

# KOL MEVASSER

## Fathers and Mothers

By Rabbi Hagay Batzri

This Shabbat is Shabbat Mevarchin. On it, we bless the upcoming Jewish month of Kislev, a month of miracles and wonders. During this week's Torah portion, we learn about our common ancestors, the forefathers and foremothers of Judaism, and about their experiences in life. We call our ancestors "avot," the plural of the very per-

sonal, Hebrew word for father "aba"; and similarly, we call our for foremothers "eemaot," the plural of "eema," our Hebrew word for mother. Even though these individuals—Abraham, Isaac, Jacob; Sara, Rebecca, Leah, and Rachel—lived millennia ago, we maintain a personal relationship and connection with them.

Rabenu Yoseph Haim, the Ben Ish Hai, explained that the reason we call them by

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## Friday Night Dinner at KJ

### A Traditional Iraqi Shabbat

Stories from My Parents' Home

December 2, 2011 with Guest Speaker, Lev Hakak & Musical Celebration led by Rabbi Hagay Batzri

- ◆ A traditional Iraqi dinner lovingly prepared by the ladies of our community
- ◆ Songs, lecture and discussion revolving around the celebration of Shabbat
- ◆ Traditions handed down through generations in Iraqi homes
- ◆ Professor Lev Hakkak, Joe Samuels & Rabbi Batzri share personal experiences



RSVP by November 30th to 310-474-0559. If members of the community would like to contribute their memories & knowledge at the dinner, contact Rabbi Batzri [hbatzri@gmail.com](mailto:hbatzri@gmail.com).

## KJ Schedule

### Erev Shabbat

**Friday, November 25, 2011**

Shaharit/Morning Prayer.....	6:30 am
Minhah/Arbith .....	4:30 pm
Shabbat Candle Lighting .....	4:26 pm

### Shabbat Toledot

**Saturday, November 26, 2011**

Shabbat Shaharit/Morning Prayer.....	8:30 am
Tehillim Women's Reading .....	after kiddush
Shabbat Minhah, Seudah, Arbit.....	4:00 pm
Motzei Shabbat / Havdallah.....	5:30 pm

### Weekdays

**Sunday, November 27, 2011**

Shaharit/Morning Prayer.....	7:30 am
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**Monday to Friday Nov. 28 to Dec. 2, 2011**

Shaharit/Morning Prayer .....	6:30 am
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### Erev Shabbat

**Friday, December 2, 2011**

Shaharit/Morning Prayer.....	6:30 am
Minhah/Arbith .....	4:30 pm
Shabbat Candle Lighting .....	4:25 pm

### Sponsor a KJ Kiddush or Seudah

Honor a member of your family or celebrate a joyous occasion by sponsoring a kiddush at Kahal Joseph. Call Sarah in the KJ office, Monday through Friday from 11:00 am to 4:00 pm to find out more about sponsorship.

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these personal terms of endearment—“aba” and “eema”—is to emphasize our physical and spiritual connection with them. We share their genes; every one of us contains some part of them.

What unique traits and behaviors enabled them to parent such a nation as the Jewish people, to be our “fathers” and “mothers”? Why has God promised that this lineage, the Jewish family, will never end?

There is a parable that explains why. *A large group of frogs was hopping around. Some did not pay attention and fell into a deep hole. Every one of the surviving frogs looked up from the edge of the pit and decided there was no chance to save their friends because it was a deep, deep pit.*

*When they peered inside the pit, the frogs at the top completely despaired of helping their friends and starting yelling—“My God! It’s a disaster! Impossible, impossible! They have no chance!” Inside the pit, some of the trapped frogs were trying to jump out and save themselves but the cacophony discouraged them—the sounds of disaster, catastrophe, a complete lack of hope and utter despair. And, one by one they gave up hope and resigned themselves to their fate—to die in the pit.*

*Only one frog had the strength to keep trying. She tried and tried to jump out, over and over. Finally, she made it!*

*All the frogs on the outside of the pit crowded around her and asked, “How did you do it? It’s a miracle! How did you get out? We all thought it was impossible.” But she couldn’t hear them. She pointed to her ears. She was deaf.*

The lesson we can learn from this—the lesson that our forefathers and foremothers knew—is that sometimes we need to listen to our inner voice, not the din of the crowd, and we need to act. Then we can find our way and the way to Hashem. Shabbat Shalom

**RON LEVY MS, LMFT**

**KJ SHABBAT GUEST SPEAKER**

**“LIVING YOUR BEST LIFE”**

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17TH**

*HOSTED BY RABBI BATZRI*

*DURING SERVICES & AFTER-LUNCH LECTURE*



## **KJ WOMEN’S TEHILLIM READING**

*Shabbat after morning services Kiddush  
& Wednesdays at 10:00 am*

Dvar Torah, insights into the weekly Torah portion, will be shared by Rabbanit Orly Batzri  
*For information and to confirm time contact Rivka Mangoli*

## **In Memoriam**

We remember the following *yahrzeits*, the annual anniversary of passings, for the week of November 26th to December 3rd. It is customary to light a memorial candle and donate *tzedakah*. Family members are encouraged to attend prayer services in honor of loved ones on the Shabbat preceding the *yahrzeit*. To update information call 310.474.0559.

