

KOL MEVASSER

President's Message

Dear Members and Friends,

Three weeks ago, Rabbi Bouskila presented me with a copy of the book "Future Tense: Jews, Judaism and Israel in the Twenty-First Century" written by Rabbi Jonathan Sacks.

This most thought-provoking book chronicles and analyses a remarkable number of ideas and ideals, both positive and negative, that we as Jews have lived with throughout our history and will continue to live with. It clearly spells out every aspect of the "Jewish condition" in the most thoughtful, intellectually honest and hopeful way.

I have never read a book that gives such a complete synopsis concerning the existential angst of Jews and Judaism, and how these two effects, sometimes bent on undoing each other, coincide. What it is to be a Jew in our own times and what is needed for our preservation and continuity take on a new clarity.

The book also presents the many problems that face Jews and their relationship with Israel today, with Rabbi Sacks detailing the challenges and giving his solid vision for many possible solutions.

The potency of this work is staggering; it is an amazingly erudite and passionate book. Reading "Future Tense" has altered and framed the way I think on so many hot-button issues that we constantly tackle as Jews. It has given me a greater self-awareness of who and what I am as a Jew, not only within myself,

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Passover: Getting To Know Your Audiences

(Parashat Vayikra/Shabbat Ha-Hodesh)

By Rabbi Daniel Bouskila

This week we officially begin our countdown to Passover, the holiday that marks the birth of the Jewish people as a nation. Every year on *Shabbat Ha-Hodesh* we read an additional section from the Torah -- twenty verses from Exodus 12:1-20 -- that describe the ritual of the *Korban Pesach* (Passover offering) and the commandment to remove *Hametz* (leaven) from our homes and to eat *Matzah* (unleavened bread). The Talmud named this Shabbat "*Shabbat Ha-Hodesh*" -- the Sabbath of "The Month," with "The Month" being the month of Nissan. This year, *Shabbat Ha-Hodesh* falls out on *Rosh Hodesh Nissan* -- the first day of the month of Nissan. Both *Shabbat Ha-Hodesh* and *Rosh Hodesh Nissan* formally take us into "Passover mode."

No holiday requires more detailed and elaborate preparation than Passover. Many have certainly started the grand "spring cleaning," an elaborate "koshering" for Passover of our homes, kitchens and utensils, and, of course, the menu preparations and shopping for the Seder. *Parashat Ha-Hodesh* reminds us of all of this, but it also reminds us of another preparation that is no less central to Passover -- the intellectual and spiritual preparation for the Seder and the reading of the Haggadah.

The Seder table is much more than a meal. It is a Jewish symposium. The Haggadah's question and answer format is meant to trigger meaningful discussions about Jewish history, Jewish experiences and Jewish

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KJ Schedule Shabbat HaChodesh Parashat Vayikra

**Erev Shabbat HaChodesh
Erev Rosh Hodesh Nissan**

Friday, March 20th

Shaharit / Morning Prayer .. 6:30 am
Shabbat Candle Lighting . 6:46 pm
Minha / Arbith 6:46 pm

Shabbat HaChodesh / Rosh Hodesh

Saturday, March 21st

Shaharit/Morning Prayer 8:30 am
Minha, Seudah, Arvit 6:15 pm
Motzei Shabbat / Havdala ... 7:50 pm

Weekdays

Sunday, March 22nd

Shaharit 7:30 am
Talmud Torah 10:00 am

Monday to Friday, March 23 to 27

Shaharit / Morning Prayer .. 6:30 am

Wednesday, March 25th

Talmud Torah 4:30 pm

Thursday, March 26th

**Operation Michaelberg Talk with
Noa Geffen & Desserts 7:30 pm**

Erev Shabbat HaGadol

Friday, March 27th

Shaharit / Morning Prayer .. 6:30 am
Shabbat Candle Lighting . 6:51 pm
Minha / Arbith 6:51 pm

Torah & Haftara Readings

Parashat Vayikra 410 to 436
Parashat Rosh Hodesh 674-675
Parashat HaChodesh 253-257
Haftara HaChodesh 1001-1004

Shabbat Kiddush
is sponsored in honor of
Hilda Sassoon's
100th Birthday

by The Nathan, Sassoon,
Masliah & Hutchins Families



Congratulations
to Hilda Sassoon
on Her 100th Birthday

Love From
The Nathan, Sassoon,
Masliah & Hutchins Families

Congratulations
Jacob Helali
on completing a challenging 2015
Los Angeles Marathon

Congratulations
Pantea Sarah & John
Farhamy
on the birth of a baby girl
Mazal Tov to the Grandparents
and all the family

