones, 10/26

Regina and John Kaufman, 10/28

Please remember the Hostess Fund. It's a wonderful way to support our Sisterhood. It's so important that the Sisterhood of Congregation Agudas Achim-Ezrath Israel remain viable.

Thank you very much.

Cheryl Rivers

Hostess Fund

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Sisterhood Club-O-Grams

Club-O-Grams (Barbara Weiner@781-324-0108 or Phyllis Werlin@781-321-0238)

CONGRATULATIONS

To: Sheila Green, in honor of grandson's Bar Mitzvah

From: Sisterhood

To: Harriett Sherman, in honor of granddaughter Laura Sherman's marriage to Robert House

From: Sisterhood, Laraine & Allan Alpert, Sheila Kipnis, Marilyn Masters, Dina Fox, Paula Sack, Flo Meltzer

To: Arlene & Herbert Baron, in honor of 60th Wedding Anniversary
From: Regina & John Kaufman

To: Vernon & Honey Stohn, in honor of 70th Wedding Anniversary
From: Regina & John Kaufman

To: Sheila Kipnis, in honor of birth of great granddaughter, Remi Madison Shwartz
From: Regina & John Kaufman

To: Arlene Baron, in honor of your August Birthday
From: Regina & John Kaufman

To: Cheryl Rivers, in honor of birth of great granddaughter, Scarlett
From: Regina & John Kaufman

To: Ilysa & Brian McCarthy, in honor of daughter Jessica's high school graduation
From: Regina & John Kaufman

To: Marilyn Masters, in honor of granddaughter Jessica's high school graduation
From: Regina & John Kaufman

To: Mickey Levine, in honor of grandson, Derek becoming a Bar Mitzvah
From: Sisterhood, Barbara & Don Weiner, Marilyn Masters, Bobbi Epstein, Dina Fox, Dottie Scott, Lee & Frank Goldman, Paula Sack

GET WELL

To: Jack Zimmerman
From: Congregation, Barbara & Don Weiner, Marilyn Masters, Sheila Kipnis, Dina Fox, Paula Sack, Barbara & Arthur Kahn, Lee & Frank Goldman

To: Bobbi Epstein, for a speedy and complete recovery!
From: Sisterhood, Congregation, Claire Moretti, Bobbi Giller, Barbara & Don Weiner, Marilyn Masters, Laraine & Allan Alpert, Paula Sack & Larry Walsh, Dottie & Bob Scott, Regina & John Kaufman, Barbara & Arthur Kahn, Beverly Visnick, Sheila Kipnis, Cheryl Rivers, Dina Fox, Carol & Alan Sugerman, Lee & Frank Goldman, Arlene & Herb Baron, Phyllis Werlin & Alan Levine

To: Brian McCarthy
From: Congregation, Laraine & Allan Alpert, Dina Fox, Bobbi Epstein, Barbara & Don Weiner, Paula Sack, Barbara & Arthur Kahn, Dottie & Bob Scott, Sheila Kipnis, Lee & Frank Goldman, Carol & Alan Sugerman

To: Lorraine Bendell
From: Regina & John Kaufman

To: Barry Arnofsky
From: Regina & John Kaufman

To: Dorothy Eisenman
From: Beverly Visnick

CONDOLENCES

To: Steven Greenstein & Mark Kipnis, in memory of Nancy Greenstein, wife & mother
From: Mickey Levine

To: Bernie Yessin, in memory of dear wife, Rita
From: Regina & John Kaufman

To: Gladys Mendelson, in memory of dear son, Freddie
From: Regina & John Kaufman



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**