

KOL MEVASSER

President's Message

Dear Members,

I write to inform you that there will be no election held this year, since no additional nominations were submitted by the membership to be included with the slate of nominees put together by the nominating committee.



My special appreciation goes to the nominating committee: Yvette Dabby, Danny Shiri and Renee Reiz for putting together such a diverse group of individuals, each of whom I am eager to team with over the next three years.

After 27 years of serving our synagogue, I view this as an important validation of the wonderful work our current Board of Directors has done by facing our many challenges with openness and clarity. I am deeply grateful to our Board of Directors for its leadership, its focus and commitment to realize the vast potential of our many programs and services to the community.

We have come a long way from where we began three years ago. Today, Kahal Joseph stands strong on a most solid foundation, a foundation that will bear the weight of our many dreams in the future.

Clearly, this is a defining moment for me, our new Board of Directors, and Kahal Joseph. I am incredibly enthusiastic about our future. But more than anything, it is my great personal privilege, and a singular honor to be given a second term to expand upon what we started, and to serve a synagogue that has held my heart my entire life.

Our new Board and I will continue to work for the betterment of Kahal Joseph, and God willing we will always represent our members, and the entire Sephardic community, at the highest and most well regarded level.

Our every success will belong to Kahal Joseph, and to you, our members.

I thank you all for your love and support,
Ronald Einy

KJ Schedule Parashat Vayakhel

Erev Shabbat

Friday, February 21st

Shaharit/Morning Prayer	6:30 am
Shir Hashirim.....	5:15 pm
Shabbat Candlelighting	5:24 pm
Minhah/Arbith	5:24 pm

Yom Shabbat / Shabbat Day

Saturday, February 22nd

Shaharit/Morning Prayer	8:30 am
Minha, Seudah Shlisheet, Arvit.....	4:45 pm
Motzei Shabbat / Havdallah	6:28 pm

Weekdays

Sunday, February 23rd

Shaharit	7:30 am
KJ Kids Sunday School.....	10:00 am
David Kelly KJ Youth Choir	11:30 am

Monday to Thursday, February 23rd to 27th

Shaharit.....	6:30 am
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Erev Shabbat

Friday, February 28th

Shaharit/Morning Prayer	6:30 am
Shir Hashirim.....	5:15 pm
Shabbat Candlelighting	5:30 pm
Minhah/Arbith	5:30 pm

Tanakh Readings / Parashat Vayakhel

Torah Portion

from Exodus/Shemot pages 373 to 381

Portion from the Prophets

Haftara Kings I / Melachim Alef 383 to 384



Welcome
Rabbi Daniel Bouskila
SEC Director

our KJ Shabbat Lunch & Learn speaker on the topic

Hebron 1929: The True Origins of the Palestinian-Israeli Conflict

Next Lunch & Learn with Rabbi Bouskila will be March 22nd on the topic of

Halakhic Genius, Political Revolutionary:
 The Unique Legacy of Rav Ovadia Yosef

Shabbat Kiddush

is sponsored in memory of

Eliyahu ben Sassoon
 Shmuel Hacham Sassoon, z"l

by
 Ruby and Joseph Samuels

In Appreciation

On behalf of Ruth and our family, thank you for the outpouring of messages of condolence relayed to Ruth, our daughter Dana, and our grandchildren, Mia, Coby, Noah, & Raya from many in Kahal Joseph Congregation. It is very heartwarming. With our sincere regards,
 Ruth and Edmond Hagooli

In Memoriam

We remember these yearzeit anniversaries for February 22 to March 1, 2014. It is customary to light a memorial candle, donate tzedaka, & attend services the preceding Shabbat.

23 Adar I / Sunday, February 23rd

Bernard Jonathan Amron *Yonatan ben Mishael*
 Eliyahu Kattan *Eliyahu ben Salim*
 Elisha ben Nassim Nawy

25 Adar I / Tuesday, February 25th

Rivka Blank *Rivka bat Sarah Hannah*

26 Adar I / Wednesday, February 26th

Moses Solomon Noah *Moshe ben Shlomo Noah*
 Yaghoub Partiyeli

27 Adar I / Thursday, February 27th

Kitty Bar
 Elias M. Judah *Eliyahu Hayim ben Meir Yehuda*

29 Adar I / Shabbat, March 1st

Tefara Menashe *Tefara bat Ezra*



An Evening of Songs

with Paytan

Rabbi Hagay Batzri
 The Moshav Band &

Rabbi Lord Jonathan Sacks

Motzei Shabbat, Melave Malkah
 Saturday, February 22, 2014 at 8:00 pm
 at Mogen David Congregation

Thank You
Purim Carnival 5774 / 2014

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David Kelly
KJ YOUTH
CHOIR

Rabbi Hagay Batzri, Director
MEETING THIS SUNDAY,
FEBRUARY 23rd @ 11:30 AM

Shabbat Shalom

Wishing you a joyful & peaceful Shabbat

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Refuah Shlemah

Mordechai Cohen / Mordecai ben Avraham
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 Tilda Levy / Tilda bat Miriam
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 Maurice Ovadia / Moshe ben Noosha
 Pnina Herzbrun / Pnina bat Esther
 Michael Herzbrun / Michael Baruch ben Sarah
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Parashat Vayakhel: Themes of Shabbat

By Rabbi Marc D. Angel

This week's Parasha begins with Moses gathering the people of Israel and reminding them of the sanctity of the Sabbath. As they are busy with the construction of the Mishkan (sanctuary), they are not to lose sight of the overarching lessons of Shabbat.

