

Dancing for Nothing: A Story Retold

by Rabbi Hagay Batzri

Here is a story that a remarkable woman shared with others. I think it's quite a touching story that contains a powerful message, a message that will enlighten our Hanukka and raise us up. Originally it was entitled, "Nissim b'Tel Aviv 2014" or "Miracles in Tel Aviv 2014."

Yesterday I stood at the entry to the maternity ward in Ichilov, the main hospital in northern Tel Aviv. This time, I was at the maternity ward not to give birth, but to visit.

As you know, Tel Aviv is a city associated with many things, but it is not commonly thought of as a religious place. Even though I wore a head covering, as I stood at the door of the ward, a gentle young woman approached me. She was overcome with emotion and asked, "Are you Nurit from Ashira [a women's organization]?"

"Yes," I smiled.

The woman whose name I did not know began telling me, "Ten years I'd been married and had not had any children..."

The clothes she wore poignantly finished her story. She was wearing hospital clothes given to women who had just delivered a baby . . .

She continued, "Last year I heard a lesson given by Rabbanit Yemima about Hanukka and about the importance of praising and thanking G-d in front of the Hanukka candles. Rabbanit Yemima told us that we must thank G-d for what we lack as well as for what we have."

So, of course, I had tears in my eyes as this sweet woman went on with her story.

"My husband and I decided, after we'd tried everything, to take strength and praise Hashem for our lack of children. We found ourselves dancing in front of the Hanukka candles, thanking G-d that we didn't have children."

"During those eight days of Hanukka we travelled to Mea Shearim [the ultra-Orthodox, religious neighborhood in Jerusalem] because Rabbanit Yemima had explained to us the importance of lighting Hanukka candles in a beautiful, shining chanukiya made of polished silver. When we arrived at the store that sold silver goods, we turned around and returned home. The prices were far beyond what we could afford with our budget. "

"The next day, I returned to Mea Shearim. I circled around the store for nearly an hour. In the end I decided to buy the chanukiya on an installment plan. I bought a beautiful silver chanukiya for my husband. When I arrived home, I wrapped it up and put it away on the shelf for next year. "

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KJ Schedule Parashat Vayeshev

Erev Shabbat

Friday, November 22nd

Shaharit/Morning Prayer	6:30 am
Shir Hashirim	4:15 pm
Shabbat Candle Lighting	4:27 pm
Minhah/Arbith	4:27 pm

Shabbat / Parashat Vayeshsev

Saturday, November 23rd

Shaharit/Morning Prayer	8:30 am
Minha, Seudah Shlisheet, Arvit	4:00 pm
Motzei Shabbat / Havdallah	5:34 pm

Weekdays

Sunday, November 24th

Shaharit	7:30 am
KJ Kids Sunday School	10:00 am

Sisterhood Children's Hanukka Party

11:00 am

Mon to Wed, & Fri November 25-27 & 29

Shaharit	6:30 am
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Thanksgiving, Thursday, November 28th

Shaharit	7:30 am
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Hanukka, First & Second Nights

Wed & Thurs Eve, November 27th & 28th

Light Hanukka Candles	just after dark
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Erev Shabbat / Hanukka Third Night

Friday, November 29th

Shaharit/Morning Prayer	6:30 am
Shir Hashirim	4:10 pm
Hannuka Candlelighting before Shabbat candles Use long lasting Hannuka candles (1 hour +)	
Shabbat Candlelighting	4:25 pm
Minhah/Arbith	4:25 pm

KJ Hanukkah Melodies on YouTube

Listen to our own Rabbi Hagay Batzri
reciting Haftarat Vayeshev
<http://youtu.be/pCA3f8D4eek>

Enjoy Rabbi Batzri chanting
the Hanukkah Torah Reading
<http://youtu.be/e9VC9529u1s>

And, receiving almost 10,000 views is our
dear member, Abe Abraham, singing
a Jewish, Iraqi Hanukkah Song
<http://youtu.be/khzVpj5Eukk>

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*"Do you understand, Nurit? This week I made
my last payment for the chanukiya. And this
year we will light the chanukiya with our new-
born daughter in my arms. She was born in
Kislev, the month of miracles."*

*This anonymous woman asked me to call
Rabbanit Yemima and tell her story. When
she heard the story, Yemima cried too.*

My dear Kahal, I would like to bless our com-
munity and suggest that when we stand be-
fore our Hanukkah candles this year, we each
dance, praise G-d, and thank Him for what we
lack as well as for what we have. I wish, for
each of you, that what you lack will be fulfilled
by Hashem by next Hanukkah.

Shabbat Shalom & Happy Hanukkah

Shabbat Kiddush

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Thank You

Sisterhood of Kahal Joseph

for planning, organizing,
and beautifully hosting
the Sisterhood's Annual
Children's Hanukkah Party

for KJ families
and young members

Refuah Shlemah

Vera Levi

Joseph Sharaf / Yossef ben Jamila
Maurice Ovadia / Moshe ben Noosha
Tilda Levy / Tilda bat Miriam
Pnina Herzbrun / Pnina bat Esther
Michael Herzbrun / Michael Baruch ben Sarah
Meir ben Farha
Rahel bat Marsel

*Please renew each name listing every two weeks. If
you would like to add a member name to the list call
310-474-0559 or e-mail dafna@kahaljoseph.org*

In Memoriam

We remember these yahrzeit anniversaries for
November 23rd to 30th, 2013. It is customary to
light a memorial candle, donate tzedaka, and attend
services the preceding Shabbat.

