



# THE SCRIBE

Monthly Newsletter of Temple B'nai Abraham  
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## From Rabbi Michael G. Kohn

Five years ago, when the Temple and I reached agreement on my current contract, I advised the Board of my intention to retire as a full-time rabbi next year, in the summer of 2019, when my term ends. It is important to me that all of you are aware of my intention to retire as a full-time rabbi and that you hear it from me. As a result of my impending retirement, the congregation will be deciding a number of issues for the coming year and beyond. Some of those issues will be discussed, and perhaps one or more decided, at the Annual Temple Meeting on June 10. If you wish to have your voice heard, and participate in the future direction of the Temple, please make plans to attend that important meeting.

## Spain

When we think of Jewish history, we usually think of Eastern and Central Europe, ancient Israel, or even modern Israel. Last month I traveled to Spain, to see the remnants of what was once a thriving Jewish community for almost 1000 years, before it was expelled in 1492. In Besalu, I saw an intact mikvah that dates back to the 13th century and the remains of the ancient synagogue. In Girona, another ancient mikvah and synagogue in a well-preserved Jewish center and in Barcelona, a synagogue that was uncovered and which contains the original warrant from the Spanish King allowing its construction. In Cordova, there was the statue of Maimonides, and in Seville, the remains of the ancient Jewish Quarter. In Toledo, there was the ancient synagogue, which is being restored. Many of the well-known figures of medieval Judaism come from this area of Spain, including Maimonides, Nachmanides, Moses de Leon, David Kimhi and Shimon ben Aderet. The ancient Jewish quarters and locations are marked by symbols, such as the word Sepharad — Spain — in Hebrew letters in the shape of the Iberian Peninsula, a menorah, or the word Chai, in Hebrew letters. Today, in Spain, there are active synagogues, particularly in Madrid and Barcelona; Sephardic Jewish festivals in many cities and a Jewish film festival. This trip back in our history still left much for me to explore on a return visit. It is well worth your time as well.

## Scholarship Awards

The Scholarship Awards will be announced at a special Oneg Shabbat following Friday Evening Services on June 8. Please come and congratulate these deserving individuals.

## Shabbat Luncheons

We have almost concluded our series of Shabbat morning luncheons for the year. Thanks to the generosity of one of our member families, we held a second monthly luncheon, without a learning session, so members might simply socialize and enjoy each other's company. 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 5779, please contact the office. And let me know whether you wish to have a learning session, socializing, or both, in conjunction with the luncheons.

B'Shalom,  
Rabbi Michael G. Kohn



## CALENDAR EVENTS

**1 Friday**

**6:30 pm** Shabbat Evening Services

**2 Saturday**

**9:30 am** Shabbat Morning Services

**7 Thursday**

**7:30 pm** Ritual Committee Meeting

**8 Friday**

**6:30 pm** Shabbat Evening Services followed  
by College Scholarship presentations

**9 Saturday**

**9:30 am** Shabbat Morning Services

**10 Sunday**

**10:00 am** Annual Temple Meeting and  
Brunch Please RSVP by June 6th

**15 Friday**

**No Shabbat Evening Services**

**16 Saturday**

**9:30 am** Shabbat Morning Services

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**22 Friday**

**No Shabbat Evening Services**

**23 Saturday**

**9:30 am** Shabbat Morning Services  
**Bar Mitzvah of Colby Turner**

**28 Thursday**

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

**29 Friday**

**No Shabbat Evening Services**

**30 Saturday**

**9:30 am** Shabbat Morning Services

Best Wishes to Adrienne Palley and Naomi Kamins on their upcoming knee surgeries. Naomi, your office work will be waiting for your return. : )

## Mazal Tov - מזל טוב

To **Shari and Roger Turner** on **Colby's Bar Mitzvah** on June 23rd. The family would like to invite all congregants to join them in this celebration. Services begin at 9:30 am.

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

1st - Rita & Herb Bichunsky  
3rd - Linda & Rob Reger  
7th - Hollye & Larry Lew  
8th - Katrina & Bob Axelrod  
14th - Gladys (Mike) & Marvin Beloff  
14th - Jan & Jay Weiss  
25th - Dorothy & David Elkin  
28th - Risa & Fred Zierler

5th - Gerry Emple  
7th - Michael Gould  
9th - Jon Palley  
10th - Paula Eisner  
10th - Roger Arnold  
22nd - Sherwin Borsuk  
28th - Marge Kirchheimer  
30th - Jack Winkleman

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

2nd - Deb Katten  
4th - Michelle Grossman

**Happy Birthday** to our next generation:

14th - Colby Turner  
17th - Mollie Steele  
21st - James Kendzierski

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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



## **IMPORTANT INFORMATION - June, July and August**

**No Shabbat Evening Services** during the month of June (beginning June 15th), all of July, and the first three weeks of August.

