

## Trust and Love

*Rabbi Hagay Batzri*

Dear Kahal,

This week, I would like to write you about the name of our upcoming holiday, “Passover.” Our Torah never gave the holiday this name: “Passover” or, in Hebrew, “Pesach.” In the Torah, it is called “Hag Hamatzot” or “The Holiday of the Matza” three times. Yet, we call it “Pesach” and not “Matzot” as in the Torah. Why?

The names “Pesach” or “Passover” refer to how Hashem skipped over the homes of the Jewish people when plaguing the Egyptians with the deaths of the firstborns. “Pesach” literally means “to skip” or “to pass over.” Each time we call the holiday “Pesach” we strive to praise and acknowledge the Almighty. Each time we say “Passover,” we mention the great miracle that He performed when He saved us, skipping our firstborns with love. This is the central and most important concept of the holiday: to praise and thank Hashem for what He has given us and what He continues to give us to this day.

On the other hand, God called the holiday “Hag Hamatzot” as a way of praising *us*, the  
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## KJ Prepares for Pesah

*Dafna Ezran*

This Last Sunday was a hive of activity at Kahal Joseph Congregation. Volunteers worked in the downstairs sanctuary and the small upstairs synagogue to polish all the beautiful Torah scroll cases before Pesah.

At the same time, children and parents congregated in the Errol Levi Social Hall for KJ’s Youth Choir rehearsal. The children learned songs from Israel and looked ahead to the Yom Haatzmaut holiday celebrating Israel’s independence and KJ’s Blue and White Night on Wednesday, April 25th, shortly after Passover. One child brought along a guitar and offered a cute solo.

To reward the youngsters for their effort and commitment, Louise Elias gifted each child with a handmade knit hat—personally crafted by her. The hats were the perfect gift on a day when rain came down by the bucketful. But even inclement weather and cold could not keep these kids away. After the choir rehearsal, the adult volunteers were so impressed and touched by the young choir that they generously invited them to join in a bagel breakfast thoroughly enjoyed by all.

## KJ Schedule

**Erev Shabbat HaGadol**

**Friday, March 30, 2012**

Shaharit/Morning Prayer .....	6:30 am
Shabbat Candle Lighting .....	6:54 pm
Minhah/Arbith .....	6:30 pm

**Shabbat HaGadol / Parashat Tzav**

**Saturday, March 31, 2012**

Shabbat Shaharit/Morning Prayer.....	8:30 am
<i>Guest Speaker: Rabbi Daniel Bouskila, SEC Director on “Inspiring Activism: A Pre-Passover Call to Action”</i> .....	during morning services
Tehillim Women’s Reading .....	5:00 pm
<i>“Practical Passover: The Straight Talk” with Rabbi Hagay Batzri</i> .....	5:30 pm
Shabbat Minhah, Seudah, Arbit.....	6:30 pm
Motzei Shabbat / Havdallah.....	7:53 pm

**Weekdays**

**Sunday, April 1, 2012**

Shaharit/Morning Prayer .....	7:30 am
KJ Youth Choir .....	11:00 am

**Monday to Friday, April 2 to 6, 2012**

Shaharit/Morning Prayer .....	6:30 am
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**WEEKLY TORAH PORTION**  
Parashat **Tzav** 429 to 438;  
Haftara 1005 to 1008

## Welcome

Shabbat HaGadol Guest Speaker  
**Rabbi Daniel Bouskila**, SEC Director  
who will address the topic of  
**“Inspiring Activism:  
A Pre-Passover Call to Action”**  
during morning services



### Upcoming Guest Speaker Vladimir Davidovich “The Light of Pesah”

*Pesah / Shabbat, Saturday April 7th*

Mr. Davidovich is a Professional Engineer and teacher of mysteries in Torah and Kabbalah. He founded **Segulah**, an organization that shares hidden Jewish wisdom, *Chochmat HaNistar*, through mathematical & scientific evidence of the Mitzvot's divine nature. His work brings Jews close to Judaism.

### KJ Volunteers Needed

The Religious Committee seeks volunteers to welcome new and prospective members to our community by:

1. Serving on a Shabbat welcoming committee, with each volunteer representing a specific seating section.
2. Reading aloud English and Hebrew sections of the Shabbat prayers during services. Women are encouraged to participate as well.
3. Being part of a living Phone Tree and calling ten members when we have a special event, a guest speaker, etc.