20 Kislev / Shabbat, November 23rd

Alec Jacob Jonah Avraham ben Yaacov
Moshe Nissan Moshe ben Hayim Nissan

22 Kislev / Monday, November 25th

Joseph Israel Yosef ben Rabbia
Earl H. Klein Eliyahu Michael ben Yaakov
Meir Sawdayi Meir ben Shaul

Ezekiel Isaac Raymond Yehezkiel ben Mullah Rahamim

23 Kislev / Tuesday, November 26th

Joseph Azar Yosef Sion ben Yaacob
Gorjeh Youssefzadeh

24 Kislev / Wednesday, November 27th

Regina David Regina bat Salha Matana
Lily Jacob Leah bat Masooda
Mansour Sedaghat Mansour ben Benayahu
Joseph Hayim Yaakov Yossef Hayim Yaacov

25 Kislev / Thursday, November 28th

Ezra Abraham Ezra Avraham ben Rahma
Rachel Moses Rachel bat Hannah

26 Kislev / Friday, November 29th

Dan Darwish Daniel ben Rahamim
Sassoon Jacob Jonah Sasson ben Yaakov
Yitzhak Sinder Yitzhak ben Shimon

27 Kislev / Shabbat, November 30th

Yosef Rahamim ben Yaacov Shalom

Readings: Shabbat Vayeshev

Torah: Genesis/Sefer Beresheet

Hertz edition pages 141 to 151

Haftara Amos, Hertz edition pages 152 to 154

♥ Shabbat Shalom ♥

A Hanukkah Gift for KJ Members

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THE RAINMAKER

A Play by N. Richard Nash Directed by Jack Heller

Complimentary Tickets available to Kahal Joseph Members for **The Rainmaker**, a play at the Edgemar Center in Santa Monica
Sunday, December 1st at 4:30 pm OR Sunday, December 8th at 4:30 pm
Two tickets per adult member. First come, first served.
A limited number of tickets are available.

How to Reserve Tickets for The Rainmaker at the Edgemar:

- 1) On **Sunday, November 24th**, tickets will be given to KJ Adult Members attending the **Sisterhood Children's Hanukkah Party** with children in their family.
- 2) If tickets remain, beginning on Monday, November 25th tickets may be reserved by e-mail. Send an e-mail with subject line "Attention: Rainmaker" to dafna@kahaljoseph.org. In the e-mail please include the performance date, each adult member's name, and whether to reserve one or two tickets per member. E-mail reservations received before 12:00 am on Monday, November 25th will not be honored.

PLEASE NOTE: 1) This play is suitable for older teens and adults. 2) Theater releases seats to the general public at 4:45 pm on day of show. Latecomers will not have reservations honored.

Edgemar Center for the Arts, 2437 Main Street, Santa Monica CA 90405

Thank you to the Edgemar Center for providing these tickets to our community through a generous grant.

Light Up Your Life with Hanukkah Candles & Blessings

Families usually light their Hanukkah menorah directly or soon after nightfall. If Hanukkah begins on Shabbat eve, the Hanukkiyah should be lit just before sundown with candles that last until after dark. To light, **place candles in the rightmost position on your menorah**—one for the first night, two for the second, etc.—plus the shamash, the helper candle. Now recite the blessings.

Two Blessing for All Eight Nights of Hanukkah

*Baruch Atah Adonai Eloheinu Melech
HaOlam, asher kidshanu b'mitzvotav
v'tzivanu l'hadlik ner Hanukkah.*

Blessed are You, O Lord Our God, Ruler of the Universe, Who has sanctified us with Your commandments and commanded us to kindle the lights of Hanukkah.

*Baruch Atah Adonai Eloheinu Melech
HaOlam, she'asah nisim l'avoteinu,
ba'yamim hahem ba'zman hazeh.*

Blessed are You, O Lord our God, Ruler of the Universe, Who made miracles for our forefathers in those days at this time.

Third Blessing for First Night Only

This third blessing, Shehekheyanu is only said on the first night of Hanukkah:

*Baruch Atah Adonai Eloheinu Melech
HaOlam, shehekheyanu, v'kiyemanu,
v'higiyanu lazman hazeh.*

Blessed are You, O Lord Our God, Ruler of the Universe, Who has kept us alive, sustained us and brought us to this season.

**Light candles from the newest to the oldest,
moving from left to right.**

Information at: www.KahalJoseph.eventbrite.com

An Evening of Qanoon, Klezmer Wine, and Desserts

Graciously Hosted at The Refoua Penthouse on Sunset

December 3rd
The seventh Night of Hanukkah

From 8PM – 10PM

Tickets - \$35
Tickets for Two - \$60
On-Site Valet Parking Included with Ticket



FOR TICKETS

Limited seating. Please reserve at www.KahalJoseph.eventbrite.com

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Join us at this festive Hanukkah event linking synagogues across Los Angeles.



The Sisterhood of Kahal Joseph
invites the children of our community to a

Hanukkah Celebration

Sunday, November 24th 2013 at 11:00 am
featuring wonderful entertainment



Clown & Balloon Art

Magician Extraordinaire!

Sweets & Treats for the Children

Fun for the Whole Family



RSVP Requested

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Hag Sameah!

♥ Happy Hanukkah!



David Kelly Youth Choir Rabbi Batzri, Director
Next Meeting in January 2014, b"H