

# Congregation Agudas Achim - Ezrath Israel

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## From the President

Dear Friends,

Another high holiday is over, and I must say, it was the best one yet! I would like to thank all who participated, particularly my lay leaders, Barbara and Don Weiner and Michael Simons. Kudos to Celia Brown for an amazing sermon on Gaugin and Judaism – not only was it informative, it was inspiring. Don, I have to say that your take on the right way to address the holiday was fabulous! It showed us all that there are many ways to say “Shanah Tovah,” without even saying the words. And I know that many of you could identify with my sermon, “L’dor v’dor” – from generation to generation. To those of you who participated in the services, with aliyot, honors, special readings – those of you who lifted and carried the Torah – those of you who “donated” your grandchildren (thank you, Gerry) to participate – there are not enough words to express my gratitude to each and every one of you. And last, but certainly not least – to our cantorial soloist, Phyllis Werlin, and our sexton, Wayne Freedman, my heartfelt thanks for all you did in the preparation and the leading of our service for the High Holidays. Our congregation has come together and has been energized like never before. We’ve added new members, both singles and families. Our Shabbat Minyanim are well attended. People are volunteering to sponsor the Kiddush in memory or in honor of loved ones. It’s so heartening for me, as president, to look out over the sanctuary, and see it almost filled to capacity. You’ve come and you’ve stayed and you’ve come back! It doesn’t get any better than that.

There are several programs on the horizon for us, but our chief fund raiser will take place on November 5 when the Klezmer group, Shpilkehs, will come and entertain. Marilyn Masters and her crew have planned an incredible dinner, similar to the one we had a few years back – a deli dinner (my mouth is already watering for the corned beef) with all the fixins. And I don’t know about you, but when I hear Klezmer, I can’t sit down, so David Posner – you’ve got the first dance with me!!!!

This is my second year as president, and I am so proud of what we’ve been able to accomplish with our incredible board. We have been able to cut costs, but not cut services. We’ve been able to plan events that are well attended and well received. We’ve reached out to other synagogues that are eager to hold joint programming. Our doors remain open and our congregation is thriving. What more can we ask for?

My thanks to you all for the support you’ve given me. Together we grow and we thrive. Yasher Koach – may we grow in strength.

Paula

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## High Holiday Donations

Thank you to all the following people who donated generously to the Temple for the High Holidays –

Bima Flowers - Anonymous, Mr & Mrs David Westerman, Mr & Mrs John Kaufman, Gerald Gray, children & grandchildren - In loving memory of Barbara Gray, Allan & Laraine Alpert - In honor of Barbara & Don Weiner's 60th anniversary, Meltzer & Gordon Families - In memory of Stanley Meltzer & Henrietta Gordon Rotberg, Arlene & Joe Ceppetelli, Barbara & Don Weiner - In honor of their 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary

Break The Fast - Mr & Mrs David Westerman, Mr & Mrs John Kaufman, Bobbi Epstein

Sukkah Decorations - Paula Sack & Larry Walsh, In honor of niece's special birthday, Barbara & Don Weiner

**High Holiday Donations - honors, yizkor, etc. - Carol & Alan Sugerman, Celia Brown, Phyllis & Bob Lerner, Vernon & Honey Stohn, Katrina & David Posner, Barbara & Don Weiner, Elaine & Leslie Lerman, Alissa Lerman, Daniel Golner, Lee & Frank Goldman, Dvora Zimmerman, Dorothy Waldman, Eve, Sam, Joshua & Justin Dower, Fran & Howard Karas, Beverly Visnick, Allan & Laraine Alpert**

### **Hurricane Harvey Relief**

Thank you to the following people who donated to our request for money to send to people affected by Hurricane Harvey in Houston. We are proud to have been able to send a check for \$1,272.00 to the Jewish Federation of Greater Houston.

