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From Rabbi Michael G. Kohn

Beauty and Horror in the Antipodes

At the beginning of this month, I returned from a short vacation in Australia, spending a week each in Melbourne and Sydney. Australia is a beautiful country with friendly citizens, who came from all over the world, including the Middle East, Asia, and Southeast Asia, to make this continent their home. There are large Jewish communities in both Melbourne and Sydney and we were privileged to share Shabbat meals and other joys with some friends there. You can see Jewish heritage in both cities and historic synagogues and Jewish museums are shown and mentioned on their guided tours. The area in Melbourne where we stayed, in particular, has many Kosher restaurants, butcher shops, and bakeries. Just after we returned, a new rabbi was installed in Melbourne.

On the other hand, shortly before we arrived, antisemitic graffiti was found at a senior residence in Melbourne. But that incident pales before the horror that struck Muslims at prayer last Friday in New Zealand. I immediately reached out to our friends at the Baitul Aman mosque, offering what comfort and support I could offer. First, Pittsburgh, and now, Christchurch. One can only shudder at what might be next. Rabbi Lord Jonathan Sacks writes, “nothing has proved harder in the history of civilization than to see God, or good, or human dignity in those whose language is not mine, whose skin is a different colour, whose faith is not my faith and whose truth is not my truth” (The Dignity of Difference p. 65). Our tradition teaches that whoever kills another human being, it is as if an entire world has been destroyed. How many worlds must we destroy before we get the message? And how many more will be destroyed before we do more than offer “thoughts and prayers”?

Pesah

Although it has been hard to tell the difference lately, spring has arrived, bringing with it Pesah — Z'man Heiruteinu, the Festival of our Freedom. We look forward to gathering with family and friends to celebrate this holiday over a seder table brimming with food and wine. Yet, as we read and recall with joy, the story of our exodus from slavery in Egypt, it is easy to forget that freedom is not absolute and there are many of our people and others still imprisoned in a manner not unlike our forebears in Egypt.

One of our Pesah traditions is Ma'ot Hittim, or “wheat money”, originally a contribution for those who were unable to purchase wheat flour to make matzah, but which today enables those less fortunate to purchase food for themselves and their families. Won't you do your part and contribute to our Ma'ot Hittim collection for those less fortunate? And if anyone is in need of assistance, please call me confidentially. We are here to help.

Please allow at least 20 minutes from the end of the holiday to afford me time to repurchase the hametz.

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S'firat HaOmer

We begin the counting of the Omer on the evening of the second Passover seder. We count forty-nine days (seven weeks). The period of the Omer is generally considered to be a period of mourning, which is broken only on the thirty-third day — Lag BaOmer. During this period, among other restrictions, weddings are not held, no hair is cut and one does not listen to music. The Conservative Movement has now determined that these restrictions terminate on the day after Yom Ha'Shoah — Holocaust Remembrance Day (this year, May 3). Some, however, maintain the traditional restrictions, excepting only Rosh Hodesh Iyar, Lag Ba'omer and Yom Ha'atzma'ut (Israel Independence Day).

Yom HaShoah

Yom HaShoah will be observed this year on Wednesday evening, May 1, at the Meriden Public Library, immediately following the dedication of the Temple B'nai Abraham World War II Holocaust Collection at the Library. Our friends and neighbors who experienced this horror and who performed acts of individual heroism are dwindling to a precious few. Please join us at the Library beginning at 6:15 for refreshments, the Dedication, and the Yom HaShoah service, with guest speaker, Cantor Deborah Katchko Gray, a student of Elie Weisel.

