

# KOL MEVASSER

## Where Are You?!

By Rabbi Hagay Batzri

This Shabbat we start the book of "Devarim" (which in Hebrew means "speeches" or "words"). This book of the Torah begins, "These are the words which Moshe spoke to all of Israel." Our sages say that when the word "spoke" is used in the Torah it always signifies "Lashon Kasha" words that are firm or a rebuke. When the verb "say" is used it signals "Lashon Kalah" words that are soft or gentle.

In other words, in this last book of the Torah, Moshe Rabenu rebukes the people of Israel, "Am Yisrael." This rebuke lasts from now, from Tisha B'Av, all the way until Parashat Haazinu that we read on the Shabbat just before Yom Kippur, Shabbat Teshuva.

It's interesting that Moshe gave the Jewish people a rebuke and uses the same language later made famous in the Book of Lamentations, known in Hebrew as "Eikha." We read the scroll of "Eikha" during the very week of Tisha B'Av, on the day itself. Eikha states: "How can I myself alone bear your cumbrance, and your burden, and your strife?"

Reading this line in Hebrew, the choice of words is interesting. Yirmiyahu the prophet, also known as Jeremiah, says "Eikha" . אֵיכָה

## President's Message

Dear Members,

It is important that ALL members attend our General Membership Meeting on Sunday, August 5th, at 1:00 P.M.

At this meeting we will discuss the state of the synagogue and an important vote will be taken with regards to the sale of the Crestview house owned by Kahal Joseph.

Please make every effort to attend. If you have voted already by mail, you should still attend this important meeting.

I look forward to seeing you.

Ronald Einy, President

In Hebrew the same root letters are found for the first time in Genesis, in the famous Torah portion of Beresheet when Adam hides himself from God. After the infamous incident when Adam eats fruit from the tree of knowledge, God asks him "Ayekah" אַיֶּכָּה it translates with this earlier

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## KJ Schedule

**Friday, July 27, 2012**

Shaharit/Morning Prayer ..... 6:30 am  
Shir HaShirim ..... 6:45 pm  
Minhah/Arbith ..... 7:00 pm  
Shabbat Candle Lighting ..... 7:40 pm

**Shabbat Hazon / Erev Tisha B'Av**

**Saturday, July 28, 2012**

Shaharit/Morning Prayer ..... 8:30 am  
Young Professional Minyan 10 am to 12 noon  
Women's Tehillim ..... following kiddush  
Early Minha ..... 12:45 pm  
Seudah Shlisheet ..... at home  
Fast Begins ..... 7:56 pm  
Motzei Shabbat / Partial Havdallah . 8:38 pm  
Arvit after Shabbat ..... 8:45 pm  
Eikha/Lamentations & Kinot... following Arvit

**Tisha B'Av**

**Sunday, July 29, 2012**

Shaharit/Morning Prayer ..... 8:30 am  
Minha & Arvit ..... 7:00 pm  
Fast Ends for Sepharadim ..... 8:21 pm

**Weekdays**

**Monday to Friday, July 30-August 3, 2012**

Shaharit/Morning Prayer ..... 6:30 am  
Women's Tehillim Group Monday@10:30 am


**Erev Shabbat Nahamu**

**Friday, August 3, 2012**

Shaharit/Morning Prayer ..... 6:30 am  
Shir HaShirim ..... 6:45 pm  
Minhah/Arbith ..... 7:00 pm  
Shabbat Candle Lighting ..... 7:32 pm


**Tu B'Av Holiday of Love Dinner for Young Singles and Couples ..... 8:00 pm**

*Kahal Joseph Congregation*  
*Legacy of Kindness*  
*Gala Tribute Dinner*



*Honoring*  
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**Mr. Joseph Samuels**  
*KJ Member of the Week*  
 During the week of Tisha B'Av, as we contemplate the idea of "baseless hatred" as the cause of the Second Temple's destruction, we look to the personification of the opposite trait. "Baseless Kindness" being our criterion, we picked our "rose" man who always smiles and puts a smile on others' faces. He makes us all "feel wonderful." Congratulations to the member of the week, who is none other than Joe Samuels.

**Mazal Tov**  
**Shirley and Guy Mani**  
**on the birth of your son Nadav**  
 Congratulations to the Grandparents  
 Eva Dloomy  
 Joyce and Ezra Mani

**Mazal Tov**  
**Sandi and David Salehai**  
**on the birth of your son**  
 Congratulations to the Grandparents  
 Felorans and Rahim Salehani  
 Akhtar and Khosrow Banishahi

**SHABBAT TORAH PORTION**  
 Parashat *Devarim* 735 to 749  
 Haftara 750 to 754



**Women's Tehillim Group**  
*with Rabbanit Orly Batzri*  
 \*Shabbat Hazon, July 28th\*  
 following Kiddush  
 \*Mondays at 10:30 am\*  
*Bring a friend to the KJ Library & Do a Mitzvah*

**Refuah Shlemah**  
 Gerry Shapiro • Yocheved bat Rachel • Salha Matana bat Mazal Tov • Rachamim ben Sarah • Hinnah Titza bat Itah • Yitzhak ben Abdullah • Mazal bat Malka • Dan Herdoon •  
 Mazal Tov bat Salha Matana Amron

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**Shabbat Kiddush**  
 is sponsored  
 in memory of  
 Moshe ben Yehezkiel Hagooli, z"l  
 by Ruth and Edmond Hagooli  
 and Family

**Thirty Days Memorial**  
**Isaac Joseph, z"l**  
 This coming Sunday, July 29 at 12 noon is the 30 days memorial service for our long-time member Isaac Joseph, z"l. It will be held at Home of Peace Cemetery, 4334 Whittier Blvd., Los Angeles. For directions please call the cemetery at 323-261-6135.