Laraine & Allan Alpert, Amanda Alpert, Jonathan Alpert, Brotherhood-AAEI, Celia Brown, Miriam Cohen, Arleen Fox, Dina Fox, Gerald & Marrietta Gray, Arthur & Barbara Kahn, Mickey Levine, Cheryl Rivers, Paula Sack & Larry Walsh, Dottie Scott, Sisterhood-AAEI, Alan & Carol Sugerman, Congregation-AAEI, Barbara & Don Weiner, Bella & Dave Westerman, Youth Fund-AAEI, Phyllis & Bob Lerner

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### **Building Fund Donations**

To: Avis Leabman, In memory of father  
From: Sheila Kipnis

To: Kratzer Family, I memory of mother CEve, Sam, Joshua & Justin Dowerynthia  
From: Aunt Arlene Alpert, David Alpert

To: Karen Gibson, In memory of mother Cynthia  
From: Aunt Arlene Alpert, David Alpert

To: Ginny Lowy, In memory of mother  
From: Alan & Carol Sugerman, Jacob & Alex

To: Sisterhood  
From: Rachel Baker'

To: Larry Walsh, in memory of his sister-in-law  
From: Dina Fox

To: Chet & Suzanne Swankowski, In honor of their new home  
From: Dina & Arleen Fox

To: Barbara & Don Weiner, In honor of their 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary  
From: Vicki Hamberg

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### **Religious committee**

Well it's happened! Summer is over. The temple is still open. There are events planned for the next few months. Make time to join us.  
Have a safe warm winter.

Ritual chairman Philip

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**WELCOME TO OUR NEW CONGREGATION AA-EI MEMBERS:**

Linda Sorensen  
Michael Singer  
Mr. & Mrs. Marvin Tabasky

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**MEMBERSHIP B-B-Q**

On Sunday, Aug. 28, we had a wonderful get together. Good food, good fun, and good conversation!

Thank you to everyone who helped make this day a huge success. We had over sixty members attending. Thanks to Leslie Lerman, Phil Butkovitz and their crew for making the hot dogs & hamburgs. Thank you to Marilyn Masters and her kitchen crew for doing the shopping, setting up the room and serving. Plenty of food for all!

A special thanks to all those members for their donations to help defray the cost. You know who you are.

Many, many thanks!!!

Barbara Weiner, Membership Chairperson

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**ATTENTION!!!**

On Saturday, Nov. 11 (Veterans Day) we will be holding our services honoring all our veterans. Our guest speaker will be Past National Commander of JWV, Ira Novoselsky. The special kiddush will be sponsored by Malden Post & Aux. #74. Please join us on this very special morning.

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**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!!!!

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CANCELLATIONS OF SERVICES, ETC. FOR ANY REASON, WEATHER ESPECIALLY, WILL BE PUT ON TV CHANNELS 4, 5, AND 7.

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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.

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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

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**\*\*\* 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.

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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.

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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](mailto:Lja609@aol.com).

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Neal Sherman Youth Fund  
Rabbi Howard K. Kummer Memorial Scholarship Fund

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

Please contact Ilysa McCarthy at [ijm026@aol.com](mailto:ijm026@aol.com) for more information.

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**\*\*\*\*\* 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

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**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.

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**\*\*\*\*\*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!

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**\*\*\*\*\* 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.

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**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 short-handed 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.

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## Sisterhood News

Dear Sisterhood members,

The holidays are now over. I hope you and your family have had a happy and healthy New year.

Sisterhood is off to a good start - we had many members at our first meeting. We had a delicious light supper and made special decorated chapel caps. Many of our ladies wore them at services during the holidays.

Last weekend we had our annual paid-up membership luncheon. The meal, prepared by Marilyn Masters and her sisterhood Kitchen crew was great as usual. Thank you to Elaine Lerman and Regina Kaufman our chair ladies and all who helped as well. We have new sisterhood members who we welcomed that afternoon.

We have a sisterhood meeting coming up on November 19 and our annual Chanukah party on December 10. We look forward to seeing you all at these occasions.