B'Shalom,
Rabbi Michael G. Kohn

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Friday, April 19th 8:00 am Siyyum Service for 1st Born -
This will be held at 20 Lawrence Court
NO Evening Services

TIME OF *PESAH* AND *SHABBAT* SERVICES **ALL SERVICES WILL BE HELD AT CONGREGATION ADATH ISRAEL**

Shabbat, April 20th	9:30 AM	<i>Shabbat/Pesah</i> Services (1 st Day) Kiddush lunch following
Sunday, April 21st	9:00 AM	Morning Services (2 nd Day)
Friday, April 26th	8:00 AM	Morning Services (7 th Day)
	7:00 PM	Shabbat and Festival Evening Services
Shabbat, April 27th	9:30 AM	<i>Shabbat/Pesah</i> Services (Last Day) <i>Yizkor</i> recited Kiddush lunch following

The festival ends at 8:29 PM. If you are using your own *hametz*, please give the Rabbi 20 minutes (8:50 pm) to purchase back the food.



CALENDAR EVENTS

5 Friday

5:30 pm Pray - Eat - Sing at Adath Israel. No Shabbat Evening Services here.

6 Saturday

9:30 am Shabbat Morning Services

7 Sunday

9:30 am Jewry Duty

11 Thursday

7:30 pm Ritual Committee Meeting

12 Friday

6:30 pm Shabbat Evening Services

13 Saturday

9:30 am Shabbat Morning Services

14 Sunday

NO Jewry Duty

18 Thursday

7:30 pm Board of Directors' Meeting

19 Friday

8:00 am Passover Siyyum Service at 20 Lawrence Court, Meriden
No Shabbat Evening Services
First Seder at home

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20 Saturday

9:30 am Shabbat and Passover Services at Congregation Adath Israel

21 Sunday

9:00 am Passover Morning Services at Congregation Adath Israel

26 Friday

8:00 am Passover Morning Services
7:00 pm Shabbat Evening Services
Both of these at Congregation Adath Israel

27 Saturday

9:30 am Passover Morning Services with Yizkor recited, at Congregation Adath Israel

28 Sunday

9:30 am Jewry Duty

רפואה שלימה

Wishing a Complete and Speedy Recovery to:

**David Nemeth
Edward Shemkovitz**

מזל טוב – Mazal Tov

To **Julie and Howard Levine** on the birth of their granddaughter, **Zoe Adira Goldman**, born February 28th to Chavah and Aaron Goldman.

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

- 3rd - Richard Neveloff
- 10th - Martin Hillman
- 18th - Rita Bichunsky
- 19th - Laurie Arnold
- 19th - Kenneth Teller
- 26th - David Elkin
- 26th - Natalie Cheerman
- 27th - Harvey Limon

Happy Anniversary to our members celebrating an anniversary during the month of **April:**

- 6th - Shari & Roger Turner
- 15th - Helene & Howard Koenig

With regret we inform you of the passing of:

David Brown

Father of Belinda LaVoie
and
Sharon Farmer

Stanley Stein

Father of Sue Massicott
and Grandfather of Karissa and Robert Mssicott

המקום ינחם אתכם בתוך שאר אבילי ציון וירושלים.
May the Lord comfort and sustain
all the mourners of Zion and Jerusalem.

Dear TBA family,

I have almost been in Israel for 2 months now and it is still amazing. Baseball work has started to really pick up and I absolutely love what I am doing. I have been coaching all ages, umpiring, going to schools for after school program, and have started playing!

The past week I went up North to Misgav because my boss wanted to see what they had going on around baseball. I didn't have much knowledge on it and didn't know what to expect. Come to find out baseball and softball have been incorporated within the schools and it is technically a class. Every school day kids play for 45-1:20 minutes and I'll be honest were they all that good? No, not really.. But did they all have smiles on their faces and showed interest in the game? Absolutely. I was hosted by one of the National Team players families who has a lot of potential at 6'2 180 pounds only at 15. Oh yeah he's a lefty. After dinner he asked if we could go get extra work in, as were walking back home he expressed how much better he feels since I've been working with him pitching and believes he can make any pitch when I'm with him. Inside it made feel accomplished and proud that I am able to affect these players and make me more driven to what I want to do.

