

Congregation Agudas Achim - Ezrath Israel

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From the President

I don't know how the rest of you feel, but I'm kind of happy to be putting 2016 in my rear view mirror. The election cycle seemed to be 3 years long, and the tone and tenor left much to be desired. Certainly, as far back as I can remember, there has never been such acrimony. But it's over, and I have to believe that we will come together as a country and move forward.

Our congregation seems to be flourishing, and I could not be happier with the members of my administration as well as the support we're getting from past officers and our congregants. Our treasurer, Allan Alpert, has been finding new and exciting ways for us to save money and cut expenses without cutting services. At our next board meeting he'll delineate some of the things we've done to help our bottom line. A special thank you goes out to the Steiner family for the beautiful baby naming celebration in honor of their new grandchild. And a special thank you also to the Zimmerman and Goberman family who sponsored a fabulous luncheon in honor of the anniversary of Jordan's bar mitzvah. L'dor v'dor – from generation to generation – that's what keeps us going!

I hope the New Year brings us all health, love, and above all, peace. (And as little snow as possible!) See you in shul!

Paula

High Holiday Donations

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

Sheila Kipnis, Vernon & Honey Stohn, Carol & Alan Sugerman, Marcia Meltzer, Elaine Porter, Oliver Davidson, Phyllis & Bob Lerner, Dottie Scott, David & Katrina Posner, Dorothy Waldman, the Zalk Family, Ethel Tzizik, Arlene & Herb Baron, Marla & David Freedman, Harvey Goldman, Beverly Visnick, Mr. & Mrs. Charles Schultz, Arlene Ceppetelli, Mark Karas, Barbara & Don Weiner, David & Bella Westerman, Michael & Beth Simons, Marrietta & Jerry Gray, Suzanne Interrante, Mr. & Mrs. Howard Karas, Linda Sorensen, Regina & John Kaufman, Sandy & Eddie Swerdlick, Flo Meltzer, Lester & Dolores Mack, Elaine & Eddie Piven, Laraine & Allan Alpert, Ray Harris & Danielle Alexander

Building Fund Donations

To: Mona Hirschon, In memory of Husband, Robert
From: Stephen Levy

To: Temple, In memory of Jerry Masters & Ben Brown
From: Marjorie & Ernest Pearlstein

To: Temple, In memory of Ada & Sidney Spiegel
From: Barbara Maldero

To: Allison & Billy Doucette, In memory of Marilyn Braverman
From: Beverly & Charles Kramer, Marlen & Richard Grosky

To: Hilda Kriteiman, In memory of her sister, Pearl Brodsky
From: Sheila Green & Family

To: Reisa Parker, in memory of her sister, Sidra
From: Phyllis & Bob Lerner

To: Steller Family, In memory of their husband, father & grandfather, Harvey
From: Fox Family, Barbara & Don Weiner, Zalk Family

To: Barbara Weiner, In honor of her 80th birthday
From: Phil & Ellen Gonick & Family, Harriett & Moe

To: Reisa Parker, In memory of her husband, Gary
From: Sylvia & Hy Sandler, Dina Fox & Family, Sheila Kipnis, Marilyn Masters, Bobbi & Dickie Giller, Carol Sherman, Barbara & Marcia Kamens, Mickey Levine

Religious committee

While winter is here, the weather is cold and the snow is coming. But the air is warm and the people friendly at your temple. Join us some Saturday for prayer and nus. A list of some special dates to remember for the year follows:

Tu B'Shevat	Saturday, February 11, 9:30 am, Sabbath services
Purim	Sunday, March 12, 9:30 am, Megillah reading, Continental breakfast
Passover	Monday, April 10, First Seder Tuesday, April 11, Second Seder
Yizkor	Monday, April 17, 7:30 pm
Yom Hashoah	Sunday, April 23
Shavuot-Yizkor	Wednesday, May 31, 7:30 pm

Ritual chairperson Philip

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

Happy New Year!