Sincerely,  
Ilysa McCarthy, Sisterhood President

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### Sisterhood Calendar (2017-2018)

November	6 19	Board Meeting Regular Meeting
December	4 10	Chanukah Board Meeting Chanukah Party (Sunday)
February	11	Sunday Breakfast Get-together
March	5 19	Board Meeting Regular Meeting
April	9 23	Board Meeting Pre-Donor Meeting
May	6 7	Donor Luncheon (Sunday) Board Meeting
June	8 2	Sisterhood Sabbath (Friday evening) Board Meeting – calendar meeting

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**Officers of Sisterhood Congregation Agudas Achim-Ezrath Israel (2017-2019)**

President	Ilysa McCarthy	(781) 771-7012
First Vice President	Amanda Alpert	(781) 775-1074
Treasurer	Marilyn Masters	(781) 322-2035
Financial Secretary	Bobbi Epstein	(781) 324-7562
Recording Secretary (Board)	Phyllis Werlin	(781) 321-0238
Recording Secretary (Body)	Lois Werlan	(781) 321-0771
Corresponding Secretary (Board)	Dottie Scott	(781) 324-1145
Corresponding Secretary (Body)	Celia Brown	(781) 324-1721

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**Kitchen Fund**

To: Sisterhood Cong. AA-EI, in honor of Sisterhood's 64<sup>th</sup> Annual Donor Luncheon, and Chairpersons Dvora Zimmerman & Sheila Kipnis. Also to Marilyn Masters and her Kitchen Crew  
From Beverly Visnick

To: Barbara & Don Weiner, in honor of their 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
From: Elaine & Leslie Lerman

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**Hostess Fund**

Shalom,

Well, here we are writing the Hostess Fund for the end of the year 2017. We are celebrating our birthdays and anniversaries for November and December. Can't believe how time flies. Some of us may be happy to say good-bye to 2017 and others may not. But however, you think about the ending of 2017 and the beginning of 2018, I would like to say, "Happy and healthy New Year!"

One annoyance for me is Daylight Savings Time. I hate turning my clocks back an hour in the autumn. I dig my heels in and complain. However, on November 5, 2017, along with the rest of us, I will do just that. On the fun side, December 21st. is generally regarded as the shortest day of the year and I am looking forward to gaining daylight overall.

I would be remiss if I did not say that since this Bulletin will take us through November and December I wish everyone a happy Thanksgiving and a very happy, healthy and fun filled Chanukah.

Getting back to the Hostess Fund, I am very proud to announce the birthdays and anniversaries for the last two months of 2017.

**November Birthdays:**

Jane Chartor, November 1  
Elaine Porter, November 5  
Jeffrey Caputi, November 6  
Ernest Brown, November 6  
Vicki Hamburg, November 13  
Ilysa McCarthy, November 20  
Lois Werlan, November 22  
Nadia Rivers-Gonzalez, November 26  
Gabiella DePrimeo, November 30

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**November Anniversaries:**

Jacob Sugerman and Alex Magyar 11/11  
Roberta and Richard Giller, November 27

**December Birthdays:**

Alan Sugerman, December 1  
Sharon Arnofsky, December 3  
Lena Wickham December 8  
Elaine Lerman, December 10  
Sofia DePrimeo, December 11  
Amanda Falta, December 15  
Sean Falta, December 15  
Barbara Weiner, December 21  
Roselyn Arnofsky, December 23  
Marietta Gray, December 24  
Jared Wickham, December 26  
Amanda Alpert, December 31

**December Anniversaries:**

Sandra and Edward Swerdlick, December 27

Heartfelt thank you's to everyone who supports the Congregation Agudas Achim-Ezrath Israel Sisterhood through the Hostess Fund. We need to keep our Sisterhood viable, not only for us, but also for our future generations.

