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From Rabbi Michael G. Kohn

## Service Attendance

From time to time, I have written in this column a plea for members of our community to help ensure that we have a minyan at our regularly scheduled services. As I mentioned at that time, a minyan is required for those prayers for which a congregational response is required to sanctify God's name — the Bor'khu, a Kedushah, a Kaddish, and a public recitation of the Amida, or reading of the Torah. And for the most part over the years I have been here, we have had the required number in persons at almost all of our services — both those which we hold every week, as well as those special minyanim we arrange so one may say kaddish for a loved one.

However, members (and even visitors) who need to say kaddish will often come to one of our regularly scheduled services — Friday evening, or Saturday and Sunday mornings, or at a Festival morning service — without calling, expecting to find a minyan. And more frequently, we are finding ourselves short of the required number at our services. This past month, only three congregants, aside from the family, were present for a Yartzeit minyan the date and time of which had been sent by email to members. It was embarrassing for me as the rabbi and painful to see those family members who were unable to say Kaddish for their loved one.

It is vitally important that we maintain a minyan not only for all of our regularly scheduled services for our members, but everyone who look to us in a time of need, and count on us to be there for them.

## Shavuot

The Festival of Shavuot, marking the giving of the Torah at Mount Sinai, will occur this year before Memorial Day weekend — Saturday evening, May 19 through Monday, May 21. Because this year, the festival begins on Saturday night, there will not be a Tikkun Leyl Shavuot — the traditional evening study session. Our attendance has been dwindling and because it cannot begin until Shabbat ends, we would be unable to begin until 9:00 p.m., too late for some of our members. I will make arrangements for those who would like to attend a Tikkun Leil Shavuot to participate elsewhere. Services for Shavuot will be held on Sunday and Monday mornings. Because the second day of the Festival falls on a weekday, many will be at their places of employment on that day. It is important that we have a minyan on Monday 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.

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### **Shabbat Luncheons**

These past few years we have been holding monthly luncheons with an educational program following Shabbat morning services. The topic for May will be “The Rabbi’s Trip through Jewish Spain”. Many of you have attended these luncheons and a number of the members of our congregational family have stepped forward as a sponsor. I would like to see these monthly luncheons continue. Please email me or the Office if you would be willing to sponsor a luncheon for the coming year.

B'Shalom,  
Rabbi Michael G. Kohn

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### **Temple and Federation Scholarships**

will be awarded on Friday, June 8th.

Services on that evening will begin at 6:30 pm  
with the presentations and refreshments to follow.



## CALENDAR EVENTS

MAY, 2018

**4 Friday**

**6:30 pm** Shabbat Evening Services

**5 Saturday**

**9:30 am** Shabbat Morning Services

**6 Sunday**

**9:30 am** Jewry Duty

**10 Thursday**

**7:30 pm** Ritual Committee Meeting

**11 Friday**

**6:30 pm** Shabbat Evening Services

**12 Saturday**

**9:30 am** Shabbat Morning Services  
with Adult Education to follow

**13 Sunday**

Mother's Day

**18 Friday**

**6:30 pm** Shabbat Evening Services

**19 Saturday**

**9:30 am** Shabbat Morning Services

**20 Sunday**

**9:30 am** Shavuot Services

**21 Monday**

**9:30 am** Shavuot Services with Yizkor

**24 Thursday**

**7:30 pm** Board of Directors' Meeting

**25 Friday**

**6:30 pm** Shabbat Evening Services

**26 Saturday**

**9:30 am** Shabbat Morning Services  
with Shabbat luncheon to follow

With regret we inform you of the passing of:

**Elaine Marcus Grossman**

Wife of the late Jay Grossman

Sister-in-law of H. Robert & Glenda Grossman

**Marianne Smith**

Mother of Dr. Evelyn Smith Firshein

Mother of Lorraine Smith

**מזל טוב Mazal Tov**

**Happy Anniversary** to our couples celebrating an anniversary during the month of May:

- 10 - Cyndi & Barry Sheftel
- 15 - Beth Ann & Ben Eisner
- 25 - Julie & Howard Levine
- 26 - Audrey & Jack Acabchuk
- 29 - Joan & David Goodman

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

- 1 - Larry Kirchheimer
- 7 - Michael Sperling
- 9 - Rick Grossman
- 11 - Cathy Burwick
- 12 - Marc Nemeth
- 12 - Rebecca Sheftel
- 15 - Ines Gerstenblatt
- 15 - Risa Zierler
- 18 - Roberta Ash
- 19 - Adrienne Palley
- 20 - Ken Steele
- 21 - Ruth Borsuk
- 21 - Ginny Kalmanowitz
- 27 - Michael Burwick
- 28 - Jean Lawrence
- 29 - Joan Goodman
- 30 - Shirley Brodach
- 31 - Susan Teller
- 31 - Bonnie Sperling

**Happy Birthday** to our next generation:  
24 - Joshua Eisner



**Shavuot Services**

**Sunday, May 20 9:30 am**  
Shavuot Services (Day 1)

**Monday, May 21 9:30 am**  
Shavuot Services with Yizkor (Day 2)

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## **Temple's Annual Meeting and Brunch**

**will be on**

**Sunday, June 10th at 10:00 am**

Watch your mail (at the end of May) for more information.