I still spend every Saturday in Holon with my Saba and it is very special to have the chance to spend time with him. It's wonderful to see him smile when I walk in the door and say, "Dallas-sonchik" which he tells me means spoiled because he loves to help me and make my time in Israel easier and more comfortable. Overall, I am still very happy and love the situation I am in.

Dallas DeFrancesco

May 1, 2019



**Dedication of the Temple B'nai Abraham
World War II Holocaust Collection
and
Holocaust Remembrance
Yom HaShoah Observance
at the Meriden Public Library**

Refreshments from 6:15 pm - 6:45 pm in the Cook Rm.

**Followed by the Dedication and Yom HaShoah
Observance in the Griffin Room**

Guest Speaker: Cantor Deborah Katchko-Gray

The Library is located at 105 Miller Street, Meriden

RSVP to Fred Zierler: fzierler@cox.net or 203-631-0567

Pray Eat Sing

Shabbat Evening Service and Dinner

Friday, April 5, 5:30 pm

**Join Adath Israel as they share the joy of Shabbat
and say farewell to their longtime
custodian and his wife.**

**This evening is free for Adath Israel and
Temple B'nai Abraham members.**

**Please RSVP by Monday, April 1
to Joanna - 860-346-4709.**

**Please bring non-perishable food items
for the Amazing Grace Food Pantry.**

Gift Card Fundraiser to Benefit Temple B'nai Abraham

Orders must be received in the Temple office by Monday, April 15, 2019.

