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Rabbi's Message

Dear Friends – This Psalm of David travels with us in the liturgy of our prayer book (*siddur*) through the fall holiday season. I suggest taking it in small doses, a verse or two at a time, finding those that “speak” to you and to which you can listen. Be creative. Sing it. Dance it. Make art from it. May you each find within it words of comfort and challenge and a connection to God and to our people. Shalom, Cantor Heath

Psalm 27

1. A Psalm of David. The Lord is my light and my salvation. Whom shall I fear? The Lord is the strength of my life. Of whom shall I be afraid?
2. When the wicked, my enemies and my adversaries, came upon me to eat up my flesh, they stumbled and fell.
3. Though a host should encamp against me, my heart shall not fear; though war should rise against me, even then I will be confident.
4. One thing have I desired of the Lord, that I will seek after; that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to inquire in his temple.
5. For in the time of trouble he shall hide me in his pavilion; under the cover of his tent shall he hide me; he shall set me up upon a rock.
6. And now shall my head be lifted up above my enemies around me; therefore I will offer in his tent sacrifices of joy; I will sing, I will make music to the Lord.
7. Hear, O Lord, when I cry with my voice; be gracious to me, and answer me.
8. Of you my heart said, Seek my face; Your face, O Lord, will I seek!
9. Hide not your face from me; put not your servant away in anger; you have been my help; do not abandon me, nor forsake me, O God of my salvation.
10. For my father and my mother have forsaken me, but the Lord will take me up.
11. Teach me your way, O Lord, and lead me on a level path, because of my enemies.
12. Do not give me up to the will of my enemies; for false witnesses have risen up against me, and they breathe out violence.
13. Were it not that I believe I should see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living.
14. Wait on the Lord; be of good courage, and he shall strengthen your heart; and wait on the Lord.

**CONGREGATION AGUDATH ACHIM
Taunton, Massachusetts**

Established in 1910, we are an independent, egalitarian congregation serving the Greater Taunton area including Berkley, Bridgewater, Dighton, East Taunton, Easton, Freetown, Lakeville, Mansfield, Middleboro, Norton, Raynham, Rehoboth, Taunton

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Religious School

Mark Your Calendars & Please Join Us

- ★ First Thursday of School – Chaverim through Hey Classes / Grades 1 to 7
 - Thursday, September 7, 4:00 p.m.
- ★ First Shabbat B'Yachad – Aleph through Hey / Grades 3 to 7
 - Saturday, September 9, 9:00 a.m.
- ★ First Junior Congregation – Aleph through Hey / Grades 3 to 7
 - Saturday, September 16, 9:00 a.m.
- ★ First Sunday of Music Program – Aleph through Daled / Grades 3 to 6
 - Sunday, September 17, 9:15 a.m. for wake-up nosh and 9:30 for program
- ★ First Sunday of School – Gan Tinok, Kitat Yeladim, & Chaverim through Daled / Grades 1 to 6
 - Sunday, September 17, 10:00 a.m.

New Sunday Morning Religious School Music Program for Third to Sixth Grade Students

Join Cantor Heath and our Brown University student – now in her last year – Mirele Davis for a great Sunday morning musical wake-up. It will mean arriving a little earlier, but to ease the early hour we'll begin with a nosh.

There is no charge for the music program. We'll work out a round-robin schedule of parents providing a nosh after the first couple of weeks.

Our goal is to provide students with a solid background in the broad spectrum of Jewish music – both through listening and performing. We'll not only sing, but include instruments as well – from basic percussion devices such as tambourines to those our students may be learning to play at school or private lessons.

We'll meet each Sunday that Religious School is scheduled.