### **29 Heshvan**

Nurriel Shaul Haim *Shaul ben Haim*  
Mary Saleh

### **1 Kislev**

Abraham Isaac *Avraham ben Eliyahu*  
Joe Joseph *Yoseph Hai ben Itzhak*  
Henry Zekaria *Yehezkel ben Sion*

### **2 Kislev**

Doron Ironi *Doron ben Yosef*  
Victoria Kadosh *Victoria bat Reuben*  
*Aziza bat Farha*  
Ezekiel Ezra Reuben *Yehezkel ben Reuven D’loomy*

### **3 Kislev**

Rachel Jacob *Rahel bat Salha Mattana*

### **5 Kislev**

Elias Ezekiel Isaac *Eliyahu ben Yehezkel*  
Silas Kadoorie *Silas ben Moshe*  
Flora Sassoon *Farha bat Simha*  
Nassim Reuben Suleiman

### **6 Kislev**

Maggie Dabby *Marjorie bat Sam Dabby*

## **NOTICE TO PARENTS**

1. Children under 5 years old must be supervised by parent in KIDS ZONE upstairs.
2. No child is allowed in the synagogue lobby or hallways without constant supervision by a parent or guardian.
3. We are not responsible for children walking out the front door.



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## A Song for Shabbat

According to our rich ancient tradition (Iraqi, Syrian, Turkish, Lebanese and Egyptian Jews) The maqam, or melodic scale, for this Shabbat and its Torah portion of Toldot is Maqam Mahoor. This melodic scale is light and fluent. In Hebrew, "mahoor" means a fast or quick runner and mahoor (in hebrew מהר - מהור means fast runner. We'll learn, b"h, a beautiful song in Maqam Mahoor. During the Shabbat morning service of Shaharit I will also chant prayers in this maqam.

**נְעִימָה לִי עֵדֶךָ הֵיא נְעִימָה לִי אֶרֶץ צְבִיָּה כְּאֹד עֲרֵבָה לִי:**

**מָה נִרְאָה נְאוֹה וַיִּפֵּת לָהּ פִּלְתָּה נַפְשִׁי תִכְסֶּסֶפֶת לְבִינָה רֻחִי שְׁאֵפֶת לְדֹאֹת הַדָּה וַיְוִי הַיְכָלִי:**  
 נְעִימָה

**שׁוּר כִּי בָּיָה לָהּ תֵּאָבֹו. מִזְמַן רַב בָּהּ לֹא יֵשֵׁב. תַּעֲתֶה מְתִי לָהּ יֵשֵׁב. וַיִּתְחַלֶּה בְּנִרְלִי:**  
 נְעִימָה

**תֵּן בְּשִׁלּוּמָה שְׂאוּל יִשְׁאֲלוּ. וּבְשִׁמְחָתָם זִכְרָה יַעֲלוּ. נָא בִּישׁוּר לָהֶם קִיּוֹם תַּעֲלוּ. לְדֹר קָדִשׁ וּבֵית זְבוּלִי:**  
 נְעִימָה

Ne'imah li irakh ya ne'imah li. Eretz tzviya meh-od arevah li.

Ma nora-ah navah ve'yafa. La kalta nafshi ve'nikhsafa, Le'vinyanah rukhi sha-afa. Lirot hoda ve'ziv hekhali.

Ne'imah li irakh ya ne'imah li. Eretz tzviya meh-od arevah li.

Shur ki vaneha la ta-avu. Mi'zman rav ba lo yashvu. Ve'atah matai la yashuvu. Ve'yinkhaluha beh'gorali.

Ne'imah li irakh ya ne'imah li. Eretz tzviya meh-od arevah li.

Hen bi'shloma sha-ol yishalu. U'vesimkhatam zikhra ya'alu. Na baser lahem kumu ta-alu. Le'har kodshi u'vet zvuli.

Ne'imah li irakh ya ne'imah li. Eretz tzviya meh-od arevah li.



## KAHAL JOSEPH TREE OF LIFE

Check out the Tree of Life in the lobby. The tree is sprouting many new leaves. Help fill out our tree with life. Celebrate your loved ones by ordering a leaf — a donation of \$126 a leaf. Order 4 & get the 5th free. Contact Yvette at [ydabby@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ydabby@sbcglobal.net)



### Learn the Haftarah with Hazzan Saeed Jalali

Wouldn't you like to chant the final portion from the Torah on Shabbat? Reserve a reading at 310.474. 0559 in honor of a loved one or family event. Then, schedule time with Hazzan Saeed Jalali & learn the authentic Baghdadi ta'amim, Iraqi melodies for chanting from the Torah & Tanakh.

# Rosh Hodesh Kislev

A new month can also mean a new beginning in our lives. One of the reasons may be that something new always causes a higher motivation.

Kislev is the month of "security" and the "trust in G - d". The Hashmonaim fought against the Greek occupation and idol - worship. Yehudah Maccabi and his followers never gave up and due to their trust in G - d, they finally succeeded.

**Hodesh Tov – A great, healthy and successful month of Kislev to all of you.**

**Host by:** Hilda Rojhani and Jamila Dallal

**When:** November 26, 2011

**Where:** TBA

**Time:** 7:30 pm

**Other:** Resp- space is limited

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