

# KOL MEVASSER

## Why Hebrew School?

by Dafna Ezran & Molly Jalali

As the school year draws to a close, we look forward to next fall. For Jewish families and parents with children in public school, these plans contain a special challenge. How do we honor our children's mainstream commitments—to soccer, ballet, music—and also honor a commitment to teach them about Jewish tradition?

According to Jewish tradition parents have three responsibilities: to teach children a trade, to teach them how to swim, and to teach them Torah. Many people in our society may help accomplish the first two goals. Would it even be possible to count the number of tutoring programs, sports programs, and enrichment offerings available?

There are thousands of secular schools that can prepare our kids for careers in business, law, medicine, academia and more. There are hundreds of sports programs to improve their physical health. But, who will teach them to enjoy their lives and what they learn? Who will teach them to find meaning in their daily routines? How to persist in the face of hardship and sorrow? How to celebrate and share the success and joy? Who will nurture their young spirits with inner lessons so they may thrive?

At Kahal Joseph's Norma and Sam Dabby Jewish Education Center, we offer parents and families a Hebrew school filled with talented, dedicated teachers and a hands-on, fun curriculum. Our program prepares kids to understand and participate in Jewish life. The 120 plus parents and children who attended our recent Shavuot Family Study Night know exactly what I'm talking about. The games at Shavuot Night—Jewpardy, Shavuot Bingo, Storytelling Recall—come from activities in KJ's Hebrew School program. If your kids enjoyed the activities there, they will love our Hebrew School.

Because we know, firsthand, the challenges our children face—some unique to them as Jewish children, some common to humankind—we would like to help. We would like nothing better than for our children to love and understand our tradition. To learn from Jewish wisdom. To enjoy Torah.

In 2012-13, we are incorporating changes to make these benefits easier for you and your children to access. Through our flexible program, we will offer weekend classes, after-school classes, and home-study options. We also have tuition assistance available. Let us help you prepare your kids, not just for a career, but for a life filled with meaning.

## KJ Schedule

### Shabbat Naso

**Friday, June 1, 2012**

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| Shaharit/Morning Prayer ..... | 6:30 am |
| Minhah/Arbith .....           | 6:30 pm |
| Shabbat Candle Lighting ..... | 7:41 pm |

**Saturday, June 2, 2012**

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| Shabbat Shaharit/Morning Prayer..... | 8:30 am |
| Women's Tehillim .....               | 6:00 pm |
| Rabbi's Class.....                   | 6:45 pm |
| Minha, Seudah Shlisheet, Arvith..... | 7:15 pm |
| Candle Lighting for Shavuot .....    | 8:45 pm |

### Weekdays

**Sunday, June 3, 2012**

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| Shaharit/Morning Prayer .....          | 7:30 am  |
| David S. Kelly Youth Choir of KJ ..... | 11:00 am |

**Monday to Friday, June 4 to 8, 2012**

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| Shaharit/Morning Prayer ..... | 6:30 am |
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### Erev Shabbat Beha'alotkha

**Friday, June 8, 2012**

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| Shaharit/Morning Prayer ..... | 6:30 am |
| Minhah/Arbith .....           | 6:30 pm |
| Shabbat Candle Lighting ..... | 7:45 pm |

*Join us Sunday, June 10<sup>th</sup> at noon for Hebrew School Open House. There will be arts & crafts, games, and a mystery ice cream project! Parents and public school kids in kindergarten through 7<sup>th</sup> grade this fall are invited to sample what we have to offer. Shabbat Shalom.*

Kahal Joseph Congregation  
Norma & Sam Dabby Jewish Learning Center

## Hebrew School Open House



**Sunday, June 10th at 12:00 pm**  
The best-kept secret on the  
Westside—KJ's Hebrew School!  
*Open House Activities & Projects Free  
to Public School Kids K-7th Grade*

## Calling KJ 2012 Graduates!

**Parents & Grandparents  
Send us your big news!**

We will have a special section  
congratulating all 2012 KJ Grads on their  
accomplishments in June's newsletter.  
E-mail pictures, your full name, your school's  
name, and if relevant, your major subject to  
[dafna@kahaljoseph.org](mailto:dafna@kahaljoseph.org)

## SHABBAT TORAH PORTION

Parashat **Naso** 586 to 601  
Haftara 602 to 604



## Legacy of Kindness Gala Dinner 09.09.12

The Executive Committee and the Board  
of Directors of Kahal Joseph Congrega-  
tion are pleased to announce our annual  
Legacy of Kindness Gala Dinner.

The gala and our community will honor  
Rylla and Benjamin H. Elias for their love,  
devotion, and dedicated service to our  
synagogue. The fete will take place this  
September 9, 2012. Save the date!  
Invitations will follow.

## Thank You

Shavuot Study Night Sponsors  
Tooraj Aghalar, Jim Berookhim,  
Yvette & Joe Dabby, Mehry  
Hakimpour, Igal Levy, Babak  
Refuoa, & Ladies Tehillim Group

## Refuah Shlemah

Gerry Shapiro • Yocheved bat Rachel •  
Rachamim ben Sarah • Hinah Titza bat Itah •  
Yitzhak ben Abdullah  
Mazal bat Malka • Dan Herdoon

## In Memoriam

We remember the following yahrzeit anniversary of  
passings, for June 2 to 9, 2012. It is customary to  
light a memorial candle and donate tzedakah. Fam-  
ily members are encouraged to attend prayer ser-  
vices in honor of loved ones the preceding Shabbat.

### 12 Sivan / Shabbat, June 2

Abraham Lurie *Avraham Lurie*  
Abdullah Zekaria *Sion Abdulla Zekaria*

### 13 Sivan / Sunday, June 3

Florence Amron *Farha Hanah bat Garzi*  
Sulman Soffer *Sulman Sion*

### 15 Sivan / Tuesday, June 5

Isaac Bekhore *Itzhak ben Yaacov*

## Shabbat Kiddush

is sponsored in memory of  
Judah Raymond Sassoon, z"l  
by his daughter Deborah Gil  
and brothers & sisters  
Saul, Aaron, Tabby, & Rachel

## Condolences

to the family and friends of  
Moses ben Ruben Saltoon, z"l  
who passed away this week in Australia  
especially to his sister, our dear  
member, Flossie Jacob, and her  
sisters Diana and Esther