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From Rabbi Michael G. Kohn

Shavuot

The Festival of Shavuot, marking the giving of the Torah at Mount Sinai, will occur this year after Memorial Day weekend — Tuesday evening, May 30 through Thursday, June 1. As has been our custom, there will be a *Tikkun Leil Shavuot* — the traditional evening study session, with the Rabbi's cheesecakes, on Tuesday evening, May 30. However, the *Tikkun Leil Shavuot* this year will be held at Beth Israel Synagogue in Wallingford. In addition to myself and Howard Levine, Rabbi Alpert and Rabbi Somer will teach. My topic will be *biur hametz* – the techniques for eliminating *hametz* before Passover.

Services for Shavuot will be held on Wednesday and Thursday mornings in our sanctuary. Because it falls on a weekday, many will be at their places of employment on those days. It is important that we have a minyan at our services, especially on Thursday when *Yizkor* will be recited, so those attending may say *Kaddish Yatom*. Please plan on attending services to support the members of your congregational family at this time of remembrance.

High Holidays

I will be meeting with Cantor Marcia Lane in June to go over the services for Rosh HaShannah and Yom Kippur. If you have any suggestions, please get them to me by June 12.

Scholarship Awards

The Scholarship Awards and Person of the Year will be announced at a special Oneg Shabbat following Friday Evening Services on June 9. Please come and congratulate these deserving individuals.

Shabbat Luncheons

We have concluded our series of Shabbat morning luncheons for the year. I hope that those of you who attended found them intellectually, as well as gastronomically, nourishing and would like them to continue next year. If you would like to sponsor a luncheon during 5778, please contact the office. As with this past year, there will be a short learning session during each luncheon.

B'Shalom,
Rabbi Michael Kohn



CALENDAR EVENTS

JUNE 2017

1 Thursday
9:30 am Shavuot Services with Yizkor

23 Friday
No Shabbat Evening Services

2 Friday
6:30 pm Shabbat Evening Services

24 Saturday
9:30 am Shabbat Morning Services

3 Saturday
9:30 am Shabbat Morning Services

29 Thursday
8:00 am Morning Minyan

4 Sunday
10:00 am Annual Temple Meeting and Brunch

30 Friday
No Shabbat Evening Services

6 Tuesday
6:00 pm Cemetery Committee Meeting

8 Thursday
8:00 am Morning Minyan

9 Friday
6:30 pm Shabbat Evening Services
Awarding of College Scholarships and Person of the Year


10 Saturday
9:30 am Shabbat Morning Services

15 Thursday
8:00 am Morning Minyan
7:30 pm Ritual Committee Meeting

16 Friday
No Shabbat Evening Services

17 Saturday
9:30 am Shabbat Morning Services

22 Thursday
8:00 am Morning Minyan
7:30 pm Board of Directors' Meeting



SHAVUOT SERVICES

Tuesday, May 30 7:00 pm
Tikkun Leil Shavuot Services
at Beth Israel, Wallingford

Wednesday, May 31 9:30 am
Morning Services

Thursday, June 1 9:30 am
Morning Services
with Yizkor recited

From the President's Corner:

Well, two years have gone by, and this is the last column I am writing as president. In some ways, particularly when the deadline for my column is at hand, it has seemed like forever. Generally, though, it seems like the time has flown by.

When I became president, I told you that we would be deciding our future during these next two years. I was technically not wrong. We will be deciding the future of Temple B'nai Abraham at the Annual Meeting on June 4th, the last day of my term. Better late than never.

Seriously, I am not hyperventilating when I say that this will be the most important Temple meeting that any of us will have attended. Not since the members of our shul voted almost seventy years ago to move from the

building they were in and build a new one — this one, have we had such an item on our agenda. We will be debating and voting on whether to stay or go somewhere new, and if we decide to go, whether we join with Beth Israel Synagogue on this journey, or go alone. **THIS IS YOUR DECISION TO MAKE.** It is now or never. As it is said, speak now or forever hold your peace.

In closing, I wish to thank each and every one of you for giving me the honor and privilege of being your president over these past two years. May we do what is necessary to keep our congregation going into the future.

Todah rabah,

Bob

Mazal Tov - מזל טוב

To **Shirley & Jay Brodach** on the upcoming marriage of their son **Abram** to **Merideth Feld**.

Happy Anniversary to our couples who are celebrating an anniversary during the month of June:

- 1 – Herb & Rita Bichunsky
- 3 – Linda & Rob Reger
- 7 – Larry & Holly Lew
- 8 – Bob & Katrina Axelrod
- 14 – Marvin & Mike Beloff
- 14 – Jay & Janice Weiss
- 25 – David & Dottie Elkin
- 28 – Fred & Risa Zierler

Happy Birthday to our members celebrating a birthday during the month of June:

- 2 – Deborah Katten
- 4 – Michelle Grossman
- 5 – Gerry Emple
- 7 – Michael Gould
- 9 – Jon Palley
- 10 – Paula Eisner
- 10 – Roger Arnold

- 22 – Sherwin Borsuk
- 24 – Debbie DeSenti
- 28 – Marge Kirchheimer
- 30 – Jack Winkleman

Happy birthday to our Next Generation:

- 14 – Colby Joseph Turner
- 21 – James Kendzierski

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION - June, July and August

No Shabbat Evening Services during the month of June (beginning June 16th), all of July, and the first three weeks of August.

