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From the President

Dear Friends,

This month we said goodbye to one of our brightest lights – Jack Zimmerman. It's not for me to tell you all of Jack's accomplishments; you know them far better than I. His smile, his wit, his charm, his intellect, his compassion – these are legend in the annals of our temple. Recently, at one of our Shabbat services, we had the pleasure of celebrating Jordan Globerman's second anniversary of his bar mitzvah. Jordan is Marcy Zimmerman Globerman's son and Jack and Dvorah's grandson. I watched from the bimah the joy and pride on Jack's face as Jordan flawlessly recited the haftorah portion. And when all of the Zimmerman grandchildren were on the bimah together, I, too, shared in their pride. This is the greatest legacy we can leave – to see our culture and our tradition carried on by our children and grandchildren – as we say, "L'dor v'dor," from generation to generation. We will all miss you, Jack, but know that your memory is a blessing to us all.

Spring is almost here (at least in my dreams), and soon we will begin planning our annual second seder. More information will be coming soon. And don't forget our Purim Brunch which will be held on Sunday, March 12. Marilyn Masters and her crew have planned a wonderful brunch; Wayne has been preparing his Megillah reading since last year; and a wonderful dessert is planned for after Wayne's inspiring rendition of the story of Esther.

Our Shabbat services continue to be well attended and we'd love to welcome all of you now that the weather seems to have mellowed a bit. And please consider sponsoring a Kiddush in memory or in honor of a loved one or an event.

My best to you all – Paula

DATES TO REMEMBER

Monday, March 6 - Sisterhood Board Meeting
Sunday, March 12 - Purim Family Megillah Service & Brunch
Monday, April 3 - Sisterhood Board Meeting
Tuesday, April 11 - Temple Family Second Seder

Tu B'Shevat Donations

From: Paula Sack, In honor of her grandchildren
From: John & Regina Kaufman, In honor of Regina Kaufman & Don Weiner's birthday
From: Dvora Zimmerman, In Memory of parents Rose & Jim Freedman & sister & brother-in-law Taube & Albert Goodman
From: Barbara Weiner & Family, In honor of Don's birthday
From: Ileen Cohen, In memory of mother Sally Simons
From: Stephen Levy, In memory of Carole Levy
From: Alan & Jason Spiegel, In memory of their parents, Ada & Sidney Spiegel
From: Honey & Vernon Stohn, In honor of Don's birthday

Building Fund Donations

To: Mindy & Larry Levine, In honor of grandson, Adam's engagement
From: Sheila Green & Family

To: Susan Erbafia, In memory of father
From: Arleen & Dina Fox

To: Reisa Parker, In memory of husband, Gary
From: The Zalk Family

To: Phyllis Zommer, In memory of sister, Joyce Post
From: Dina Fox

To: Chana Geller, In memory of husband, Michael
From: Amanda & Laraine Alpert, Dina Fox

To: The Zimmerman Family, in memory of husband, father & grandfather, Jack
From: Sylvia & Hy Sandler, Hilary & Neal Zwicker, Dina Fox & Family, Arlene Alpert, Sheila Green & Family, Nancy Bloom, Jerry & Joanne Grant, Amanda, Stacie & Owen Alpert, Lindsay, Justin & Devin Alpert, Allan & Laraine Alpert, Jonathan Alpert, Barbara & Don Weiner, Stuart & Cindy Weiner, Debra & James Krasnow, M/M Philip Smedile, Bob & Dottie Scott, Mount Tabor Lodge AFAM, Mickey Levine, Judy & Arthur Fink, Irene & Alan Graff

To: Sidney Zimmerman, In memory of father, Jack
From: William Flaxer

Religious committee

Spring is on the way. Time to renew and refresh both body and mind. Purim and Passover are right around the corner. Time to renew your spiritual body as well. Come to a Saturday service. Have a good spring.

See you soon,
Ritual Chairman Philip

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

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

The Fund apologies for being remiss in not mentioning some donations received last year. We want to thank President Paula Sack, Mr. & Mrs. Leeds and others for their generous donations.

The Kummer Scholarship Fund is offering a Scholarship to any High School Senior whose parents are members of the Temple.

Please contact Ilysa McCarthy at ijm026@aol.com for more information.

***** 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,

At our last meeting, Feb 19, we had a nice nasheri table courtesy of Phil Butkovitz. The 'we' was me and Dave Westerman. And that was it. Two others visited for two minutes and left. Like all you other members, they had better things to do.

To be fair, I can understand that asking for one hour of your time, every other month, is asking a lot. And I admit a week's advance notice is not enough time to plan showing up. For that one hour every sixty days. With your packed calendar of doctor visits, bad weather, vacations, movies, concerts, and attending other organization's meetings, I can see why nobody has the time for a brotherhood meeting.