For information or to volunteer contact Neil Sheff at [neil@sheffimmigration.com](mailto:neil@sheffimmigration.com)

## Thank You

To all the men and women who  
polish and clean our beautiful  
Torah cases for Passover

Rachel & Jeannot Acoca  
Sophie & Ben Elias  
Louise & David Elias  
Diana Solomon  
Louise Nathan  
Rita & Baruch Isaac  
Flossie Jacob  
David Wyner  
Shula Wyner

## Thank You

**Louise and David Elias**  
For ensuring that our Torah  
scarves are cleaned and to  
**Fultan Cleaners** for donating  
the dry cleaning care

## Condolences

to the family and friends of  
**Alex Soll, z”l**  
especially to our members  
The Sassoon, Masliah and  
Nathan families

*May Hashem Comfort Them Together with  
All the Mourners of Tz’ion*

## In Memoriam

We remember the following yahrzeits, the annual anniversary of passings, for the week of March 31st to April 7, 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.

### 8 Nisan / Shabbat, March 31

Ada Ezra *Ada bat Mindel Okin*

Carolyn Frances Ezra *Carolyn Frances bat Norman*  
Allan Norman Steiner *Alexander Nahum ben Mordechai*

### 9 Nisan / Sunday, April 1

Malka Lurie *Malka Lurie*

### 10 Nisan / Monday, April 2

Gohar Mashallah *Gohar bat Aga*  
Aziza Sassoon *Aziza bat Miriam*

### 11 Nisan / Tuesday, April 3

Kitty Israel Messiah *Khattoon bat Simba*  
Abraham G. Solomon *Avraham ben Shlomo Reuven*

### 12 Nisan / Wednesday, April 4

Flora Cohen *Farba Mitana bat Rahma Regina*  
Ralph Ferris *Raful ben Itzhak Faraj HaCohen*  
Luna Kadoorie *Luna bat Mazal Cohen*  
David Levi Solomon *David ben Shlomo HaLevi*

### 13 Nisan / Thursday, April 5

Abraham Asher Atraghji *Avraham Asher ben Ezra*

### 15 Nisan / Shabbat, April 7

Tillie Shansky *Tillie bat Evelyn*  
Naima Shashua *Naima bat Zvuda*  
Eyob Yehudah *Eyob ben Yebudah*

## Refuah Shlemah

Gerry Shapiro • Eliezer Saltoon *Eliezer Hai*  
*ben Roz* • Yocheved bat Rachel  
Rachamim ben Sarah • Hinah Titza bat Itah  
• Yitzhak ben Abdullah

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people of Israel. When the Jewish people heard they were going to be redeemed, freed from Egypt they fully trusted God. They didn't care about the food or about what they were going to eat on the way. They left Egypt quickly, baking their bread so rapidly that it became matza. They loved God and moved on, trusting in that love.

As the verse, or "pasuk," says in *Jeremiah/Yirmiyahu 2:2*: "Go and proclaim in the ears of Jerusalem, saying, 'Thus says the Lord, "I remember concerning you the devotion of your youth, The love of your betrothals, Your following after Me in the wilderness, Through a land not sown.'""

And, as we read on Pesach in the Song of Songs, "Shir Hashirim": "I am my beloved's and my beloved is mine." Read metaphorically, God loves us and belongs to us, and we love Him and belong to Him.

God called this holiday Hag Hamatzot to convey to us that He had such happiness in us, that He was proud to see the Jewish nation, fully trusting Him even though it looked as though they were going nowhere, into the desert. They were full of faith that, with God directing them, everything would turn out well.

Hashem has so much love for us that, for Him, the holiday is about our faith in Him. That's why He names it "Hag Hamatzot." It's His way of saying 'I remember your love for Me shown through the Matzot.' *Shabbat Shalom*

Do you think you have what it takes?

## Maurice Zekaria Backgammon Tournament

Entrance fee: \$50.00,  
**Winning the title: Priceless**

First Prize: \$800  
Second Prize: \$400  
Third Prize: \$200

Sunday April 22, 2012, 2:00 p.m.

Sandwiches and refreshments will be served

Kahal Joseph Congregation  
Errol Levi Social Hall  
10505 Santa Monica Blvd.  
Los Angeles, CA 90025

Reserve your spot by April 16  
Call the office at 310-474-0559 or  
email ydabby@sbcglobal.net

(Must be 18 years or older to enter)

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& **L**A Sephardic Synagogues  
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### Community Lag B'Omer @ Santa Monica Pier

Wednesday, May 9th, 2012 - 5:30pm-10:30pm

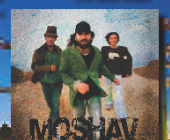
Rides, Games, Glatt Kosher Food  
& Fun for the Entire Family!