The holiness of Shabbat is not observable objectively. Unlike Rosh Hodesh or the seasonal festivals, there is no clear pattern in the natural world which would indicate that the seventh day of each week should be sacred. There is no scientifically observable difference between time on the Sabbath and time on any other day of the week. Shabbat is sacred and special only to those who are spiritually attuned to its sanctity.

Shabbat is a commemoration of God as Creator. The Torah's creation story teaches that God fashioned the world in six stages and "rested" on the seventh stage. We symbolically acknowledge this process of God's creation by working on six days and resting on the seventh. Shabbat is an expression of our recognition of the original rhythm of God's act of creation.

On Shabbat, we are to abstain from 39 types of creative activity, such as building, plowing, writing, sewing, generating fire etc. These endeavors reflect human control of nature. For six days each week, we are empowered to mold the natural world to meet our needs. On Shabbat, though, we abstain from these weekday activities. We recognize, not just by philosophical meditation but by symbolic emulation, that

God is the Creator and Master of the universe. On the seventh day, when we are not engaged in controlling the natural world, the natural world continues to be sustained by God's power.

Shabbat is not merely a day to abstain from certain kinds of activity. It also is a day for positive experience of joy, family togetherness, communal inter-relatedness. Shabbat is sanctified in the home with the lighting of candles before sunset, the eating of three festive meals during Shabbat, the singing of hymns around the family table. Shabbat is sanctified in the synagogue in prayer, study, and re-affirmation of friendships.

Jewish law and custom prescribe that Shabbat must be respected by our wearing nice clothes, preparing special foods, studying Torah, and participating in communal prayer. By changing our daily routine, we leave profane time and enter the sacred time of Shabbat.

Rabbi Eliezer Azikri, a 16th century kabbalist of Safed, has explained in his book "Sefer Hareidim" that the three meals on Shabbat relate to the three major themes of the day. The Friday night meal relates to the Shabbat of creation. The blessing over wine at the Friday night meal includes the chanting of the Biblical verses describing that first Shabbat of creation. The meal of Shabbat morning is connected to the Shabbat laws as revealed to the children of Israel on Mount Sinai. The morning prayer on Shabbat refers to the Sinaitic source of Shabbat observance, as do the verses chanted before the Kiddush at Shabbat lunch. The Shabbat afternoon meal relates to the "world that is all Shabbat," the future messianic period. This theme is central to the afternoon prayer which refers to God as being One and His name One,

an allusion to messianic times when everyone will recognize the One true God.

At the conclusion of Shabbat, Havdalah (separation) symbolizes the return to non-sacred time. A blessing is recited over wine and over the fragrance of spices, herbs or fruit. Then a blessing is made over the light of a candle, indicating that we may once again create fire and return to the regular tasks of the six work days. The Havdalah concludes with a blessing praising God for having separated between the holy and the profane, between light and darkness, between Israel and the nations, and between Shabbat and the six work days. The sacred time of Shabbat, thus, is set off at the beginning with the lights of Shabbat candles and at the end with the fire of Havdalah. The time between these fires is categorically different from the profane time of the rest of the week. But no one can experience that sacred time unless he or she enters it consciously and with spiritual awareness.

Shabbat is a magnificent gift which the Almighty has granted to us. Those who observe Shabbat can truly appreciate the spiritually liberating significance of this gift. Shabbat Shalom

Kahal Joseph Congregation

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Sunday, March 16th

11 am to 4 pm



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Purim

Baking for Community Gift Baskets



Sunday, March 9th
2:30 pm and on
with Tea, Cards &
Backgammon to follow



KJ PURIM EVENTS

Baking for KJ Purim Baskets
Sunday, March 9th at 2:30 pm

Tea, Cards and Backgammon to follow the baking

Fast of Esther / Taanit Esther
Thursday, March 13th

Fast 5:52 am to 7:21 pm (Sephardim) Shaharit 6:15 am
Mincha w/Torah Reading & Birkat Cohanim 6:30 pm

PURIM EVE, MEGILLAH READING
with Choir Performance

Motzei Shabbat, Saturday, March 15th at 8:00 pm

PURIM DAY

Sunday, March 16th

Morning Megillah, 1st Reading 7:30 am, 2nd Reading
12:00 pm; Mincha Prayer Service, 1:00 pm

PURIM CARNIVAL

Sunday, March 16th, 11:00 am to 4:00 pm