Please contact me to honor birthdays, anniversaries, marriages, births, etc.  
I can be reached at (617) 389-1447 (home phone) or cmel5@aol.com.

Thank you,  
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: Barbara and Don Weiner in honor of their 60th wedding anniversary  
From: Lorraine & Allan Alpert, Herbert & Arlene Baron, Bobbi Epstein, Dina Fox, Lee & Frank Goldman, Barbara & Arthur Kahn, Dottie & Bob Scott, Carol & Alan Sugerman, Beverly Visnick, Marilyn Masters, Paula Sack & Larry Walsh, Sheila Kipnis, Cheryl Rivers, John & Regina Kaufman, Stacie & Amanda Alpert, Phyllis Werlin & Alan Levine.

To: Barbara & Don Weiner in honor of the birth of their first Great Grandson, Chase.  
From: Cong. & Sisterhood AA-EI, Lorraine & Allan Alpert, Herbert & Arlene Baron, Bobbi Epstein, Dina Fox, Lee & Frank Goldman, Dottie & Bob Scott, Carol & Alan Sugerman, Beverly Visnick, Marilyn Masters, Paula Sack & Larry Walsh, Sheila Kipnis, Cheryl Rivers, Phyllis Werlin & Alan Levine, D'vora Zimmerman, Barbara & Arthur Kahn

To: Mr & Mrs. Philip Weiner, on the birth of their grandson Chase.  
From: Laraine & Allan Alpert

To: Harvey Goldman, in honor of marriage to Arlene Sherman  
From: Arlene & Herb Baron



**To: Sara Chait, in honor of marriage of granddaughter, Jessica**  
**From: Sisterhood AA-EI, Dina Fox**

**To: Flo Meltzer, in honor of Birthday**  
**From: Laraine & Allan Alpert**

**To: Danielle Alexander, in honor of birth of daughter, Shayna**  
**From: Cong. AA-EI, Barbara & Don Weiner, Laraine & Allan Alpert, Dina Fox, Marilyn Masters, Carol & Alan Sugarman, Bobbi Epstein, Paula Sack and Larry Walsh**

**To: Ray Harris, in honor of birth of great-granddaughter, Shayna**  
**From: Cong. AA-EI**

**To: Michael Simons, in honor of becoming Master of Wyoming Lodge of Masons**  
**From: Don & Barbara Weiner**

### **GET WELL**

**To: Roberta Gothels**  
**From: David & Bella Westerman**

**To: Libbie Worobey**  
**From: Barbara & Don Weiner, Marilyn Masters**

### **CONDOLENCES**

**To: Leonard Iovino, in memory of dear wife, Joanne**  
**From: Wayne Freedman, Marla & David Freedman**

**To: Jason Giller & Family, in memory of wife & mother, Rhoda**  
**From: Wayne Freedman & Family**

**To: Sneider & Suckney Family, in memory of mother, Pearl Suckney**  
**From: Cong. AA-EI, Barbara & Don Weiner, Phyllis & Allan Bertman**

**To: Larry Walsh, in memory of sister-in-law, Ronni Walsh**  
**From: Cong. AA-EI, Barbara & Don Weiner**

**To: Cynthia Lutch, in memory of sister, Barbara Agassi**  
**From: Beverly Visnick**

**To: Rostoff Family, in memory of father & grandfather, Neal**  
**From: David & Bella Westerman**

**To: Cong. AA-EI & Sisterhood, in memory of parents, Lillian & Harry Kligerman & Goldman & Douglas Families**  
**From: Lois Kligerman**

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## 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:

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

Connect Laraine Alpert at [lja609@aol.com](mailto:lja609@aol.com) when you are looking for Judaica.

### Hostess Fund:

Donations for Birthdays, Anniversaries, Marriages and Births can be made to help defray the costs of Sisterhood meetings – contact Hostess Fund chair Cheryl Rivers at (617) 389-1447 (home phone) or [cmel5@aol.com](mailto:cmel5@aol.com)

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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**