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From the President

Dear Friends,

I write you today with a heavy heart – another mass shooting, another outcry for gun control, another calling for better mental health. And then comes the quiet. Fourteen of some of the best and brightest that America to offer, cut down before they were able to make their mark in this world. Three adults – a geography teacher, an assistant football coach and the school’s athletic director – three adults who were dedicating their lives to teaching, who left for work that morning never thinking that they wouldn’t be coming home. I’m not going to argue steps that should have been taken but weren’t; I’m not going to argue gun controls; I’m not here to cast blame. I write this in the hope that we “Never Forget.” I honestly thought that after Newtown, Connecticut, after Orlando, Florida, after Las Vegas, Nevada something would be done. Alas, I was wrong. Now all I can hope for is that the loved ones left behind are able to have moments when they’ll be able to smile again when they think of their horrendous loss. And I pray that each of us, in our own way and our own hearts, find a way so that no one ever has to experience that profound sense of loss that the parents, friends, and families of these victims have had to endure.

May these lives that were cut short by an assassin’s gun find peace; may they be bound up in the bonds of life, and let us all say, “Amen.”

Paula

Tu B'Shevat Donations

Thank you to Barbara Weiner & Family for sponsoring our annual Tu B'Shevat Seder & luncheon, in honor of Don's 85th birthday.

Donations received in honor of Don's Birthday - from: Paula Sack & Larry Walsh, Vicki Hamberg, Dvora Zimmerman, Allan & Laraine Alpert

Building Fund Donations

To: Swankowski Family, In memory of father Chester
From: Dina Fox & Family

To: Family of Ann Rubin

From: Carol & Alan Sugerman

To: Don Weiner, In honor of his 85th birthday
From: Laraine & Allan Alpert

To: The Rufo Family, In memory of husband, father & grandfather, Fred
From: Dina Fox & Family

Religious committee

Believe it or not, Spring is on the way. Soon the clocks will be turned forward. The trees and grass will turn green. The temple will still be open. Purim and Passover are just around the corner. Please join us for services. Also, do not forget the best 2 hours you can spend - Saturday morning services, with food. Come and renew your faith.

Ritual chairman 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.

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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

***** 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.

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.

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 for more information.

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.

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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 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.

Sisterhood News

Greetings from the north! While some of our sisterhood members are basking in the sun, we are getting ready for spring.

Barbara Weiner & Phyllis Werlin have been working all season getting Club-O-Grams mailed. Cheryl Rivers is busy on the phone making her calls for Hostess fund. Thank you, ladies, for supporting sisterhood.

Thank you to Barbara & Arthur Kahn for their generous donation given to the Kitchen fund in honor of their daughter Heather's speedy recovery.

It's hard to believe Purim and Passover are here & around the corner. Be on the lookout for all our upcoming spring festivities.

Ilysa

Sisterhood Calendar (2017-2018)

March	19	Regular Meeting
April	9	Board Meeting
	22	Pre-Donor Meeting – Movie – Continental Breakfast
May	6	Donor Luncheon (Sunday)
	14	Board Meeting

June 8 Sisterhood Sabbath (Friday evening)
11 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

Hostess Fund

Hi,

For me, setting the clocks ahead in the March to reflect Daylight Savings Times, is wonderful. I think that spring can't be far behind. In reality, I know that it's still winter and anything can happen weather-wise, but Daylight Savings Time helps take the edge off of winter and all the thoughts winter evokes in me.

Also, Springtime and Passover go together. Wishing everyone a healthy holiday.

For March and April, we have the following birthdays and anniversaries to honor:

March Birthdays:

Linda Dall, March 18
Dotty Scott, March 24

March Anniversary:

Sylvia and Hy Sandler: March 30

April Birthdays:

Carol Levine, April 2
Cheryl Rivers, April 15
Lee Goldman, April 18
Mickey Levine, April 22

Thank you very much for supporting our Sisterhood.