Shabbat Morning Services - every Saturday morning beginning at 9:30 am.

Thursday Morning Minyan - every Thursday morning beginning at 8:00 am.

Mark Your Calendars:

Friday, August 25th - Shabbat Under the Stars - The evening begins with a cookout at 6:00 pm followed by Shabbat Services. Thank you to Helene and Howard Koenig for offering the use of their home in Cheshire.

Auxiliary forms for the 2017 – 2018 year will be mailed out early June.

They cover: **calendar listings** for birthday, anniversary, family simchas and milestones

Yizkor book

Holocaust and Civilians & Soldiers

New Year's Greetings

Auxiliary Membership

The completed forms are due back at the Temple by July 14, 2017.

Please take a few minutes to fill out and mail the forms back to the Temple office as soon as possible.

If you have not received this mailing please call the office as soon as possible.

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Yahrzeits Observed in the Month of June

June. 1	Benjamin Seligman Mitzi Blau Marvin Kosofsky		Annette Ross Harry Levine		Michelle Telis Sarah Rachel Telis
June. 2	James Fightlin Rose Silverman	June. 11	Betty Lenzner Lillian Silverstein Adolph Goldberg	June. 18	Abraham Becker Esther Fox Burg
June. 3	Boroch J. White Esther Goff	June. 12	Mary Fox Carrie Silverstein	June. 19	Jean Silverman George Small Martin Petroff
June. 4	Bithja Dressler Ezak Sklar Anna H. Cherniack Joseph Pierson Moses Berliner David Silverman	June. 13	Benjamin Beloff Hermann Blatt Nathan Perlin Alice Hirsch Hyman Cohen Rochmall Klamkin Sadie Elkin	June. 20	Lauretta Petroff David Limon Sarah Cohen Tillie Resident Max Resident
June. 5	Pauline Bishinsky Jennie Bishinsky		Elizabeth G. Pollack	June. 21	Jack Small
June. 6	Leah Gerstenblatt Manny Schwartz Julius Goldberg	June. 14	Reuben Buchman Benjamin Kolbin Fred Snyder Moe Bishinsky Sidney Statlender Mollie Weisser Faye Feldshon	June. 22	Simon Arinofsky Adolph Israel
June. 7	Sonya Gittleman Helen Mekies Louis Levine			June. 23	Abraham Perloroth Leroy Loitz Ellen Karas
June. 8	Saul Leads Jennie Strauss Sarah Risen Wallace Sadowsky	June. 15	Sarah Denoff Edward Friedman	June. 24	Dorothy Grossman Grace Silverman Evelyn Mautner Peter Greenberg
June. 9	Gertrude Gelfand Rena Berliner	June. 16	Julius Siegel Samuel White Ida Levine	June. 25	Jack Feldshon Jerry Star Sarah Troy
June. 10	Jennie Berson Samuel Gross Katherine Johnson	June. 17	Barney Ofshay Esther Rubin Rose Dressler	June. 26	Rose Cheikin Rose Tonkonow



A Candle or Yahrzeit Light should be lit at sundown the night before these dates.

Tzdakah to perpetuate the memory of a loved one is a Mitzvah.

Your contribution to the Yahrzeit Fund would be greatly appreciated.

תודה רבה - THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS DONATIONS TO OUR VARIOUS FUNDS

Yahrzeit Fund: In Memory of:
Cantor Abram Brodach by Shirley & Jay Brodach
Dr. Daniel Kahn by Ruth E. Kahn
Harry Levine by Hilda Trueheart
Jack Stekloff by Sherry Stekloff
Ida Levine by Hilda Trueheart
Elizabeth Pollack by Eileen & David Russman
Sidney Statlender by Phil, Lois & Sheila Statlender

General Temple Fund
 Mazal Tov to **Jo Robin, Michael, Julie & Josh Gould**, on the birth of **Eli Asher Gould**, by Marilynn & Steven Mazanek.
 In Honor of **Shirley Levine**, on her 75th birthday, by the Perry Family.
 Mazal Tov to **Jo Robin, Michael, Julie & Josh Gould**, on the birth of **Eli Asher Gould**, by Natalie & Lenny Cheerman.

Sarah Zietz Pierson Scholarship Fund
 In Memory of **Phyllis & Charles Shaker** by Risa & Fred Zierler.

Cemetery Fund
 In Memory of **Steven Simon** by Edie Simon.
 In Memory of **David Silverman** by Edie Simon.

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