Congratulations
Saul & Sarah Davida
Wyner
on Your Marriage
Mazal Tov to
brother, David Wyner and
parents, Shula Wyner
Yehudit Wiener & John Pyle and
grandmother, Adele Wyner

KJ Maot Hittim Drive
Tzedakah for Pesah
Maot Hittim is a mitzvah special to
Passover. We donate to enable
everyone to have Matzah and food
on their Pesah table. Donations go
to organizations like Tomchei
Shabbat or Global Kindness. We
suggest a donation of \$18 or
more. Call Sarah at 310.474.0559

Refuah Shlemah
Moselle Amron • Maurice Ovadia • Tilda Levy
Esther Duke • Abe Abraham • Sassoon Ezra

In Memoriam
We remember these yahrzeit anniversaries for
March 21 to 28, 2015. It is customary to light a
memorial candle, donate tzedaka, & attend ser-
vices the preceding Shabbat.

1 Nisan / Shabbat, March 21st
Lotfollah Nassi
Clara Saltoun *Ghala bat Esther*
Sydique Charlie Zakoo *Sadik Salah ben Ezra Halevi*

2 Nisan / Sunday, March 22nd
Sharlo Benbeniste *Shlomo ben Moshe*
Aaron Yosef Eliyahu *Aharon Yosef Eliyahu ben Amouma*
Sarina Levy *Sara bat Khatoon*

3 Nisan / Monday, March 23rd
Hilwa Farha Ezair *Hilwa Farha bat Tiffahah Ezair*
Jalal Kohan
Naim Sassoon *Naim ben Sasson*

4 Nisan / Tuesday, March 24th
Sammy Dallal

5 Nisan / Wednesday, March 25th
Moshe Somekh *Moshe ben Shemuel*

6 Nisan / Thursday, March 26th
Mordechai ben Mattatya
Edmond Somekh *Edmond ben Moshe*

8 Nisan / Shabbat, March 28th
Ada Ezra *Ada bat Mindel Okin*
Carolyn Frances Ezra *Carolyn Frances bat Norman*
Ezra Sayegh
Allan Norman Steiner *Alexander Nahum ben Mordechai*

Condolences to the Family of
Fortunate Dallal, z"l
to her sister, Odille Hansen, and to her
children Joyce, Sasson, Greg & Stanley Dallal
and their families. *May Hashem comfort*
them together with all the mourners of Tzion.

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identity. At the Seder, questions and discussions are not the exclusive property of rabbis and scholars, but everyone has a stake in the discussion. Singing is not about cantorial performances, but everyone sings along. An effective Seder leader knows that on this night, he or she should be prepared to teach the meaning of the Exodus from Egypt and the Passover story to a wide variety of audiences gathered around the Seder table.

The Torah and her rabbinic interpreters set the stage for our "multiple audiences" experience. Based on the rabbinic interpretation of four verses from the Torah (three from Exodus and one from Deuteronomy), the rabbinic tradition teaches that regarding the mitzvah of teaching the Passover story, "The Torah speaks in reference to four children." Here are the four verses:

1. "*Your children may ask you* what is this service to you? You must answer, it is the Passover service to God." (Exodus 12:26-27)
2. "*On that day you must tell your child:* all of this is because that which the Lord did for me when I came forth from Egypt." (Exodus 13:8)
3. "*Your child may later ask you* what is this? You must answer him, with a show of power God brought us out of Egypt, the place of slavery." (Exodus 13:14)
4. "*In the future your child may ask you* what are these rituals rules and laws that God has commanded you? You must tell him, we were slaves to Pharaoh in Egypt, but God brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand." (Deuteronomy 6:20-21)

The rabbis wondered why the Torah could not consolidate all of these seemingly repetitive instructions regarding teaching the Passover story to children into one unified verse. Why is this mitzvah listed four separate times?

The rabbis concluded that although on the surface the verses seem somewhat repetitive, each verse actually addresses a *different type of child* who represents a different potential "audience" present at the Seder :

Wise, Wicked (or skeptical),
Simple and Uninformed.

The Haggadah instructs us that each category requires a unique and different approach to the effective teaching of this story.

The Mishnah in Tractate Pesachim 10:4 states "According to the son's intelligence, the father instructs him." This means that it is a commandment to address each Seder participant in a language and style that will be appropriate and meaningful to him/her. More complex than the typical "know your audience," the Haggadah requires that you "know your multiple audiences." Nobody is excluded. On this night, the wise, wicked/skeptical, simple and uninformed all have an equal stake in this story, and a truly effective Seder is one whose experience will deeply impact everyone seated around the table.