	Amount on card	Percent	# cards	Total \$		Amount on Card	Percent	# cards	Total \$
<u>Clothing/Department Stores</u>									
Aerie	\$25	10%	_____	_____	Dunkin Donuts	\$10	3%	_____	_____
Aeropostale	\$25	7%	_____	_____	IHop	\$25	8%	_____	_____
American Eagle	\$25	10%	_____	_____	Long Horn Steakhouse	\$25	9%	_____	_____
The Children's Place	\$25	12%	_____	_____	Olive Garden	\$25	9%	_____	_____
Dress Barn	\$25	8%	_____	_____	Outback Steakhouse	\$25	8%	_____	_____
Express	\$25	10%	_____	_____	Panera Bread	\$10 or \$25	9%	_____	_____
Foot Locker	\$25	9%	_____	_____	PF Chang's	\$25	8%	_____	_____
Gap/Banana Republic	\$25	14%	_____	_____	Rainforest Café	\$25	9%	_____	_____
Gymboree	\$25	13%	_____	_____	Red Lobster	\$25	9%	_____	_____
JC Penney	\$25 or \$100	5%	_____	_____	Red Robin	\$25	11%	_____	_____
JCrew	\$25	13%	_____	_____	Ruby Tuesday	\$25	8%	_____	_____
Jo-Ann Fabric	\$25	6%	_____	_____	Ruth's Chris	\$50	10%	_____	_____
Kmart	\$25 or \$50	4%	_____	_____	Starbucks	\$10 or \$25	7%	_____	_____
Kohl's	\$25 or \$100	4%	_____	_____	Subway	\$10 or \$50	3%	_____	_____
Limited	\$25	9%	_____	_____	Taco Bell	\$10	5%	_____	_____
LL Bean	\$25	16%	_____	_____	Texas Roadhouse	\$25	8%	_____	_____
Land's End	\$25	18%	_____	_____	TGI Friday's	\$25	9%	_____	_____
Lord & Taylor	\$25	8%	_____	_____	Wendy's	\$10	4%	_____	_____
Macy's	\$25 or \$100	10%	_____	_____	<u>Home & Cosmetics</u>				
Marshall's/TJX	\$25 or \$100	7%	_____	_____	Bath & Body Works	\$10 or \$25	13%	_____	_____
Michaels	\$25	4%	_____	_____	Bed, Bath & Beyond	\$25	7%	_____	_____
Old Navy	\$25	14%	_____	_____	CVS Pharmacy	\$25	6%	_____	_____
Payless Shoes	\$20	13%	_____	_____	Rite Aid	\$25	4%	_____	_____
Pier 1 Imports	\$25	9%	_____	_____	Walgreen's	\$25	6%	_____	_____
Pottery Barn	\$25 or \$100	8%	_____	_____	Ulta	\$25	4%	_____	_____
Sam's Club	\$25	2.5%	_____	_____	<u>Home Improvement</u>				
Sears	\$25 or \$100	4%	_____	_____	Ace Hardware	\$25 or \$100	4%	_____	_____
Talbot's	\$25	13%	_____	_____	Home Depot	\$25 or \$100	4%	_____	_____
Tanger Outlets	\$25	8%	_____	_____	Lowe's	\$25 or \$100	4%	_____	_____
Target	\$25 or \$100	2%	_____	_____	Merry Maids	\$50	5%	_____	_____
Toys-R-Us	\$20	1.5%	_____	_____	Restoration Hdwr	\$25 or \$100	12%	_____	_____
Wal-Mart	\$25 or \$100	2.5%	_____	_____	<u>Sports and Pets</u>				
Zappos.com	\$25	8%	_____	_____	Cabela's	\$25	11%	_____	_____
<u>Books, Music, Movies, Photos, & More</u>					Dick's Sporting Goods	\$25	5%	_____	_____
Amazon.com	\$25	3%	_____	_____	PetSmart	\$25	4%	_____	_____
Barnes & Noble	\$10 or \$25	9%	_____	_____	<u>Electronics & Office Supplies</u>				
Groupon.com	\$25	7%	_____	_____	Best Buy	\$25 or \$100	3%	_____	_____
iTunes	\$15 or \$25	5%	_____	_____	Game Stop	\$25	3%	_____	_____
<u>Restaurants & Food</u>					Hallmark	\$25	4%	_____	_____
99 Restaurants	\$25	13%	_____	_____	Office Max	\$25 or \$100	5%	_____	_____
Applebee's	\$25	10%	_____	_____	Staples	\$25 or \$100	5%	_____	_____
Bertucci's	\$25	10%	_____	_____	Total # of Cards Ordered _____				
Boston Market	\$10	12%	_____	_____	Total Amount of Order \$ _____				
Brio	\$25	12%	_____	_____	Name _____				
Bruegger's Bagels	\$10	7%	_____	_____	Phone Number _____				
Buffalo Wild Wings	\$10 or \$25	8%	_____	_____	Email _____				
Burger King	\$10	4%	_____	_____					
Cheesecake Factory	\$25	5%	_____	_____					
Chili's Grill & Bar	\$25	11%	_____	_____					
Chipotle Mexican Grill	\$10	10%	_____	_____					
Chuck E. Cheese	\$10	8%	_____	_____					
Cold Stone Creamery	\$10	8%	_____	_____					
Cracker Barrel	\$10 or \$25	9%	_____	_____					
Denny's	\$10	7%	_____	_____					

Congregation Adath Israel

Community Seder

Saturday, April 20

5:30 pm



\$40 adult, \$15 child (5 - 12),
Children under 5 free,
family maximum \$125
(Parents/guardians with minor children)

RSVP required by **Monday, April 8** to Joanna at CAI - 860-346-4709

Temple B'nai Abraham will be subsidizing
the cost of this dinner for our members.

