

With Another Woman

Some time ago, I started out with "another woman". The truth is it was my wife's idea. It went something like this:

"You know you love her!" she said to me one day, as a surprise. Then, "Life is short, spend time with her. . ."

I replied, "But I love you, darling."
"I know," she said, "but you love her too."

The other woman that my wife wanted me to visit was my mother. She had been a widow for several years, but because of work and the kids, I would visit her only occasionally.

That evening I called to invite her to dinner and a movie. "What happened?" she asked. "Are you okay?" My mother belongs to that group of women for whom a phone call late at night, out of the blue, is a sign of bad news.

"I thought it would be nice to spend a little time together," I told her, "the two of us alone. What do you think?" After a brief pause, she said: "I would like that very much."

On Friday, after work, I went to pick her up at home, and I was nervous—feeling that nervousness before an important meeting.

And, when I reached the house, I saw that she was excited! She waited outside, in her old coat, with her hair styled, and in the dress she'd worn when she celebrated her last wedding anniversary. I saw her laughing face radiating light like an angel.

"I told my friends I'm going out tonight with my son, and they were very excited," she told me as she got into the car.

"It's not the fanciest restaurant, but it's very warm and friendly," I told her. As we walked in, I escorted her, holding her by the arm as if she was a movie star.

When we sat down, I had to read her the menu. Her eyes could make out only capital letters. While I was reading the menu, I looked up at her. My mother, sitting across the table, just looked at me with a nostalgic smile on her lips.

"When you were little, I was the one who read you the menu. Do you remember?" she said. "Then it's time to relax, enjoy and let me return the favor," I replied.

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KJ Schedule

Erev Shabbat

Friday, January 6, 2012

Shaharit/Morning Prayer	6:30 am
Shabbat Candle Lighting	4:40 pm
Minhah/Arbith	4:30 pm

Shabbat Vayechi

Saturday, January 7, 2012

Shabbat Shaharit/Morning Prayer.....	8:30 am
with Guest Speaker: Vladimir Davidovich, PE	
Tehillim Women's Reading	4:00 pm
Shabbat Minhah, Seudah, Arbit.....	4:15 pm
Motzei Shabbat / Havdallah.....	5:44 pm

Weekdays

Sunday, January 8, 2012

Shaharit/Morning Prayer.....	7:30 am
KJ Children's Choir, ages 6-12	11:00 am

Wednesday, January 11, 2012

Women's Tehillim Reading	10:00 am
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Monday to Friday, January 9 to 13, 2012

Shaharit/Morning Prayer	6:30 am
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Erev Shabbat

Friday, January 13, 2012

Shaharit/Morning Prayer.....	6:30 am
Shabbat Candle Lighting	4:46 pm
Minhah/Arbith	4:30 pm

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During dinner we had a pleasant conversation, nothing extraordinary. We just updated each other on our lives. We talked so much that we lost the thread of our conversation. "I'll go out with you another time, but only if you let me take you out," my mother told me.

When I brought her home, I was reluctant to say goodbye. I gave her a kiss. I hugged her and told her how much I loved her.

"How was the meeting?" my wife wanted to know when I got back that night. "Very nice, thanks to you," I looked at her gratefully, and said, "It was much more than I thought it might be."

A few days later, my mother died of a heart attack. Everything was so quick; we couldn't do anything.

After a while, I received an envelope from the restaurant where I went with my mother that evening. Inside was a note that read: "This meal was paid for in advance. I was almost sure that I would not be able to make it again. So, I paid for you and your wife. You will never understand how much that evening meant to me. I love you! Your mother."

At that moment I realized the importance of saying "I love you" while we are able. And the importance of giving our loved ones the place they deserve in our lives. Nothing is more important in life than family. Give them time, because they cannot wait. G-d forgives, but time does not—not even once.

Shabbat Shalom U'Mevurach

Shabbat Kiddush

is sponsored in memory of
**Esperance bat Simcha
Shaaya, z"l**

by
Moussa Shaaya &
Hilda Shaaya Rojhani

Congratulations

Tracy & Sidney Mathalon
on the birth of a baby boy

Mazal Tov to the grandparents
Hanina Mathalon, Hilda & Mark
Dallal, and both families

Parasha & Haftara Readings

Parashat Vayechi, in Hertz, 180– 191
Haftara 191– 192

Refuah Shlemah

Gerry Meyers
Eliezer Hai Saltoon ben Roz Saltoon

KJ WOMEN'S PSALMS GROUP

Shabbat Afternoon at 4:00 pm
Shabbat Tebillim takes place along with the Mitzvah of Seudah Shlisheet, the third meal of Shabbat that bestows great spiritual merit upon those who partake.
& Wednesdays at 10:00 am in the KJ Library



In Memoriam

We remember the following yahrzeits, the annual anniversary of passings, for the week of January 7 to 14, 2012. It is customary to light a memorial candle and donate tzedakah. Family members are encouraged to attend prayer services in honor of loved ones on the Shabbat preceding the yahrzeit. To update information call 310.474.0559.