Once you have established who will be around your Seder table, take a moment to make some notes about your audience. See who fits into the different categories stated by the Haggadah. They could be children, they could be adults – these categories apply to all age groups. Try and see how to form fit your Seder to these audiences, so that the discussions will be meaningful to them. No two Sedarim are the same. From the first night to the second night, and from home to home, the Seder's Haggadah and rituals are uniform, but the audiences are different, causing us to adjust our questions and discussions to appropriately fit the audiences.

This small preparatory exercise will go a long way to make sure that nobody is bored, nobody feels left out, and everybody walks away in-

spired with something meaningful. The Seder is an opportunity to teach, tell stories, question, debate and discuss Judaism with all those around the table. It's your chance to be inspirational – go for it!

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but within the context of the world in which I live. Rabbi Sacks' spirit of optimism is so strong; this book is a word of encouragement in troubling times, and it affirms the Jewish message to the world. This enthralling book is an essential read, and one I highly recommend for every Jewish library.

This week we celebrate the 100th birthday of our beloved, founding member Hilda Sassoon.

Hilda and her husband Jack Sassoon, z'l, were instrumental in every aspect of creating our synagogue and strengthening our community in our formative years. Few individuals worked as tirelessly and with such heart and conviction as did Hilda and Jack on behalf of Kahal Joseph. Today, we are a vital and resonant synagogue because of their founding voice and courage.

On behalf of our Board of Directors, our Executive Committee, and our entire Kahal Joseph family, I wish my dearest Aunt Hilda Sassoon God's fondest blessings and every ounce of happiness, and health, so that we should share and enjoy many more years together with you.

On this beautiful centennial occasion, you have honored this synagogue and all of us in so many ways. It is my greatest privilege to wish you the happiest Birthday, with Respect, Love and Gratitude Always,

Shabbat Shalom,

Ronald Einy

Songs for Shabbat Hattan

Yismach Hatani

Yismach hatani bi'khal emunai. Yisah bracha me'et Ad—nai

Shadai yemaleh ta'avat libo. Magen v'tzina yiyeh sevivo. V'ya-er oto viyasher netivo ligmor v'lishmor darchei Ad—nai. **Yismach . . .**

L'rosho yetzaveh brachot atzumot. V'yisah b'chol et k'nahar shlomot. Yizkeh v'yireh yeshu-at Ad—nai. Yisah bracha me'et Ad—nai.

Yismach . . .

Emet Ata Hatanenu

Emet ata hatanenu. Kmo sahar betokhenu. Kmelech at l'fanenu. Yevarekhekha Elohenu:

B'khalat'kha hatan tismah. B'rov mammon v'rov kemah. B'tizkeh lakhazot tzemah. V'el kodsho yevi-enu:

Yehi zarakh b'Yisrael. V'khokhmatakh k'Gavriel. B'tovatakh l'khol sho-el. V'siman tov l'khulanu:

Temim de-im yevarekhekhem. V'yafrekhem b'yarbekhem. V'yarakhem l'enekhem. V'yarenu meshikhenu:

R'u to-ar hatan misrah. Alei rosho klil Torah. V'khalato k'ziv ora. K'mo shemesh b'artzenu:

Khazak hatan b'hupatakh. V'gil u'smakh b'khalatakh. V'El Shadai b'ezratakh. V'gam yihyeh b'ezrenu:

Ma Navu

Ma navu alei. He'harim raglei. Mevaser shalom. B'vinyan irekh. Kol tzofayikh yisu kol rina. Hitna-ari mitokh megina. Ayin b'ayin tiri Shekhinah. V'shavu vanayikh li'gvulekh:

Li'shvuyim dror. B'shir u'mizmor. El bet har ha'mor. Yehi shvilekh. Solu, solu et ha'msila. Pitzkhu rnana u'tehila. Yavo mevaser bi'lshono milah. Kumi, uri ki va orekh:

Tz'i mi'Bavel. Kiryat ovdei vel. Kinor ve'nevel. Az yehi shirekh. Sus yasisu kol avelei Tzion. Lavo lakhasot betzel ha'Elyon. Bano evneh lakh neveh apiryon. Akhin kiseh l'David malkekh:

S'i enayikh. U'r-i vanayikh. Ba-u elayikh. L'or b'orekh. Takhat khoshekh asim lakh ora. As mi'Tzion tetze ha'Torah. Hine Gadol Hu Ayom v'Norah. B'yom simi keter l'roshekh:

Ad matai kalah. Yafah u'mula. La'zar b'ula. K'dal va'helekh. Uri, uri. Adat Yisrael. Akhish eshlakh yinon ve'go-el. V'gam akim lakh kho-mat Ariel. Zakhor ezkor khesed n'urekh:

