

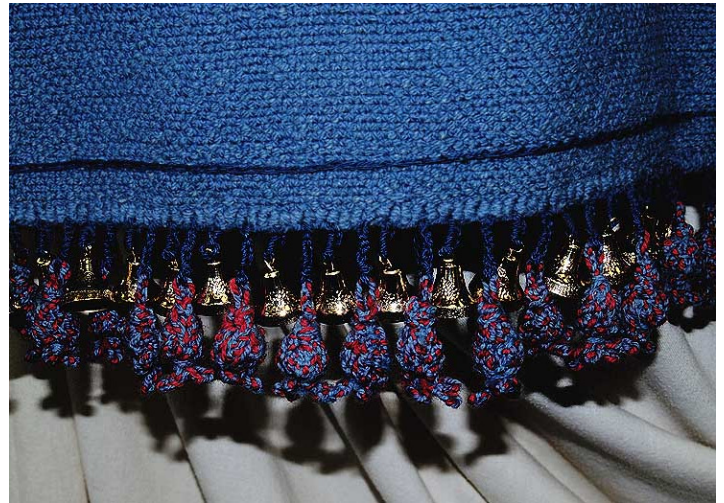
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Shalom  
Bimromav...*Rabbi Daniel Bouskila  
Director, SEC*

Parashat Tetzavah marks the inaugural ceremony for the very first religious leaders in Jewish history: the Cohanim. Commonly known in English as "The Priests" (though certainly not to be confused with the same title from Catholicism), the Cohanim - descendants from Aaron (himself the first "Cohen Gadol"/High Priest) were charged with the spiritual task of running the services in the Mishkan, or Tabernacle, and, later on, in the Temple in Jerusalem.

Beyond their specified religious tasks, the Torah describes the spirit of their religious work, and what it was intended to bring to the community: shalom --peace. The covenant of the Cohanim is called a "Brit Shalom." In fact, the one prayer recited by the Cohanim, the Birkat HaCohanim (Priestly Blessing), which is part of our daily Jewish liturgy, concludes with "Yisa HaShem Panav Elekha, V'Yasem Lekha Shalom" (May God direct his favor upon you, and grant you peace) (Numbers 6:26).



*The fringe on the me-il, or robe, worn by the Kohen Gadol.*

Someone would probably be labeled a hippie if he or she were to use the English word "peace" as a greeting or an expression when parting. Yet in Hebrew, the standard "hello" or "goodbye" is shalom (peace), and the word carries no modern cultural or political connotation.

What is it about the word "shalom" that has enabled it to become the standard Hebrew salutation? A small sampling of its place in Jewish tradition will reveal that "shalom" is far more than a greeting.

Commenting on the word "shalom," the Netziv, the 19th-century rosh yeshiva of Volozhin, says, "The Cohanim recite a blessing that is the vessel which contains the other ones, for

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*Prayer Schedule***SHABBAT****PARASHA TETZAVEH**

*Friday, February 11th*  
Minhah & Arbit 5:00 pm  
Candle Lighting 5:14 pm

*Saturday, February 12th*

Shaharit 8:30 am  
Tehillim *before Minhah*  
Minhah & Arbit 4:30 pm  
Motzei Shabbat 6:18 pm

**WEEKDAYS**

*Sunday, February 13th*  
Shaharit 7:30 am

*Monday to Friday*  
Shaharit 6:30 am

**TALMUD TORAH CLASSES**

*Tuesday & Thursday 4:00 pm*

**EREV SHABBAT****PARASHA KI TISSA**

*Friday, February 18th*  
Minhah & Arbit 5:15 pm  
Candle Lighting 5:21 pm

*Please confirm daily prayer times with minyan leaders.*

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without peace one cannot derive gratification from any blessing."

In a beautiful metaphor, the Netziv refers to "shalom" as a vessel that contains "blessing, protection, kindness and grace" from God, and further remarks that without peace, one cannot truly enjoy these or any other blessings.

The great Torah commentator Rashi, in his brief yet packed comments, says, "Without peace there is nothing."

Is peace only a blessing from heaven, or can human beings participate in creating peace?

The Book of Psalms teaches: "Seek peace and pursue it" (Psalms 34:15). Based on this injunction to actively seek peace, the rabbinic tradition brings to light an aspect of Aaron the High Priests's life that complements his ritual duties as the Cohen Gadol. Pirkei Avot teaches: "Hillel says: 'Be a student of Aaron, lover of peace [ohev shalom] and pursuer of peace [rodef shalom]'" (Pirkei Avot 1:12).