13 Tevet / Sunday, January 8

Moise Maurice Abitboul *Moshe ben Yonah*

14 Tevet / Monday, January 9

Joseph Isaac Joseph *Yoseph ben Itzhak*

16 Tevet / Wednesday, January 11

Khasnah bat Rahel

17 Tevet / Thursday, January 12

Ezekiel Menashe Akerib *Yehezkel ben Moshe*

Victoria Reuben *Victoria bat Chahla*

Farha Shamash *Farha bat Masooda*

18 Tevet / Friday, January 13

David Davoudian *David ben Yehezkel*
Esperance Mathalon Shaaya *Esperance bat Simcha*

19 Tevet / Shabbat, January 14

Yeheskel Goury *Yehekel ben Shaul*
Solomon Raymond *Sblomo ben Rahamim*

Condolences

We offer our deepest condolences
to the families and friends of

Baruch Haim ben Yaacov, z"l
brother of Abner Partiyeli

Ramah Spencer, z"l
sister of Florence Allen
& cousin of Mordecai A. Cohen
*May Hashem comfort them together with
all the mourners of Tzion*

KJ Youth Choir

Sundays, 11 am to 12 pm
Rabbi Batzri, Director



Join us Sunday, January 8th at Kahal Joseph Congregation for the first meeting of our new children's choir, for kids ages 6 to 12. Kids will learn beautiful songs in our tradition, Jewish concepts and Sephardic culture. Meetings are every Sunday from 11 am to 12 noon. We ask parents to be prompt so our kids get the most out of this experience.

See you this Sunday at 11 am!

Welcome

to our honored guest speaker this Shabbat

Vladimir Davidovich

Professional Engineer, Kabbalah Educator & Founder of Sgulah
who will address the topic of

“The Light of the Shabbat”

We look forward to hearing your insights & sharing Hamin

Next Shabbat

we will welcome our Community Guest Speaker

Joseph Samuels

who will address the topic of

Insights into “Shemot”

The Beginning of the Exodus

We look forward to your discussion, Saturday, January 14th

NOTICE TO PARENTS

1. Children under 5 years old must be supervised by parents in KIDS ZONE upstairs.
2. No child is allowed in the synagogue lobby or hallways without constant supervision by a parent or guardian.
3. We are not responsible for children walking out the front door.



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Saturday, January 21, 2012

Kahal Joseph Congregation

10505 W. Santa Monica Blvd.

Los Angeles, CA 90025

Shabbat Services begin at 8:45 a.m.

Lunch & Learn after services (approx. 12:00 noon)

\$36 per person Must RSVP by 1/18/12

sharon@secjerusalem.org or (323)272-4574

Sponsor a Shabbat Kiddush at Kahal Joseph

Honor a member of your family or celebrate a joyous occasion by sponsoring a Shabbat celebration at Kahal Joseph. Call Sarah in the KJ office, at 310.474.0559 Monday through Friday, 11 am to 4 pm to find out more.

A Song for Shabbat: El Galil

Listen on youtube at: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DCRtSnXyio>

El galil, el galil, el galil. Ashrayikh eretz ha'galil. Kam-ha naf-shi lakh ha'galil. El gdolayikh tzadikim kedoshayikh temimim. Magen tzina hem al akhim. Khayim hem betokhenu. Marvim et tzimonenu.

G-d of the Galil, G-d of the Galil, G-d of the Galil. Your joy is the land of the Galil. My soul went up in the Galil. To your great Tzadikim. To your holy, innocent ones. They are a shield for their brothers. They live in us. The satiate our thirst.

Arokh shulkhan l'ami. Yosef hu nezer tifarti. Khidesh hekhin hatzfati. Biz-khuto amad olam. Meromam hu mikhulam. Nissim aseh li biz-khut ahuv. *Set a table for my nation. Joseph is the crown of my hope and salvation. He renewed my higher values. By his merit the world stands. He is high above everyone. Miracles were made for me by merit of the cherished one.*

Simakh l'am b'shirav. Lekha dodu lire-am. Tiken Shlomo b'amav. Biz-khuto amad olam. Meromam hu mikhulam. Nissim aseh li biz-khut ahuv. *Rejoice for the nation in its song. Show the way to those in awe. He placed [King] Solomon in his nation. By his merit the world stands. He is high above everyone. Perform miracles for me by merit of the cherished one.*

Ala ari v'gurav. Moshe darshan v'anav. Ashrei ha'dor khaza panav. Biz-khuto amad olam. Meromam hu mikhulam. Nissim aseh li biz-khut ahuv. *A lion and his cubs rose up. Taught by Moses and humble. Joy to the generation that witnessed his presence. By his merit the world stands. He is high above everyone. Perform miracles for me by merit of the cherished one.*

Maqam Hijaz

from pizmonim.com

El Galil is sung in Maqam, the scale of, Hijaz. Hijaz refers to Saudi Arabia, which in Arabic is still known as the Hijaz. This maqam, which originated in Saudi Arabia, is linked with death, and is used to mark sad occasions that occur on the calendar, as well as sad occasions that occur in a given parasha.

We use this maqam on the following Shabbats: Hayye Sarah mentions the death of Sarah and the death of Abraham later in the parasha. Vayechi mentions the death of Jacob and the death of Joseph later on. Ki Tissa discusses the tragedy of the Golden Calf. Aharei Mot mentions the deaths of Aaron's children, Nadab and Abihu. Shelah Lekha mentions the spies, and the punishments that followed. Debarim has no sad event within the parasha, however, Hijaz is used because it falls out on the Shabbat before Tisha B'Av, the saddest day on the Jewish calendar.

According to the Jews of Damascus, the only Shabbat of the year that Hijaz is used is Parashat Debarim. According to Gabriel Shrem, Hijaz in its purest form should only be used for Parashat Debarim, and for the rest of the weeks, Hijaz should be mixed with Bayat. Other maqamot in the Hijaz family are: Shahnaz, Suzidil, or Zanzaran. Hijaz tetrachord: starting on D

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רִבְּבָה

לחן: יא גמיל יא גמיל

מלים: ר' יצחק טונה הי"ד

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