Please Note: Translations of the songs for Shabbat Hattan are available via the e-mail KJ Newsletter. To be added to our e-mail list please send a message from the new subscriber's e-mail address, with subject "Subscribe to KJ Newsletter" to dafna@kahaljoseph.org

אמת אמתה תתננו. כמו סוד בתוכנו. כמלך את לפנינו. יברך
אלהינו:

בבלתך חתן השמחה. פרב כמון ורב קמת ותוסף לחיות צמת
ואל קרשו יביאנו:

ידו ורעד בישראל. ותכמתך בגבראל. ומזבתך לכל-שואל.
ויסמן טוב לכלנו:

תמים רעים יברככם. ופרכם וירככם. וראכם לעיניכם.
ויראו משיחנו:

ראו תאר חתן משנה. על ראשו כליל תורה. ובלתו כיו
אודה. כמו שמש בארצנו:

תוק חתן בחפתך. וגיל ושמחה בבלתך. ואל שדי בעזרתך. וגם
יהיה בעזרתו:

ישמח חתני בקהל אמוני. ישא ברכה מאת __

שרי ימלא האנות לבו. כגון ונעה יתה סביבו. תאר אותו
ויישר נתיבו. לגבור ולשמור ברכי __
ישמח

לראשו תנה ברכות עמומות. וישא בכלעת כבוד שלומות
ותה ויראה ישועת __ ישא ברכה מאת __
ישמח

סדר

נאו עלי החרים הנלי. מבשר שלום. כבנן עירך.
קול צופך ישא קול רפה. התעשרי מתוך מננה.
ען בעין תראי שביטה. ושבו כנף לגבולך:

לשבוים

דרור. בשר ומזמור. אל בית הר הפר. יהי שביך.
סלו סלו את המסלה. פצחו רננה ותהלה. יבא מבשר
בלשוננו מלה קונו אורי כי בא אורך:

צאי

מבבל. קרית עובדי כל בנור ונבל. או יה שודך.
שוש ישישו בל-אבלי ציון. לבוא לחסות בצל העליון. פנה
אבנה לך עה אפרון. אבין פסא לזוד מלכך:

שא

עניך. ורא בניך. בא אליך. לאור באורך.
תחת חשך אשים לך אודה. או כנצין תצא התורה. תנה
גדל הוא אים וטרא. ביום שימי כתר לראשך:

עד

מתי בלה. יפה ומעלה. לך בעולה. כול זהלך.
עדי עורי. עדת ישראל. אחיש אשלה יפן ונאל.
וגם אקים לך חומת אריאל. וכוז אוזר הסד נעורך:

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MEMOUNA CELEBRATION**

with Rabbi Daniel Bouskila

Sunday, April 12th @ 7 pm
The Errol Levi Social Hall

Come enjoy with your community
a delightful evening of
Live Middle Eastern Music
Food, Friendship, & Fun
\$18 per person

Please RSVP to Sarah 310-474-0559

**Operation Michaelberg: The Unheard Story of Iraqi
Immigration to Israel During the British Mandate Period**

A Talk with Noa Geffen

*Vice-Chair of the Society for
Preservation of Israel Heritage Sites*

**Thursday, March 26th 2015 at KJ
7:30 pm with Dessert Reception**

The story of Iraqi immigrants brought
to Israel by the courageous Haganah
through Operation Michaelberg during
the British Mandate is being preserved
at the Atlit Detention Camp Museum



**KJ Pesach Talks
with Rabbi Bouskila**

**Sermon on Shabbat HaChodesh (March 21)
*Pesach, Matzah & Maror:
Three Expressions of Jewish History***

**Sermon on Shabbat HaGadol (March 28)
*Leaving Egypt: Past, Present & Future
&***

Discussion: "Ask the Rabbi About Passover"

*A special session in the sanctuary on Shabbat HaGadol
March 28, following a light Kiddush luncheon at no charge*

**Passover is all about questions, so bring Rabbi
Bouskila all of your Passover questions. He will
strive to address your concerns at the session.**

Families, teens and kids welcome

**Selling of Hametz
Mekhirat Hametz Form**

***We must receive this form by fax or mail
before Thursday, April 2, 2015 at 12:00 noon***

Know all by these present that I _____,
do hereby authorize Kahal Joseph Congregation, 10505 Santa
Monica Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90025, to sell, transfer and assign
all Hametz of whatever kind and nature, of which I am possessed
and seized, or in which I may have an interest, wheresoever situ-
ated, in my residence at _____
my place of business, or any other place, without reservation and
limitation. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and
seal this on date _____, 2015.

Signature _____ Date _____

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