For Aaron, who was commanded to recite the Priestly Blessing, its simple recitation was not enough. Aaron was the ultimate creator of peace

within the community, reconciling differences between married couples and disputes between friends. From Aaron we learn that prayers are not mere words we recite, but, especially with peace, a lifestyle we must seek to create for ourselves and for those around us.

This was the true mission of the Kohanim, and should be the true mission of every Jew.

### ***Shabbat Shalom***

## **Summary of Parasha Tetzaveh**

*Edited from the OU*

### **Kohen - First Aliya**

Moshe (his name conspicuously missing) is told by G-d to command the people to take pure olive oil in order to light the Menora's lamps. The Menora is kindled daily basis. The lights shine from evening until morning throughout the generations.

Moshe is told to bring Aharon and his sons to serve G-d as Kohanim. Special garments are to be made for the Kohen Gadol to give glory and honor to Hashem. The garments are: the Choshen (Breastplate), the Ephod (apron), Me'il (robe), Kutonet (linen tunic), Mitznefet (turban), and the Avnet (belt or sash). The artisans were to take the gold, dyed wools, and linen for making the garments.

We are still affected by the lessons of Temple-related mitzvot. We dress nicely for Shabbat and Yom Tov. Our clothes during the week

should reflect the dignity of a Torah way of life projecting modesty and neatness.

The Eifod, or apron, is to be woven from yarn made of threads of gold, three colors of dyed wool and linen. The Eifod has two shoulder straps. Two onyx stones (Shoham) were set on the shoulders, upon which were engraved the names of the tribes. These stones with names serve as a reminder for the Kohen Gadol.

### **Levi - Second Aliya**

The Choshen, or breastplate, is made. Gold settings were woven into the Choshen to receive the twelve precious stones in four rows of three stones each. The Urim V'Tumim (a parchment with the Divine Names of Hashem on it) was inserted into the Choshen. The names of the sons of Yaakov were engraved on the Choshen.

### **Shlishi - Third Aliya**

The Me'il, or robe, was made of T'cheilet wool (a shade of blue). Its neck was reinforced to prevent tearing. The hem of the Me'il was adorned with gold bells and pomegranates of wool and linen. The tzitz, a pure gold forehead-band, was to bear the words "Kodesh L'Hashem," Holy unto G-d. The Kutonet, a linen tunic, and the Mitznefet (or Migba'at), a turban, was made of pure linen. The Avnet, a belt, was woven from the wools and linen. For all regular kohanim there were four garments - tunic, turban, belt, pants.

### **R'vi'i - Fourth Aliya**

The consecration ceremony for Aharon and his sons is

described. Sacrificial offerings included a bull, two rams, various matza crackers made from flour and oil. The kohanim-to-be immersed in a mikve and were dressed in their special garments. They were anointed with special oil.

### **Chamishi - Fifth Aliya**

The seven-day ceremony for the Mishkan is presented. The Kohanim are required to eat the meat of the sin-offering and guilt-offering. This command applies not only during the consecration ceremony, but also for regular Temple service. Many procedures of the first week of offerings were "one-shot-deals". Other practices became standard.

### **Shishi - Sixth Aliya**

Daily procedures on the Altar are described. We are told HaShem Himself will sanctify the Mishkan, Altar, and Kohanim. "And I will dwell among the People of Israel and be their G-d" (29:45). This verse is the companion of the one that began the whole portion of Mikdash.

### **Sh'vi'i - Seventh Aliya**

The incense Altar is to be constructed of acacia wood. It is to be plated with gold and adorned by a decorative border of gold. Two gold rings were attached to opposite edges for the carrying poles, themselves made of wood covered with gold. This Altar was used primarily for the daily offering of incense [103] and for part of the Yom Kippur offering.

**Readings for Parashat Tetzaveh**  
Torah pp. 339 to 349  
Haftara pp. 350 to 351

## In Memoriam

It is customary to light a memorial candle in the evening and to donate tzedakah. Family members are encouraged to attend prayer services in honor of loved ones.

### Shabbat / 8 Adar I

Avraham ben Yosef  
Yaacov Binyamin Elias  
David ben Yaacov Yehuda Yehezkel

### Sunday / 9 Adar I

Irena Stoler

### Monday / 10 Adar I

Masooda Aslan\*

### Thursday / 13 Adar I

Esther HaMulka bat Rahel  
Yechiel Zvi ben Yitzhak

### Shabbat / 15 Adar I

Nuriel ben Yochanan

To update, please call the office  
at 310.474.0559.