Know what? A few people have told me not to waste my time with the brotherhood. I suppose they are right. After all, why should I knock my head against the wall, trying to raise money to keep the shul doors open. My phone number is in the phone book. Call me if you don't like what I just said. Or, come to a Saturday service and tell me face to face I'm wrong. Or show up at any Tuesday night bingo game and argue with me. Or, even better, come to a Brotherhood meeting and prove me wrong. That is, if we still have any more meetings.

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

Sisterhood Calendar

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

I thought I was doing a great job of writing the year 2017. But today, I have to admit, I made an error and signed a document with the date of 2016. Fortunately, I did catch the error, but I am looking for a reason, a blame for my mistake. Is it my retirement and not knowing what day of the week it is? Is it my age? Is stress to be blamed? No absolutely not. I know. It's the fact that time is elusive and so mysterious. That's it; I know it! I feel as though we just changed the clocks to adjust for the ending of Daylight Savings time (which we did on November 6, 2016). Now we are on the edge of resetting our time to restart Daylight Savings Time. On March 12, clocks, watches, etc. have to be reset. Where did the time go?! I ask myself over and over again. So remember, "Spring ahead; Fall behind".

An apology to Lois Kligerman. She supported the Hostess Fund for her birthday which was January 19th. Unfortunately, her birthday was not in the January-February Sisterhood bulletin. So sorry, Lois, and a belated Happy Birthday.

Happy March Birthday Wishes to:
Linda Dall, March 18
Dottie Scott, March 24

March Anniversaries:
Ilysa and Brian McCarthy, March 29
Sylvia and Hy Sandler, March 30

Happy April Birthday Wishes to:
Carol Levine, April 2
Cheryl Rivers, April 15
Lee Goldman, April 18
Mickey Levine, April 22

On behalf of the Sisterhood of Congregation Agudas Achim-Ezrath Israel, a heartfelt thank you to everyone supporting the Hostess Fund. By donating to the Hostess Fund, not only are we recognizing birthdays and anniversaries, but we are also supporting our beloved Sisterhood. Please don't forget to contact me at (617) 389-1447 or at cmel5@aol.com, to let me know about birthdays, anniversaries, births, baby namings and other mitzvahs.

Looking forward to Spring,
Cheryl Rivers
Hostess Fund
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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
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Corresponding Secretary (Body)	Dina Fox	(781) 321-2528

Sisterhood Club-O-Grams

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

CONGRATULATIONS

To: Cheryl Rivers, in honor of her engagement to Ernie Brown
From: Cong. AA-EI, Sisterhood, Barbara & Don Weiner, Marilyn Masters, Dina Fox, Paula Sack, Elaine & Leslie Lerman, Celia Brown, Dottie & Bob Scott, Bobbi Epstein, Carol & Alan Sugerman, Sheila Kipnis

GET WELL

To: Robert Scott
From: Cong. AA-EI

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

CONDOLENCES

To: Reisa Parker, In memory of husband & father, Gary
From: Paula Sack

To: Reisa Parker, In memory of sister, Sidra Eckman
From: Paula Sack

To: Irene Kanofsky, In memory of husband, Saul
From: Elaine & Mark Aronson, Beverly Visnick

To: Norman & Alan Levin, In memory of dear wife & mother, Betsy
From: Cousins Elaine, Leslie, Alissa & Mark Lerman

To: M/M Arnold Levin, In memory of son, Larry
From: Elaine, Leslie, Alissa & Mark Lerman

To: Andrea Leopold, In memory of Aunt Betsy & Cousin Larry
From: Elaine, Leslie, Alissa & Mark Lerman

To: Audrey Venovker, In memory of Aunt Betsy & Cousin Larry
From: Elaine, Leslie, Alissa & Mark Lerman

To: Sandra Levin, In memory of sister-in-law, Betsy & nephew Larry Levin
From: Elaine, Leslie, Alissa & Mark Lerman

To: Dvora Zimmerman & family, In memory of dear husband, father & grandfather, Jack
From: Cong. AA-EI, Marilyn Masters, Laraine & Allan Alpert, Bobbi Epstein, Paula Sack, Celia Brown, Sheila Kipnis, Jill Weiner, Bella & David Westerman, Elaine & Leslie Lerman, Beverly Visnick, Barbara & Arthur Kahn, Lee & Frank Goldman, Cheryl Rivers, Carol & Alan Sugerman, Dottie & Bob Scott, Vicki Hamberg, Linda & Allan Zalk

To: Arlene & Joseph Ceppetelli, In memory of loving grandson
From: Cong. AA-EI, Sisterhood, Barbara & Don Weiner, Jill Weiner

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:

The Shop is ready for Pesach, are you?
There are matzo plates, seder plates, prizes for finding the Afikomen and other items.

Don't forget we carry a large selection of Mezzuzot including Red Sox and Patriots.

Connect Laraine Alpert at lja609@aol.com when you are looking for Judaica.



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**