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To: Worshippers at the Touro Synagogue
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I asked Barbara Reiss and Zachary Edinger if I could borrow a few lines to write you this week's email. In the weekly email I will be sending to the entire congregation (I hope some of you have a chance to read that from time to time), I will have more to say about our current trip to Israel. Beth and I came for a short trip to visit our son who is studying here. We spent a day in Tel Aviv, including visiting ANU, which is the "Museum of the Jewish People" a/k/a the Heritage Museum, located on the campus of Tel Aviv University.

There are pluses and minuses to the museum. But one of the true highlights are two things, set right next to each other. One is a miniature of Touro Synagogue. Right next to it a large candlestick, used at Shearith Israel before 1730. I've tried to photograph each (I'm a poor photographer, even with the help of the iPhone). I have to hope that everyone is as touched as I was at the inclusion of these items, right next to each other, in a museum called "Anu", translated as the collective, unified "we".



All best, and Shabbat Shalom.

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