## Refuah Shlemah

Yonatan ben Alizah • Mazal Tov  
bat Sulha Mitana • Matilda  
Louisa • Yaheskel ben Regina •  
Ayala bat Naomi • Khayah Noa  
bat Sara • Haim ben Mordechai •  
Pnina bat Esther • Yosi ben  
Esther • Victor ben Latif • Ramah  
Regina bat Farha • Aziza bat Sara  
Judith bat Malka • Ofek ben Yochai  
• Efrayim Zev ben Fayga • Sulha  
Matana bat Mozelle • Gershon ben  
David • Farangis Miriam bat  
Touran • David ben Leah •  
Avraham Haim ben Miryam •  
Yaakov ben Freda

### Learn to Chant The Haftarah

Wouldn't you like to chant the final portion from the Torah on Shabbat—the portion known as the Haftarah? Reserve a Haftarah reading by calling Sarah in our office at 310.474. 0559. The Haftarah portion can be dedicated in honor of a family event such as a memorial, a bar/bat mitzvah, or a baby-naming. Then, schedule time with Haz-zan Saeed Jalali & learn the authentic Baghdadi ta'amim, Iraqi melodies for singing from the Torah & Tanakh.

## Community News

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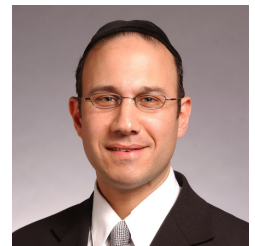
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## Rabbi Moshe Tessone

KJ Scholar in Residence

February 25 & 26, 2011



Rabbi Moshe Tessone is Director of The Sephardic Community Program at Yeshiva University and a distinguished faculty member at Yeshiva University's Isaac Breuer College (IBC) where he teaches Jewish Studies. He is also a faculty member at the Belz School of Jewish Music.

Moshe Tessone has toured extensively as a rabbinic speaker on Torah topics, Sephardic history, and Jewish education and as a cantorial soloist featuring Judeo Arabic and Judeo Spanish music and liturgy. Moshe Tessone released two CD's—*Odeh La'El* and *Hakshiva*—to great acclaim.

Rabbi Tessone received his rabbinic ordination from Yeshiva University. He is a graduate of New York University's Stern School of Business and received his Masters Degree in Jewish Education and administration from Yeshiva University.

**SHABBAT MITZVOT** We offer for donation the following Mitzvot. **1. Petichat Hechal** opening of the ark; **2. Carrying of the Sefer Torah & Sefer Haftara**; **3. Hakamat Sefer** lifting of the Torah; **4. Mashlim\*** The seventh aliya to the Torah who recites Kaddish; **5. Maftir\*** The last aliya to the Torah which includes the Haftara (read by the clergy unless member reading is preapproved). We suggest a minimum donation of \$126 or multiples of \$18 or \$26. You will receive confirmation before Shabbat to confirm if you will receive the aliya. Members may reserve in advance by calling the office. Non-members reserving aliyot should contact the office for availability at 310.474.0559. We appreciate your support.

### Please Read Tehillim

We have a number of individuals in our community undergoing surgery or combating illness. They need our immediate prayers to support them in their recovery. Take a few minutes to pray and read from the Psalms, also known as Tehillim. In particular, Psalm 20 and Psalm 121 are meaningful during difficult times. Give a little of your day and have a big impact on the lives of friends and families in our Kahal community.



Kahal Joseph Congregation presents

# TALLIT: The Jewish Prayer Shawl

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Sunday, February 13, 2011  
3:00 pm to 5:00 pm  
with Rabbi Hagay Batzri

- ▶ Bring your own fabric to make a tallit or tzitzit (please purchase ahead of time)
- ▶ Or, do a mitzvah—fix a KJ tallit—workshop and supplies are free to those who help!
- ▶ Special threads are needed for the tallit or tzitzit  
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*Refreshments will be provided*

Workshop is free of charge to those donating their time to repair a Kahal Joseph tallit. To reserve places for you and your father and/or son please call our office at 310.474.0559 Mon-Thurs, 10 to 4



## KJ Purim Carnival—March 20, 2011

Our Purim Carnival is coming! We can't wait to see you all there. We want this year's carnival to be even greater than last years. Here is how you can help make it possible. We need volunteers to join the following committees: Sponsor donations committee; Volunteer organizing Committee; Food committee; Game/prize booth committee; Set up committee; Sign printing Committee; Advertising and Marketing committee.

This event is going to be successful only if we get the support of the community. As in years past we have asked for booth sponsors.

**\$500- sponsor and receive 4 wristbands**

**\$250- sponsor and receive 2 wristbands**

**\$100- sponsor receives 5 tickets**

We would like to have our first planning committee meeting on Tues. February 16, 6:30pm in the Synagogue Library. Even if you think you don't have a lot of time to volunteer there are a lot of small jobs you can do to make this a successful event. For more information contact Molly Jalali at [molly@kahaljoseph.org](mailto:molly@kahaljoseph.org).