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## **BAR MITZVAH PROJECT**

Hi my name is Colby Turner and my Bar Mitzvah is June 23, 2018. For my Bar Mitzvah project, I am taking up a collection to stock the food pantry at the Salvation Army Meriden Corps Community Center. I feel that no one should go to bed hungry so this is a very important cause.

In Meriden, the Salvation Army has been helping people since 1884. The food pantry is open on Tuesdays and Thursdays to Meriden residents and residents in surrounding communities. They help an average of 70 families each week and approximately 300 families a month.

I will be collecting canned and boxed foods to help out the food pantry. They need non-perishable food items such as canned vegetables, juice, condiments, (ketchup, mustard, mayonnaise, salt & pepper), snacks for kids, canned fruits, boxed potatoes, pasta, spaghetti sauce, and boxed cake mixes..

There will be a box located near the coat room at Temple B'nai Abraham for all the donations. Thank you in advance for your generous donations.

Sincerely,  
Colby Turner



## Yahrzeits Observed During the Month of May

May. 1	Morris Rubenstein Abel Opinsky Augustus Gribus		Hannah Buchholtz Aaron Kalmanowitz Dr. Daniel Kahn	May. 22	James Fightlin Rose Silverman
May. 2	Eva Povlotsky Marcia Katz Young Hillel Telis Leib Telis Moishe Telis Kopel Telis Joseph Goodman Louis Sigmond	May. 9	Joseph Miller Nathan Israel Nathan Grossman Marlene Linder Marjorie Croog	May. 23	Boroch J. White Esther Goff
May. 3	Dr. Mathias Borsuk Max Byer Steven Simon	May. 10	William Hasburg	May. 24	Bithja Dressler Ezak Sklar Anna H. Cherniack Joseph Pierson Moses Berliner David Silverman
May. 4	Moses Frydenberg Elma Kaufman Aaron Nissenson Laura Levine	May. 11	Dr. Zelly Ross	May. 25	Pauline Bishinsky Jennie Bishinsky
May. 5	Brina Sheftel Bernard Levine Harry Roden Edward Rosenthal Zelig Telis Edythe Stein	May. 12	Anna Levine Louis Shatsky Samuel Friedman Louis Schwartz	May. 26	Leah Gerstenblatt Manny Schwartz Julius Goldberg
May. 6	Charles Weisser Frieda Arinofsky Samuel Jacobs Marilyn Michaelson Evelyn DeSarno	May. 13	Estelle Kosofsky Henry Antin	May. 27	Sonya Gittleman Helen Mekies Louis Levine
May. 7	Abraham Peck Hella Friedlander Lili Lamm Herman Schwartz Zali Schwartz	May. 14	Rose T. White Gail Lee Burwick Perry Krentzman	May. 28	Saul Leades Jennie Strauss Sarah Risen Wallace Sadowsky Abraham Chidekel
May. 8	Abraham Cherniack	May. 15	Ida Friedman Ruth Zuckerman	May. 29	Gertrude Gelfand Rena Berliner
		May. 16	Mollie Zwillinger	May. 30	Jennie Berson Samuel Gross Katherine Johnson Annette Ross Harry Levine
		May. 17	Sarah Hyman Irving Parmett Albert Schwartz	May. 31	Betty Lenzner Lillian Silverstein Adolph Goldberg Mary Fox
		May. 18	Rose Gerstenblatt		
		May. 19	Harry Gold		
		May. 20	Abraham Gerber Harriett Grossman Rudolph Pick Shalom Dokshitski		
		May. 21	Benjamin Seligman Mitzi Blau Marvin Kosofsky Robert Muravnick		



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:**

**Elsie Goodman** by Richard Goodman

**Eva Povlotsky** by Richard A. Katz

**Marjorie Croog** by Susan Croog

**Sylvia Trueheart** by Hilda Trueheart

**Louis & Evelyn DeSarno** by Jayne Papoosha

**Cantor Abram Brodach** by Jay & Shirley Brodach

**General Temple Fund**

In Memory of **Marianne Smith** by Susan Croog.

In Memory of **Marianne Smith** by Natalie & Joseph Langner.

**Sarah Zietz Pierson Scholarship Fund**

In Memory of **Michael Goldberg** 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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