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

**Mark Your Calendars:  
Friday, August 24th  
Shabbat Under the Stars**

The evening begins with a cookout at 6:00 pm followed by Shabbat Services. The location for Shabbat Under the Stars has not been determined as yet. We will keep you informed during the summer.

**Auxiliary forms for the 2018 – 2019 year will be mailed out early June.**

They cover:

**Calendar listings** for birthday, anniversary, family simchas and milestones

**Yizkor Book**

**Holocaust**

**Civilians & Soldiers**

**New Year's Greetings**

**Auxiliary Membership**

The completed forms are due back at the Temple by July 18, 2018.

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.

## Yahrzeits Observed During the Month of June

June. 1	Carrie Silverstein		Esther Fox Burg		Paula Brown
	Benjamin Beloff	June. 8	Jean Silverman		Moshe Filler
	Hermann Blatt		George Small		Max Muravnick
	Nathan Perlin		Martin Petroff	June. 23	Joseph Kessler
	Alice Hirsch	June. 9	Lauretta Petroff	June. 24	Gladys Weiss
June. 2	Hyman Cohen		David Limon		Elliot Lipman
	Rochmall Klamkin		Sarah Cohen	June. 25	Leo Stein
	Sadie Elkin		Tillie Resident		Lawrence Groobert
	Elizabeth G. Pollack	June. 10	Max Resident	June. 26	Samuel Loitz
	Reuben Buchman	June. 11	Jack Small		Joyce Star
	Benjamin Kolbin	June. 12	Simon Arinofsky		Jody Elyachar
June. 3	Fred Snyder		Adolph Israel	June. 27	Julius Kirchheimer
	Moe Bishinsky	June. 13	Abraham Perloth		Abraham Gelfand
	Sidney Statlender		Leroy Loitz		Dr. Harry Rosenberg
	Mollie Weisser		Ellen Karas		Sonya Blatt
	Faye Feldshon	June. 14	Dorothy Grossman		Bertha Shefkowitz
June. 4	Sarah Denoff		Grace Silverman	June. 28	Jacob Abramowitz
	Edward Friedman		Evelyn Mautner		Celia Peck
June. 5	Julius Siegel		Peter Greenberg		Paul Krentzman
	Samuel White	June. 15	Jack Feldshon	June. 29	Anna Hass
	Ida Levine	June. 16	Jerry Star		Clarence Rubenstein
June. 6	Barney Ofshay		Sarah Troy	June. 30	Louis Grossman
	Esther Rubin	June. 17	Rose Cheikin		Samuel Cherniack
	Rose Dressler		Rose Tonkonow		Marvin Snyder
	Michelle Telis	June. 20	Jacob Klein		
	Sarah Rachel Telis	June. 21	Pauline Bernstein		
June. 7	Abraham Becker	June. 22	Sylvia Rovinsky		



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:**

**Jack Stekloff** by Sherry Stekloff, Neil and Alan Stekloff

**Abraham Chidekel** by Lesley and David Chidekel

**Hilda Sorman** by Lesley and David Chidekel

**Elizabeth G. Pollack** by Ivan Pollack

**Harry Levine** by Hilda Trueheart

**Ida Levine** by Hilda Trueheart

**Elizabeth G. Pollack** by Eileen Russman

**General Temple Fund**

In Memory of **Marianne Smith** by Jan & Jay Weiss.

**Sophie & Julius Barker Scholarship Fund**

In Memory of **Julius and Sophie Barker** by Shelley & Michael Barker.

In Memory of **Joseph and Edith Barker** by Shelley & Michael Barker.

**Sarah Zietz Pierson Scholarship Fund**

In Honor of **Herb Bichunsky's** 90th Birthday by Lesley Chidekel.

**William Smith Memorial Fund**

In Memory of **Marianne Smith** by Jack Shorr.

In Memory of **Marianne Smith** by Flora Shorr.

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