

# KOL MEVASSER

## Shabbat and Rosh Hodesh Shevat

Dear Kahal,

Shabbat Shalom and Hodesh Tov—I wish you a peaceful Shabbat and a good new month.

I recommend that all our members attend this beautiful, special occasion which occurs this weekend when we celebrate Shabbat together with the beginning of a new Jewish month and the arrival of the new moon. Friday evening and Saturday, Shabbat coincides with Rosh Hodesh Shevat.

In honor of this double festivity, I'll cook a special Hamen to celebrate both holy events. You'll join in our joyous services filled with songs, Hallel and a dedicated Torah reading for Rosh Hodesh that reminds us of when we were first given the privilege of marking a communal, Jewish calendar.

And Professor Lev Hakkak will discuss beautiful, lyric works by Yehuda HaLevy a leading Sepharadic poet from the Golden Age in Spain. Yehuda HaLevy's works are often included in our prayers and tefillot on major holidays. Dr. Hakkak will also offer his insights into the weekly Torah portion, Parasha Va'era, as we continue reading the book of Exodus / Shemot.

In honor of the new month, Rosh Hodesh Shevat, there is an Iraqi custom at Shabbat candle

lighting. Women lighting Nerot Shabbat, the Shabbat candles, often also light a candle for Rosh Hodesh. This extra candle does not require a special prayer or reading, simply a moment to meditate on the beginning of a new cycle (lunar, temporal, communal, familial, or personal) that is Rosh Hodesh.

It's also important to add some fruit to Friday night's meal, preferably a fruit that you have not eaten for the past twelve months (or simply for a long while). Before eating the fruit we bless our new, or renewed, experience by reciting the blessing / berakha of " Shehechyanu." As we bless we mention that that this prayer is intended to honor the arrival of the new month.

According to Rabbenu Yosef Haim, the Ben Ish Hai, wives should be treated especially well on this Shabbat. It is a mitzva for each husband to help and give an extra hand with his wife's work in the home and to greet her before she lights the Shabbat candles with a gift just for her.

And, of course, it's good to invite family and friends to share your Shabbat and Rosh Hodesh Dinner. If you wish to add an extra dimension of kedusha or holiness to your festivities, following Kiddush, the blessing on the wine, it is appropriate to read a prayer for a successful and productive month which follows below.

With wishes for a peaceful, healthy, happy, meaningful and successful month,

Rabbi Hagay Batzri

## KJ Schedule

### Erev Rosh Hodesh

**Friday, January 11, 2013**

Shaharit/Morning Prayer .....	6:30 am
Shir Hashirim .....	4:30 pm
Shabbat Candle Lighting .....	4:45 pm
Minhah/Arbith .....	4:45 pm

### Shabbat Va'era / Rosh Hodesh Shevat

**Saturday, January 12, 2013**

Shaharit/Morning Prayer .....	8:30 am
Ladies Tehillim Group .....	after kiddush
Minha, Seudah Shlisheet, Arvit .....	4:00 pm
Motzei Shabbat / Havdallah .....	5:31 pm

### Weekdays

**Sunday, January 13, 2013**

Shaharit .....	7:30 am
Talmud Torah .....	9:30 am
KJ Youth Choir .....	11:00 am

### Monday to Friday, January 14-18, 2013

Shaharit .....	6:30 am
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**Monday, January 14, 2013**

Women's Tehillim at KJ Library....	10:30 am
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### Erev Shabbat

**Friday, January 18, 2013**

Shaharit/Morning Prayer .....	6:30 am
Shir Hashirim .....	4:36 pm
Shabbat Candle Lighting .....	4:51 pm
Minhah/Arbith .....	4:51 pm

## KJ YOUTH CHOIR

Directed by Rabbi Hagay Batzri  
Sunday, January 13th@11 am

## Shabbat Kiddush

is sponsored  
In memory of their mother

Rahel bat Esther, z"l

by Bahareh Aslmand  
& Cici Hallegua

## Thank You

Laetizia and Ronald Einy  
for sponsoring the KJ Youth Choir  
outing to Lasertag to celebrate  
Hanukkah & their fine performance

## Welcome

Professor Lev Hakak, UCLA  
Our dear member who will give a talk on  
"Let My People Go" including insights into  
a poem by Yehuda HaLevy

## Refuah Shlemah

Gery Shapiro, Yocheved bat Rachel, Mazal bat Mal-  
ka, Dan Herdoon, Mazal Tov bat Salha Mat-  
ana, Moshe ben Ezra, Sasson ben Rahel / Sas-  
soon Moses, Penina bat Henia, Dov Ber ben  
Sonia, Hanna bat Esther

## SHABBAT READINGS

Torah 232-244, 695, Haftara 944-947

## In Memoriam

We remember these yahrzeit anniversaries for  
January 5 to 12, 2013. It is customary to light a  
memorial candle, donate tzedaka, and attend ser-  
vices the preceding Shabbat.