**DAY OF EVENT AT THE GATE \$18.00**  
Save on Admission, Pre Purchase Wristbands!  
Non-Rider \$10.00 / Riders \$12.00

Wristbands Available from S.T.A.R. & our Event Sponsors:

Adat Yeshurun	JEM Center	Mihalkan Yisroel	Sephardic Temple Tiferet Israel
Bats Sale	Jewish Unity Network	Mogen David	Shaarey Yerushalayim
Beit Mirvav	Kahal Joseph	Nesiah Synagogue	Torat Hayim
Em Habanim	Kahal Levy	Netaneli	West Coast Torah Center
Hechal Moshé	Magen David	Ohel Moshe	YACHAD Kollel
	Mammonides Academy	Our Haemet	

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BAND!**



## Blue & White Night

*KJ Yom Ha'atzmaut Celebration  
for Israel's Independence*

**Wednesday, April 25th  
7:00 pm**

*KJ Youth Choir*

*Kosher Grill on Wheels*

*Musical Guest Israeli Singer*

*Festive Arvit with Hallel*

*BINGO Games with Prizes*



### Rabbi Batzri's Hotline

Plan Your Next Shabbat Dinner ... Discuss your Jewish home and learn secrets that create a Jewish environment. Rabbi Batzri offers explanations of Jewish matters for young families and the entire family. Contact him at 310-717-8707 or at hbatzri@gmail.com. Now, let's set your table ...

# Kahal Joseph Congregation Passover Schedule 5772 / 2012

## **Monday, April 2nd**

*Ease into Passover: A Class with Rabbi Batzri*

Kahal Joseph Library 7:15 pm to 8:15 pm

## **Wednesday, April 4th**

### **Last Day to Sell Hametz at KJ!**

Selling Hametz Form must arrive before 12:00 noon

Kahal Joseph Office Fax 310.441.4059

## **Thursday, April 5th**

### **Checking for Hametz / Bedikat Hametz**

Search for the Hametz in the evening after 7:21 pm

## **Friday, April 6th**

### **Ta'anit B'chorim / Fast of Firstborn**

### **Erev Shabbat & Passover, First Seder Night**

Shacharit 6:30 am

**Stop Eating Hametz** before 10:34 am

**Burn Hametz** before 11:37 am

Candle Lighting 6:59 pm

Minha, Arvit & Hallel Hagadol 6:30 pm

**First Night Seder** begins after dark

## **Saturday, April 7th**

### **Shabbat & Passover, First Day / Second Seder Night**

Shaharit 8:30 am

*Guest Speaker: Vladimir Davidovich, Professional Engineer and Kabbalah Expert* will speak on "The Light of Pesah" during morning services

Class with Rabbi Batzri 5:30 pm

Minha, Arvit, Seuda Shlisheet, Hallel Hagadol 6:00 pm

Sefirat H'aomer First Night

Candle Lighting after 8:04 pm

**Second Night Seder** begins after dark

## **Sunday, April 8th**

### **Passover, Second Day Yom Tov**

Shaharit 9:00 am

*Guest Speaker: Rabbi Daniel Bouskila* during morning services

Class with Rabbi Batzri 6:00 pm

Minha & Arvit followed by Havdallah 7:00 pm

Yom Tov becomes Hol Hamoed 8:04 pm

## **Monday, April 9th to Thursday, April 12th**

### **Hol Hamoed / Intermediate Days of Passover**

Shaharit 6:30 am

## **Monday, April 9th**

### **Birkat Ilanot Trip / Blessing of the Trees**

Community Outing—Meet at 11:00 am at Underwood Farms

3370 Sunset Valley Road, Moorpark, CA

## **Thursday, April 12th**

### **Passover Sixth Day / Seventh Night, Yom Tov Begins**

Shaharit 6:30 am

Eruv Tavshilin before Candle lighting

Candle Lighting 7:04 pm

Minha and Arvit 6:30 pm

## **Friday, April 13th Yom Tov**

### **Erev Shabbat & Passover Seventh Day / Eighth Night**

Shaharit 9:00 am

Class with Rabbi Batzri 6:00 pm

Minha and Arvit 6:30 pm

Candle Lighting 7:05 pm

## **Saturday, April 14th**

### **Shabbat & Passover Eighth Day**

Shaharit 8:30 am

Class with Rabbi Batzri 6:00 pm

Minha, Seudah Shelishit & Arvit 6:30 pm

Havdallah, Motsei Shabbat & End of Yom Tov 8:09 pm