Please contact me at (67) 389-1447 or cmel5@aol.com to let me know about birthdays, anniversaries, baby naming celebrations, bar and bat mitzvahs, births, etc.

Looking forward to Spring,

Cheryl Rivers
Hostess Fund
(617) 389-1447
cmel5@aol.com

Sisterhood Club-O-Grams

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

CONGRATULATIONS

**To: Louise Choate on the birth of her grandson
From: Paula Sack & Larry Walsh**

**To: Don Weiner, Happy 85th birthday
From: Marilyn Masters, Sheila Kipnis, Laraine and Alan Alpert, Dina Fox, Bobbi Epstein, Carol and Alan Sugerman, Lee and Frank Goldman, Barbara and Arthur Kahn, Dotty and Bob Scott, Paula Sack & Larry Walsh, Beverly Visnick, Phyllis Werlin & Alan Levine.**

**To: Lois Kligerman, In honor of Birthday
From: Dorothy Waldman**

**To: Ellen & Ralph Spiegel, In honor of new Home
From: Regina & John Kaufman**

GET WELL

**To: Bobbi Epstein
From: Marilyn Masters, Sheila Kipnis, Laraine and Allan Alpert, Dina Fox, Carol and Alan Sugerman, Lee and Frank Goldman, Barbara and Arthur Kahn, Dotty and Bob Scott, Paula Sack & Larry Walsh, Beverly Visnick, Phyllis Werlin & Alan Levine. Barbara & Don Weiner, Mickey Levine**

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

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

**To: Ruth Berg
From: Cheryl Rivers**

CONDOLENCES

**To: Marilyn Masters, In memory of sister-in-law, Darlene Harris
From: Barbara & Don Weiner, Laraine & Allan Alpert, Bobbi Epstein, Dina Fox, Sheila Kipnis, Paula Sack & Larry Walsh, Carol & Alan Sugerman**

To: Mrs. Roberta Gothelf & family, In memory of husband & father, Edward
From: David & Bella Westerman

To: Edward & Elaine Piven, In memory of dear sister, Ruth Piven
From: Cong. AA-EI, Barbara & Don Weiner

To: Joan Cascio, In memory of mother-in-law
From: Cong. AA-EI Bingo Committee, Bella & David Westerman

To: Mr. & Mrs. Robert Mock, In memory of Rosalyn Fluke
From: Marion Green & family

To: Stanley Chamrin & family, In memory of wife & Mother, Marlene
From: David & Bella Westerman

To: Mrs. Francine Spadafora & family, In memory of dear sister, Lucille Spadafora
From: Bobbi Epstein, Dina Fox, Barbara & Don Weiner, Sheila Kipnis, Marilyn Masters & family, Paula Sack & Larry Walsh, Carol Sugerman

Kitchen Fund

In honor of daughter Heidi's survival from a devastating illness
From: Barbara & Arthur Kahn

In honor of grandson Ian's Bar Mitzvah
From: Beverly Visnick

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. Also in stock, a large selection of Passover-related items, such as Matzo holders, seder plates, and kids' afikomen prizes.

Connect Laraine Alpert at 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

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JF&CS Family Table: Helping families in need celebrate Passover

Each month, more than 500 families throughout Greater Boston, the North Shore, and South Area rely on JF&CS Family Table for kosher food and Jewish holiday items. Our community is a key part of this effort. As you prepare for your Passover celebration, please consider a donation to JF&CS Family Table, a wonderful way to observe and celebrate Passover and the beloved tradition of tzedakah.

You can make a gift to Family Table by mailing your check to JF&CS Family Table Passover Appeal, 1430 Main Street, Waltham, MA 02451, visiting jfcsboston.org/donate to make your donation online, or by calling 781-647-JFCS (5327). Your entire donation is tax deductible. Thank you for your support!

Thanks for helping us assure that every client receives a complete Passover bag!

And thanks to all of you who continue to donate rice and raisins to their regular monthly collections!!!!!!

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