My apologies for not getting the movie program I had planned for the Fall off the ground. Technical issues relating to getting the movies in the proper medium disrupted the plans. I'm going to work on a spring movie program with some of the same movies I wanted to show you before. Look for a flyer in the mail. If you have ideas for programs, let me know at 781-223-8501.

Elaine Lerman, Chairperson

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.

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 us. 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.

We would like 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 leave your name and phone number at the temple.

We 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 names & phone numbers in the office.

Brotherhood News

Brothers,

First of all, I want to wish everyone a happy and a healthy 2017.

Next comes the not-so-good news. During our last meeting, all those who attended will remember we discussed our ongoing electronic recycling program. After five roller-coaster years, it was finally voted to end our active participation. We are currently selling the last bits of scraps and will not be conducting annual collections. However, we will still accept the odd donations once in a while. Contact me if you have something you want to give us.

However, we are still in the Brotherhood business of raising money, to keep the shul from closing its doors. That threat hasn't gone away. So, our next meeting will be

FEBRUARY 19, 2017 or, if you prefer, 23 SHIVAT 5777

This is the third Sunday, and the meeting will start at 9:30. Of course, after partaking of our usual nasheri. Please show up on time, as we have to discuss our fund-raising programs. Watch for reminders in your electronic mail-box.

Leslie Lerman, Brotherhood President

Sisterhood News

Happy 2017 Ladies!

Someone once said that anybody can make resolutions, but it is the follow-through which counts. A new year is a time of reflection and for making resolutions. I hope any resolutions you make come true this year. My personal resolution this year is to work on a more healthy diet with daily exercise. My Sisterhood resolution is to work with the Board to provide you with more varied programs. If you have any ideas, don't hesitate to call me.

At our December board meeting, we discussed an idea Laraine Alpert had about taking a bus trip to the casino in Plainridge instead of having our regularly scheduled February get-together. If the plans come through, we will let you know when we send you the flyer. Otherwise, we will have a Sunday brunch get-together.

Barbara Weiner suggested that the yard sale we've talked about for a while be a Temple project to happen in May or June. This will be discussed at the next Temple meeting.

Our Chanukah Party was unfortunately cancelled due to inclement weather. But we collected from Bingo players and our members many toys, hats and gloves for the children at Housing Families. Thank you to First Vice-president Ilysa McCarthy who spearheaded this project. Thank you to everyone who so generously donated.

The potato latkes that would have been served at our Chanukah Party, were served instead for an extended kiddush when Sisterhood member D'vora Zimmerman's grandson celebrated the anniversary of his Bar Mitzvah. All who attended had a nice time and D'vora's grandson did a wonderful job chanting the Haftorah.

As I said earlier, our next gathering is the February get-together on Sunday, the 5th, so look for the upcoming flyer. The next regularly scheduled meeting is Sunday, March 12th to celebrate Purim. The 2017 calendar is below. I hope you and your families have a very Happy and Healthy New Year!

Elaine Lerman, President

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

Sisterhood Calendar

Sunday, February 5, 2017, winter get-together

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

Sunday, March 12, 2017, Regular Purim meeting

Monday, April 3, 2017, Board meeting

Monday, April 24, 2017, Donor meeting and elections

Monday, May 8, 2017, Board meeting

Sunday, May 21, 2017, Donor Luncheon

Monday, June 5, 2017, Board meeting

Friday, June 9, 2017, Sisterhood Shabbat

Hostess Fund

It is my pleasure to wish everyone a happy and healthy New Year and usher in 2017 with you. And I hope that Chanukah brought lots of latkes and dreidels for all.