9:15 a.m. for our Wakeup Nosh 🎵 9:30 a.m. for Music

New Programs Forming for 5767

- ★ **“Beyond the Basics”** is a monthly Jewish study group for parents and grandparents that will both enhance Jewish knowledge and provide ideas and strategies relevant to today's Jewish families. “Beyond the Basics” is designed to support you as your children's primary Jewish teacher and role model.
- ★ **“Introduction to Judaism”** is 24-week course being paired with **“Introduction to the Old Testament”** This in-depth program allows Jews and non-Jews to explore the riches of our heritage and core texts. It is a requirements for those considering conversion.
- ★ **“Living Links”** is a program for teens and adults designed to build community among all generations in our congregation and to record the history of our first 100 years.
- ★ **“Prozdor”** is our two-year confirmation program for teens that will be focused on the needs and interests of participants.

Contact Cantor Heath at 508-822-3230 for more information and to enroll.

HIGH HOLIDAY CHILD CARE

**Rosh Hashanah, Saturday,
September 23, 2006
Sunday, September 24, 2006
Yom Kippur, Monday,
October 2, 2006**

Child Care is available from
9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. on all days!

Join our competent staff in the
vestry of the synagogue on one or
all of the high holiday days. We will
have crafts, games and stories for
your child(ren).

Something this good does not
come for free! The fee for this
service is \$20.00/family/day.
We must know if you plan to
use this service A.S.A.P.

Please contact:

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Let us know your child's name, age
and which days you are attending.
Payments MUST be made before
the High Holidays arrive.

SAVE THE DATE AND TELL YOUR FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS

**FAMILY PICTURE DAY AT
CONGREGATION AGUDATH
ACHIM!**

Sunday October 29, 2006

Paul LeClerc of
LeClerc Photography
in Raynham



Sitting fee \$18.00/family

Plus a minimum purchase:
2 sheets of photographs

9:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m. at the
Jewish Community House

Proceeds benefit the
Religious School of
Congregation Agudath Achim.



Although
it's early,
think holiday
family pictures.

Call Caron
Hoder
508-822-3413 for more
information and to schedule
an appointment.

JUDAICA SHOP NEWS

The Judaica shop has all the special gifts you need.

If we don't have an item you desire, we can try to order it for you. Come in and browse at your convenience. We will have no "posted" hours for the summer but call and we can arrange to meet at your convenience. Thank all of you for your support.

Call Caron Hoder at (508) 822-3413 to arrange for a special opening.

HELPING OTHERS HELPING OURSELVES

Whether you call it *Tikkun Olam* – Repair of the World, or *Tzedakah*, or a *Mitzvah*, or Social Action, here are a variety of ways we all can work towards helping others and helping ourselves.

CHANGE FOR CHANGE

Have you heard the expression “being nickel and dime’d to death”? Well, we want you to think about “being nickel and dime’d to life”! Our Chaverim and Sabras (1st and 2nd grade students) will work on this project throughout the school year. Save your nickels and dimes. Donations will go towards to Our Daily Bread soup kitchen.

AMAZON.COM

Be sure to start your amazon.com shopping from our own homepage – www.agudathachim.org. We may make money slowly, but it will be a steady addition. Plus, the more we make the higher our percentage will be. We’ve already moved from 4% to 6%!! Proceeds go to the congregation.

CELL PHONES / INK CARTRIDGES

We are part of The Funding Factory recycling project. They recycle and we reap the rewards from the payments we receive for what we collect and ship to them. We want all your used cell phones plus empty ink and printer cartridges. Please drop them off at the synagogue or community house in the recycling boxes. Our three B’nai Mitzvah students – Alyson Basler, AJ Swartz, and Sadie Thomas – will be working on this as part their group Mitzvah Project this school year. They will be involved in soliciting donations, gathering and sorting contributions, shipping and tracking them. Proceeds go to the Religious School.

FOOD DONATIONS

Hunger knows no season. Just because it’s not cold outside doesn’t mean hunger and homelessness have disappeared. Please continue to bring your box and can donations. Anything is welcome at this time. Aim for things with protein, if possible. Contributions go to the Samaritan House – the Taunton Homeless Shelter.

PROJECT LINUS / PRAYER SHAWLS

Stay tuned for more information about our involvement in making blankets for Project Linus and Prayer Shawls for the long-term ill and disabled in our congregation and community.

Contact Cantor Heath and volunteer to help!!

As one sage said: “Give until it feels good, and then give some more!”

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