**In Memoriam**  
 We remember these yearzeit anniversary of passings, for July 28 to August 3, 2012. It is customary to light a memorial candle, donate tzedakah, and attend prayer services the preceding Shabbat.

**9 Av / Shabbat, July 28th**  
 Alice Acoca *Alice bat Esther*  
 Aziza Jacob *Aziza bat Farha*  
 Amalia Mussry *Amalia bat Rahel*  
 Mary Nathan *Mariam bat Bolisa*

**10 Av / Sunday, July 29th**  
 Ramon Zakoo *Yehya Ramon ben Ezra Halevy*

**12 Av / Tuesday, July 31st**  
 Aziza Elias *Aziza bat Rachel*  
 Hacham Moshe Masliah *Moshe ben Yaacob*  
 Hayat Sarraf *Hayat bat David*

**14 Av / Thursday, August 2nd**  
 Moshe Hagooli Levy *Moshe ben Yehezkiel HaLevy*  
 Eliyahu Mordechai Mizrahie *Eliyahu ben Mordechai*  
 Pinchas Rachmanoy *Pinchas ben Channah*

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vowelization of the Hebrew root , not as “How can I?” but instead as “Where are you?”

As always, in his unique way, The Ben Ish Hai points out that the seed for the rebuke we experience on Tisha B’Av was already created when Adam acted against the word of God. And God, with His mercy, indicated and let Adam know, by using a word whose root letters resembled those in “Eikha,” that Adam and his descendants would be able to atone for and repair his mistake in eating from the Tree of Knowledge.

So, we find two definitions for the letters aleph-yud-khaf-hay or א-י-ח-ה. One definition is “how” and the other is “where are you.” When the word is pronounced as “eikha,” like in our Parasha or in the scroll of Eikha, and the definition of the word is “how?” it signifies that it is too late. We are already paying for what we have done. As it says, “How doth the city sit solitary that was full of people! How is she become as a widow! She that was great among the nations, and princess among the provinces, how is she become tributary! She weepeth sore in the night, and her tears are on her cheeks; she hath none to comfort...”

At that time, God was just waiting to make sure we learned the lesson, and then He will again sweeten our days. But in Beresheet, when He addressed Adam, He was giving us a strong message by asking each of us “WHERE ARE YOU?!” After all, didn’t God know where Adam was?

The Ben Ish Hai explains, we should all ways ask and rebuke ourselves just as God pointed out to Adam: “WHERE ARE YOU?! Why are you hiding yourself? Face what you are doing and see where it is taking you.”

This is very powerful tool that we can each use to wake ourselves up and change our behavior. As a society and as a community we should continually ask ourselves: “Where are we?!” When we have erred, we should feel ashamed and sorry, and we should correct our ways. I love you all. Shabbat Shalom

## Tzur Mishelo Akhalnu

*The Rock from Whose [Bounty] We Have Eaten*

<http://youtu.be/W9cn1pytmYI>

The maqam for Shabbat Hazon, the Shabbat before Tisha B’Av is Hajaz. The melody is ether sad or very happy. On Shabbat we use the happy tune, without any mourning or sadness at all, even when Shabbat falls, as it does this year, on the 9<sup>th</sup> of Av itself. On the day we fast for Tisha B’Av we use the sad melody of Hajaz. In fact many of the Kinot for Tisha B’Av are in Maqam Hajaz.

Tzur Mishelo, the song for this Shabbat, mentions the meals we enjoy so much on Shabbat, and is often sung after these meals and before Birkat HaMazon, the blessing after the meal. But one thing is already missing in the lyrics from this song—the Bet Hamikdash, the holy Temple in Jerusalem. The final verse longs for the Temple to be rebuilt. So, it is particularly appropriate just before Tisha B’Av when we mourn the loss and destruction of the First and Second Temples.

Tzur mishelo achalnu, bar'chu emunai  
sav'anu vehotarnu kid'var Adonai

צור משלו אכלנו, ברכו אמוני,  
שבענו והותרנו כדבר ה'.

Hazan et olamo, ro'einu avinu  
achalnu milachmo, umiyeino shatinu  
Al ken nodeh lish'mo, unehalelo befinu  
amarnu ve'aninu, ein kadosh k'Adonai

הזן את עולמו, רוענו אבינו,  
אכלנו מלחמו, ומיינו שתינו.  
על כן נודה לשמו, ונהללו בפינו,  
אמרנו וענינו, אין קדוש כה'.

Beshir vekol todah, nevarech le'Eloheinu  
al eretz chemdah tovah, shehin'chil la'avoteinu  
Umazon vetzedah, his'bia lenafsheinu  
chas'do gavar aleinu, ve'emet Adonai

בשיר וקול תודה, בברך לאלהינו,  
על ארץ חמדה טובה, שהנחיל לאבותינו.  
ומזון וצדה, השביע לנפשנו,  
חסדו גבר עלינו, ואמת ה'.

Rachem bechasdecha, al am'cha tzureinu,  
al tzion mish'kan k'vodcha, z'vul beit tif'arteinu.  
Uven David avdecha, yavo veyig'aleinu,  
ru'ach apeinu, meshi'ach Adonai

רחם בחסדך, על עמך צורנו,  
על ציון משכן כבודך,  
זבול בית תפארתנו.  
ובן דוד עבדך, יבא ויבאלנו,  
רוח אפינו, משיח ה'.

Yibaneh hamikdash, ir tzion temale  
vesham nashir shir chadash, uvir'nanah  
sham na'aleh  
Harachaman hanik'dash, yit'barach veyit'aleh  
al kos yayin male, kebirkat Adonai

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על כוס יין מלא, כברכת ה'.



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