Happy December birthday wishes to:

Marietta Gray, 12/24
Amanda Alpert, 12/31

Happy January birthdays wishes to:

Arlene Alpert, 1/3
Darlene Jones, 1/5
Dvora Zimmerman, 1/6
Marla Freedman, 1/25
Carol Sugerman, 1/27

Happy February birthday wishes to:

Marilyn Masters, 2/9
Regina Kaufman, 2/11
Maureen Willett, 2/23
Celia Brown, 2/24

Let's make a resolution that together we support the Sisterhood of Congregation Agudas Achim-Ezrath Israel by donating to the Hostess Fund. We can do this as we recognize birthdays, anniversaries and other mitzvahs. Our names, along with the birthday, anniversary or other mitzvah dates are placed into the Sisterhood bulletin. Aside from being honored in the bulletin, we have contributed to and supported our Sisterhood. Since the list of members who have supported the Hostess Fund is a small representative of our members, I am encouraging each and every one of our Sisterhood members to contact me at (617) 389-1447 or cmel5@aol.com to submit any celebration or to honor a family member or friend.

If there is anyone who does not see their name/date in the current bulletin, I am very sorry. I have attempted to contact Sisterhood members for whom I have information. Please help me keep my information up to date by adding your birthday, anniversary, etc.

Wishing everyone a happy, healthy and prosperous 2017!

Cheryl Rivers
Hostess Fund
(617) 389-1447
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Sisterhood Club-O-Grams

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

CONGRATULATIONS

To: Carol Sherman, in honor of the birth of granddaughter, Cora
From: Sisterhood

To: Elaine Lerman, in honor of her birthday
From: Regina & John Kaufman

GET WELL

To: Lee Goldman
From: Allan & Linda Zalk, Laraine & Allan Alpert, Regina & John Kaufman, Cheryl Rivers

To: Lois Kligerman
From: Sisterhood, Elaine Porter

To: Edward Piven
From: Cong. AA-EI, Barbara & Don Weiner

To: Allan Zalk
From: Cong. AA-EI, Dina Fox

CONDOLENCES

To: Judy Linick, in memory of husband, Alan
From: Laraine & Allan Alpert, Dina Fox

To: Marla Freedman, in memory of Sister, Sidra Eckman
From: Congregation, Sisterhood AA-EI, Marilyn Masters, Sheila Kipnis, Barbara & Don Weiner, Dina Fox, Lee & Frank Goldman, Paula Sack, Celia Brown, Cheryl Rivers, Dottie & Bob Scott, Dvora & Jack Zimmerman, Sandra Swartz

To: Scott Brody & Family, in memory of dear mother & grandmother, Marilyn Braverman
From: Ellen & Donnie MacMullin, Amanda & Stacie Alpert, Laraine & Allan Alpert, Barbara & Don Weiner, Sheila Kipnis, Marilyn Masters, Dottie & Bob Scott, Bobbi Epstein, Dina Fox, Cheryl Rivers

To: Harold Roth & Family, in memory of wife and mother, Cynthia
From: Sisterhood AA-EI, Barbara & Don Weiner, Bobbi Epstein, Cheryl Rivers, Ellie Noah, Rachel Noah & Marc Sorel, Lee & Frank Goldman

To: Reisa Parker, in memory of sister, Sidra Eckman
From: Sisterhood AA-EI, Celia Brown

To: Melissa Bornstein, in memory of sister, Cynthia Roth
From: Celia Brown

To: Lee Steller & Family, in memory of husband & father Harvey
From: Congregation AA-EI, Marilyn Masters, Sheila Kipnis, Laraine & Allan Alpert, Paula Sack, Jill Weiner, Barbara & Don Weiner, Lee & Frank Goldman, Celia Brown, Elizabeth Brown, Bella & David Westerman, Bobbi Epstein, Dvora & Jack Zimmerman, Elaine & Leslie Lerman, Dottie & Bob Scott, Carol & Alan Sugerman, Dina Fox

To: Reisa Parker & family, in memory of husband and father, Gary
From: Sisterhood AA-EI, Celia Brown, Alan & Carol Sugerman, Lee & Frank Goldman, Arlene & Herb Baron

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:

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



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**