



# CONGREGATION AHAVATH ACHIM

## May 2019 Newsletter

### 26 Nisan – 26 Iyar 5779



Torah & Haftorah Readings and Page Numbers				
<b>Torah Reading</b>	<b>May 4 Acharei Mot</b>	<b>May 11 Kedoshim</b>	<b>May 18 Emor</b>	<b>May 25 Behar</b>
	Leviticus 16:1-18:30	Leviticus 19:1-20:27	Leviticus 21:1-24:23	Leviticus 25:1-26:2
Pages	480-493	497-508	513-528	531-539
<b>Haftorah</b>	I Samuel 20:18-42	Amos 9:7-15	Ezekiel 44:15-31	Jeremiah 32:6-27
Pages	948-950	509-510	528-530	539-541

Minyan Times are in the monthly calendar and on the Ahavath Achim web site, [www.ahavathachim.org](http://www.ahavathachim.org)

#### Rabbi Peretz Robinson Torah Message

Dear Friends,

We have recently celebrated the holiday of Pesach. I hope that you had an enjoyable and meaningful Pesach holiday. On Purim, we celebrated miracles that were hidden. God's name is mysteriously absent from the Purim story. On Pesach we remember public, almost exaggerated, miracles that the Almighty performed for us on a grandiose scale. Both holidays' stories are recanted in the Hebrew Bible. Pesach is a Mide'Oraita holiday whose roots are the miraculous events told of in the Pentateuch's book of Exodus. Purim's origins are in the much later scroll of Esther, it is not Mide'Oraita, but rather Midivrei Sofrim.

In the month of May, we will mark several days on the calendar whose significance is of a much more recent genesis. I would like to take a moment to acknowledge these days on the civil and religious calendar:

Thursday, May 2nd is Yom HaShoah, Holocaust Memorial Day. On this day we remember the countless victims who perished in the Holocaust. I will recite a special memorial prayer for the victims of the Holocaust following Shacharit services on that morning.

Wednesday, May 8th is Yom HaZikaron, Israel Memorial Day. On this day we remember the heroic soldiers who gave their lives at the time of the creation of the Jewish state, as well as those who were killed in action during subsequent decades while ensuring Israel's security. This day is followed by Yom HaAtzmaut, Israel Independence Day, on Thursday the 9th. Special celebratory prayers will be recited in shul to mark the anniversary of the establishment of the state of Israel.

A holiday of a different nature will be marked on Sunday, May 12th: Mother's Day. In the spirit of the ten commandments' injunction to honor one's father and mother, it would be appropriate on this day to pause and to appreciate all that our mothers have done for us.

Lag Ba'Omer falls on Thursday, May 23rd. Jewish tradition ascribes this joyous minor holiday as the day when the terrible plague that afflicted the myriad students of Rabbi Akiva ceased. It is also the day that is traditionally recognized as the yahrtzeit of Rabbi Shimon bar Yochai.

Finally, Monday May 27th is Memorial Day. On this day we will recognize all those members of the United States armed forces who gave their lives so that we may continue to enjoy the freedom and liberty which we so easily take for granted in this country.

Wishing you a spiritually meaningful month of May,

Rabbi Peretz Robinson

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### Community Events

**Jewish Senior Services, Bennett Hall, 4200 Park Avenue, Bridgeport**  
**Wednesday, May 15, 2019, 7:00pm**

The Joel and Lois Coleman Lecture Series SEX, DRUGS & ROCK N' ROLL  
 How the Baby Boomer Generation Will Disrupt Senior Living  
 Presented by Daniel Reingold, MSW, JD, RSVP to 203-396-1002 or  
[kgintoli@seniors.org](mailto:kgintoli@seniors.org)

### **Images of America: The Jewish Communities of Greater Stamford Written by Linda Baulsir and Irwin Miller**

Available for purchase at \$21. This important publication traces the historical migration through the archived images preserved by the Jewish Historical Society of Fairfield County. The authors are members of the historical society: Irwin Miller is past president, historian, and founding member; Linda Baulsir, archivist and board member. Together they have carefully chosen the finest images and written detailed narrative to tell this significant history of the Jewish people and their activities centered in the southwestern corner of Connecticut. \$12.00 plus \$3.00 shipping and handling. Total cost: \$24.99, or contact the Jewish Historical Society of Fairfield County at 203- 321-1373 x150

### Golden Book Contributions

<p><b>In Memory of Rabbi Moses Kranzler's wife Esta</b>          Hedy and Terry Augenbraun</p>	<p><b>In Memory of Robert Lozanov</b>          Hedy and Terry Augenbraun          Helene and Ralph Green          Sara Klein          Susan Klein          Myrna and Seymour Kosowsky          Arnell Wilson          Pamela Zimmer</p>
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Refuah Shelemah to David Gordon, and Diane Shinbaum. May G-d grant each a speedy and complete recovery

### Yahrtzeits for May 2019

<p>Thursday, May 2 - <b>Joe Sam Kohn</b> (Uncle to Monroe Kohn )          Thursday, May 2- <b>Selma Saxe Spitzer</b> (Mother to Allison Kohn )          Thursday, May 2- <b>Rebecca Zimmer</b> (Grandmother to Pamela Zimmer )          Friday, May 3- <b>Irwin Millstein</b> (Father to Ellen Rothwax)          Monday, May 6- <b>Leon Cohen</b> (Father to Arnold Cohen )          Tuesday, May 7- <b>George Lopatin</b> (Husband to Helene Green)          Sunday, May 12- <b>Sarah Konovitch</b> ( Mother to Sharon Risch )          Monday, May 13- <b>Charlotte Basch</b> ( Mother to David Basch )          Monday, May 13- <b>Samuel Karelitz</b> (Grandfather to Seymour Kosowsky</p>	<p>Friday, May 17- <b>Reni Lynn Zabol</b> (Sister to Peggy Sue Schwarzmer)          Sunday, May 18- <b>Norma A Zimmer</b> -(Mother to Pamela Zimmer)          Monday, May 20 - <b>Moses Tobias</b> (Father to Lionel Eliovson )          Wednesday, May 22- <b>Morris Brown</b> (Father to Myra Gondos )          Wednesday, May22 - <b>Etkies Family</b> (Relatives to Roslyn Fishman )          Wednesday, May 22 - <b>Sanford N. Green</b> (Father to Stacey Mintz)          Thursday, May 23 - <b>Rose Kohn</b> (Grandmother to Monroe Kohn)          Thursday, May 23 - <b>Arlene Mantel</b> (Wife to Alex Mantel)          Sunday, May 26 - <b>Theodore Deutsch</b> (Brother to Andrew Deutsch)          Sunday, May 26 - <b>Jack Goldman</b> (Uncle to Willian Wolper)          Thursday, May 30- <b>Paul Zabol</b> (Father to Peggy Sue Schwarzmer )</p>
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Golden Book Greeting cards are a great way to honor or remember someone. To personalize your message, call or email Sara Klein. She can include any personal greeting you would like to have included.