Yahrzeits Observed During the Month of April

Apr. 1	Abraham Rosen			
Apr. 2	Isidore Cohen	Apr. 12	Chaya Dina Becker	Leah Zaroni
Apr. 3	Rebecca Friedlander		Gussie Port	David Ernstoff
Apr. 5	Rose Cherniack	Apr. 14	Allen Rosenberg	Mark Robinson
Apr. 6	Shirley Zierler		Minnie Gould	Apr. 23 Rebecca Hertzmark
	Anna Katz	Apr. 15	Miriam Kaplan	Apr. 24 Dr. David Cohen
	Mary Statlender		David Silverman	Anna White Levine
Apr. 7	Max Steiner		Janetta Seligman	Rabbi Abraham Siskind
	Noah Kaplan	Apr. 16	Fannie Goldberg	Apr. 25 Charlotte Katz
	Samuel Mag		Frank Schupack	Anna Port Levine
	Harry Gerstenblatt	Apr. 17	Max Katz	Abner White
	Margaret Cohen		Celia Shatsky	Betty Filler
	Irwin Denenberg		Miriam Sheftel	Jennie Israel
	Rhoda Hurwitz	Apr. 18	Solomon Miller	Apr. 26 Gladys Kaller
	Rita Stobezki		Sarah Rachel Loitz	Ann Lutin
Apr. 8	John Jack Levin		Joseph Katrosar	Abraham Lenzner
	Jack Reich		Stacy Shepard	Apr. 27 Anna Gordon
	David Fine	Apr. 19	Lena Beloff	Apr. 28 Nathan Becker
	Max Levine		Oscar Gross	Robert Shoag
	Bernice Silverman		Sam Dressler	Ada Fish
Apr. 9	Moses Bichunsky		Jacob Goldstein	Apr. 29 Samuel Hyman
	Israel Koslow		Hilda Goodstein	Sarah Sugarman
	Lester Sugarman		Marianne Smith	Apr. 30 Abraham Kaplan
Apr. 10	Ella Fightlin		Ida M. Dunn	Bernard Fightlin
	Hyman Bogatz		Rose Bishinsky	Arthur Harris
	Joseph Zellman	Apr. 20	Jack Edelman	Sarah Gelmadin
	Maxwell Lee		Ervin E. Schiesel	
Apr. 11	Dorothy Ash Goodwin		Joseph Koenig	
	Gladys Hozer	Apr. 21	Edward Israel	
	Lena Kaplan	Apr. 22	Bella Goldberg	
	Leonard Goralnik		Bruno Kirchheimer	



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:

Ruth Sugarman by Donald & Phoebe Sugarman

Lester Sugarman by Donald & Phoebe Sugarman

Janet Doris Tonkonow by Amy Tonkonow Kohan & Richard Kohan

Chet Trueheart by Hilda Trueheart

Leonard Goralnik by Atty. Richard A. Katz

Doris Kaye by Debbie & David Kaye

Allan Kaye by Debbie & David Kaye

Ada Miller Fish by Debbie & David Kaye

General Temple Fund

In Memory of **Stanley Stein** by Jo Robin & Michael Gould.

In Memory of **Stanley Stein** by Jean & Marc Nemeth.

In Memory of **Stanley Stein** by Debbie & David Kaye.

In Memory of **Stanley Stein** by Jan & Jay Weiss.

In Memory of **Stanley Stein** by Marcia Caplan.
Mazal Tov to **Julie & Howard Levine** on the birth of their granddaughter, Zoe Adira Goldman by Debbie & David Kaye.

Barry Koslow Torah Restoration Fund

Mazal Tov to **Julie & Howard Levine** on the birth of their granddaughter Zoe Adira Goldman by Ruth & Sherwin Borsuk.

In Memory of **Stanley Stein** by Ruth & Sherwin Borsuk.

Sarah Zietz Pierson Scholarship Fund

Mazal Tov to **Julie & Howard Levine** on the birth of granddaughter Zoe Adira Goldman by Risa & Fred Zierler.

Mazal Tov to **Chavah & Aaron Goldman** on the birth of their daughter Zoe Adira Goldman by Risa & Fred Zierler.

In Memory of **Stanley Stein** by Risa & Fred Zierler.

Cemetery Fund

In Memory of **Rhoda Burwick** by Ruth & Sherwin Borsuk.

In Memory of **Flora Shorr** by Ruth & Sherwin Borsuk.

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