**1 Shevat / Shabbat, January 12th**  
Mozelle Solomon *Mozly bat Haviva*

**2 Shevat / Sunday, January 13th**  
Aziza bat Salha

Joseph Haghghi *Yosef ben Ezra*  
Samuel Sheff *Shlomo ben Binyamin*  
Albert Zekaria *Abdullah ben Zion Zekaria*

**4 Shevat / Tuesday, January 15th**  
Khorshid Farzaneh Farahi *Rabel bat Esther*

**6 Shevat / Thursday, January 16th**  
Albert Gaub *Avner Abraham ben Khatoon*  
Maurice Jacob Jonah *Maurice ben Yaacov*

**7 Shevat / Friday, January 17th**  
Samuel Saul Aaron *Shmoel ben Shaul*

**8 Shevat / Shabbat, January 19th**  
Ezra Ekaireb *Ezra Zion ben David*

F. Meyer Ellis *Eliyaboo Faraj ben Avraham Shalom*  
Rebecca Mizrahie *Rivka bat Toba*  
Edward Shashoua *Sion Edward ben Elisha*

## A Car for Penina

Our amazing staff member, Penina Solo-  
mon, had the misfortune of losing her car in  
an accident last month. She is seeking a re-  
placement vehicle. Penina is responsible for  
running errands for Kahal—preparing for  
Kiddush, cooking, shopping etc. If you have  
a car that you are willing to part with at low  
or no cost, please contact Sarah in the office  
at [310.474.0559](tel:310.474.0559). Your generosity will help  
both Penina and our community.

## A Prayer for Rosh Hodesh

*On the Eve of Rosh Hodesh this bakasha is said, for good  
providence, from the words of our sages.*

Liyshu-atkha kiviti Ad-nai: Liyshu-atkha kiviti Ad-nai:  
L'purkanakh sabarit Ad-nai. Ana Ad-nai hoshi-ana.  
Ana Ad-nai hoshi-ana. Ana Ad-nai hatzlikhana. Ana  
Ad-nai hatzlikhana. Yisa brakha me'et Ad-nai u'tzedaka  
m'Elohei yish-o. V'haya k'etz shatul al palgei  
mayim asher piryo yiten b'ito v'alehu lo yibol v'khol  
asher ya-aseh yatzliakh:

*Afterwards say "Lev Tabor" / "A Pure Heart" two times:*  
Lev tahor berach li Elo-im v'ru-akh nakhon khadesh  
b'kirbi. Lev tahor berach li Elo-im v'ru-akh nakhon  
khadesh b'kirbi.

*Then continue:*

Lo yamoosh sefer haTorah hazeh mipikha v'hagita  
bo yomam va'layla l'ma-an tishmor la'asot kekhool  
hakatuv bo ki az tatzli-akh et derakhekha v'az taskil:

*Afterwards the verse "V'amartem" is said three times:*  
V'amartem ko l'chai v'ata shalom u'vetkha shalom  
v'khol asher le'kha shalom:

בליל ראש חודש יאמר בקשה זו לסימן טוב, מ"לשון חכמים" (יהו"א ט"ו)  
לְיִשׁוּעַתְךָ קִיְוִי הוֹי לְיִשׁוּעַתְךָ קִיְוִי הוֹי  
לְפָרְקֶךָ סַבְרִית הוֹי לְפָרְקֶךָ סַבְרִית הוֹי  
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שְׁתַּל עַל-פְּלֵי מִים אֲשֶׁר פָּרְזוּ יָמֵן בְּעַמּוֹ וְעַל-זֵרַע לְאִי-יִבּוֹל וְכָל  
אֲשֶׁר-יַעֲשֶׂה יִצְלֵחַ:

ואחר כך יאמר פסוק י"לב טהור" שתי פעמים.  
לֵב טָהוֹר בְּרָאִלִי אֵל יוֹם רַחֲמֵיךָ לְבֹן חֹדֶשׁ בְּקִרְבִּי: (שתי פעמים)  
לְאִי-יִבּוֹשׁ לִפְנֵי הַתְּהוֹה תָּהָּ מִפְּדֵי וְהַגִּיתָ בּוֹ יוֹמָם וְלַיְלָה  
לְמַעַן תִּשְׁמְרֵנוּ לַעֲשׂוֹת כְּכֹל-הַפְּתוּב בּוֹ בְּיָמֵינוּ  
תִּצְלֵחַ אֶת-יְדְכֶם וְאֵן תִּשְׁבְּלִי:

ואחר-כך יאמר פסוק י"אמרתם כה לוח" שלש פעמים.  
וְאָמַרְתֶּם כֹּה לַחַי וְאִתָּה שְׁלוֹם וְכִיְתִיעַ שְׁלוֹם וְכָל אֲשֶׁר-לָךְ  
שְׁלוֹם: (שלש פעמים)



## Choir Fun & Games

Our Kahal Joseph Youth Choir enjoyed a recent outing to UltraZone LaserTag in Sherman Oaks courtesy of Laetizia and Ronald Einy, KJ Board President. As those of you who enjoyed the Choir's songs know, our amazing kids gave such a beautiful performance for over 150 people at the Kahal Joseph Hannukah party organized by our devoted Sisterhood.

At Lasertag, the choir shared a fabulous afternoon playing games, being silly and simply being kids while they chased each other through mazes, tagged one another, hid around corners and hung out together. The kids also shared a private party room and tried their luck at arcade games. Even a few of their parents, young at heart, joined in the fun.

The enjoyable afternoon was a personal gift from the Einy family in honor of the children's efforts. It was a well due reward for the many Sundays these young members of our congregation contributed to practicing, learning songs and continuing millennia of Jewish tradition.

## A Song for Rosh Hodesh

Rosh Hodesh l'Yisrael, adir u'mvorakh; Rosh Hodesh l'Yisrael, ametz u'mvorakh;  
 Rosh Hodesh l'Yisrael, ahuv u'mvorakh; Rosh Hodesh l'Yisrael, barukh u'mvorakh  
 Rosh Hodesh l'Yisrael, bahir u'mvorakh; Rosh Hodesh l'Yisrael, gadol u'mvorakh  
 Rosh Hodesh l'Yisrael, dagul u'mvorakh; Rosh Hodesh l'Yisrael, hadur u'mvorakh  
 Rosh Hodesh l'Yisrael, vatic u'mvorakh; Rosh Hodesh l'Yisrael, zakai u'mvorakh  
 Rosh Hodesh l'Yisrael, haviv u'mvorakh; Rosh Hodesh l'Yisrael, tov u'mvorakh  
 Rosh Hodesh l'Yisrael, tahor u'mvorakh; Rosh Hodesh l'Yisrael, yafeh u'mvorakh  
 Rosh Hodesh l'Yisrael, kalil u'mvorakh; Rosh Hodesh l'Yisrael, lauv u'mvorakh  
 Rosh Hodesh l'Yisrael, magen u'mvorakh; Rosh Hodesh l'Yisrael, na'im u'mvorakh  
 Rosh Hodesh l'Yisrael, samukh u'mvorakh; Rosh Hodesh l'Yisrael, elyon u'mvorakh  
 Rosh Hodesh l'Yisrael, patu'akh u'mvorakh; Rosh Hodesh l'Yisrael, tzadik u'mvorakh  
 Rosh Hodesh l'Yisrael, tzahov u'mvorakh; Rosh Hodesh l'Yisrael, kadosh u'mvorakh  
 Rosh Hodesh l'Yisrael, rav u'mvorakh; Rosh Hodesh l'Yisrael, shalem u'mvorakh  
 Rosh Hodesh l'Yisrael, shamur u'mvorakh; Rosh Hodesh l'Yisrael, sagiv u'mvorakh  
 Rosh Hodesh l'Yisrael, tamim u'mvorakh;

ראש חודש לישראל, אדיר ומבורך. ראש חודש לישראל, אמת ומבורך.  
 ראש חודש לישראל, אהוב ומבורך. ראש חודש לישראל, ברך ומבורך.  
 ראש חודש לישראל, בהיר ומבורך. ראש חודש לישראל, גדול ומבורך.  
 ראש חודש לישראל, דגול ומבורך. ראש חודש לישראל, דוד ומבורך.  
 ראש חודש לישראל, נחמ ומבורך. ראש חודש לישראל, נאי ומבורך.  
 ראש חודש לישראל, נבי ומבורך. ראש חודש לישראל, טוב ומבורך.  
 ראש חודש לישראל, נהור ומבורך. ראש חודש לישראל, נפה ומבורך.  
 ראש חודש לישראל, כליל ומבורך. ראש חודש לישראל, לבוב ומבורך.  
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 ראש חודש לישראל, סגור ומבורך. ראש חודש לישראל, עליון ומבורך.  
 ראש חודש לישראל, פתוח ומבורך. ראש חודש לישראל, צדיק ומבורך.  
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 ראש חודש לישראל, רב ומבורך. ראש חודש לישראל, שלם ומבורך.  
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 ראש חודש לישראל, תמים ומבורך.

### PURIM at KJ

Save the Dates

*Sunday, February 10th*

**Purim Baking for Baskets**

*Sunday February 17th*

**Backgammon Tournament**

*Saturday, February 23rd*

**Megillah Reading@7:30 pm**

*Sunday, February 24th*

**PURIM CARNIVAL@11 am**

**Kahal Joseph Congregation**  
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*Ronald Einy and the Board of Directors of  
Kahal Joseph Congregation  
invite our members to a*

# Tu B'Shvat Luncheon

Saturday, January 26, 2013

*following Shabbat Shira services*

The luncheon is sponsored in memory of two pillars of our synagogue  
whom we will always remember, Rebecca and Saul Mizrahie, z"l

Share a traditional Iraqi Seder and luncheon for KJ members

*Celebrate the annual rebirth and renewal of the trees*

Enjoy melodies from the KJ Youth Choir

*Bless a variety of fruits and nuts*

Create blessings in our lives

*Bring the year to fruition*

Invitation for  
KJ Members Only

Luncheon is for KJ Members ONLY  
*There is no charge, but Member  
RSVP is Required to 310.474.0559*