

KOL MEVASSER

President's Message: Shabbat in the Community

by Ron Einy, President of Kahal Joseph

We enjoyed a wonderful Shabbat dinner organized by Rabbi Batzri last Friday evening. After a long time, we had missed getting together on Shabbat to socialize around the communal table, eat delicious food and

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Esav vs. Yaacov, Iran vs. Israel: Should We Be Afraid?

by Rabbi Hagay Batzri

I had the privilege of speaking with my dad this week. He is one of the greatest scholars and spiritual leaders of our generation. Before we hung up, I asked him, "Aba, could you suggest a message from the Parasha for this week, a message that I will deliver to

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Kahal Joseph Congregation
presents Shabbat Scholar & Guest Speaker

Ron Levy, Psychotherapist, MS, LMFT speaking on
Living Your Best Life



Saturday, December 17, 2011
during Morning Services & Kiddush Lunch

Rabbi Hagay Batzri has invited Ron Levy, MS, LMFT to be Kahal Joseph's guest speaker on Shabbat morning, Saturday December 17th. Ron Levy is a psychotherapist with 30 years experience teaching and counseling individuals, couples and groups. He conducts seminars for groups and has private clients throughout the United States. Mr. Levy will share a method developed through his seminars and private practice. This method will potentially enable our congregation to:

- Increase our ability to maintain emotional and mental well being in any situation.
- Experience greater fulfillment and joy in all relationships.
- Create more rewarding relationships with people in our social, personal and business life.
- Free ourselves to live with more comfort and confidence in day-to-day interactions.

KJ Schedule

Erev Shabbat

Friday, December 9, 2011

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

Shabbat Vayishlach

Saturday, December 10, 2011

Shabbat Shaharit/Morning Prayer 8:30 am
Guest Speaker: Rabbi Daniel Bouskila,
Director of the SEC during morning services
 Tehillim Women's Reading after kiddush
 Shabbat Minhah, Seudah, Arbit 4:00 pm
 Motzei Shabbat / Havdallah 5:29 pm

Weekdays

Sunday, December 11, 2011

Shaharit/Morning Prayer 7:30 am

Monday to Friday, December 12 to 16, 2011

Shaharit/Morning Prayer 6:30 am

Erev Shabbat

Friday, December 16, 2011

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

Shabbat Vayeshev

Saturday, December 17, 2011

Shabbat Shaharit/Morning Prayer 8:30 am
Guest Speaker: Ron Levy, MS LMFT on
"Living Your Best Life" ... during services & Kiddush
Seudah Honoring Maurice Zekaria, z"l. 4:00 pm

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my community in our newsletter?" He immediately told me the following:

Our parasha begins: "And Jacob sent [angels] messengers before him to Esau his brother unto the land of Seir, the field of Edom."

Rash"i, the main commentator on the holy Torah explains the Hebrew word "malachim" or "angels" in this way: 'Malachim mamash, real angels.' Rash"i shows us that Yaacov is making his best effort not to get into a war with his brother Eisav.

Then the Torah continues and states: "Then Jacob was greatly afraid and was distressed."

My father asked: "Why did a powerful man like Yaakov—a man who was able to summon real angels, who was so spiritually connected—why was he "greatly afraid and distressed"?"

My aba then answered, with excitement, "Yaakov wasn't afraid of being hurt. He knew that he was starting an infinite nation and that Esav could not eliminate him from the world. Similarly, we should not be afraid when Iran, Syria, or other nations want to do the same to Israel" (As a side note, for the first time this week Iran, shifted its message. It moved from declaring "Destroy Israel!" to calling out "Destroy all the Jews!" (Iran moves on from "Destroy Israel!" to "Destroy all the Jews!" from <http://www.debka.com/article/21536/>))

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sing together. Last week we had the added pleasure of hearing our three members, Lev Hakak, Joe Samuels and Abe Abraham reminisce about how they celebrated the Shabbat in their home countries, and how meaningful Shabbat is to their families, as they passed along the tradition and beauty of the Shabbat to each of us.

Being together with over sixty of our members and friends at Kahal Joseph is a great way to welcome the Shabbat and to share in each other's company. I encourage more members to partake in the next Shabbat dinner which will be announced shortly.

Shabbat Shalom, Ronald Einy

"What Yaakov is afraid of is this: that he will have to kill his brother. He is afraid for him, for Esav, and not for himself, for Yaacov. This is the conscience that Yaakov possessed and that he established in his offspring and descendants. For this care for others, Yaacov was given a second name, the holy name of 'Israel,' according to God's will."

I can say personally, as someone who served in the IDF, Israel's Defense

In Memoriam

We remember the following yahrzeits, the annual anniversary of passings, for the week of December 10th to 17th, 2011. 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.

14 Kislev / Shabbat, December 10

Helen Levi *Habiba Havah bat Farha*

15 Kislev / Sunday, December 11

Nora Isaac Ives *Naima bat Simcha*
Sassoon Menashe Sassoon *Sassoon ben Menashe*

17 Kislev / Tuesday, December 13

Naim Lavi *Naim ben Moshe*
Moshe Mehry *Moshe ben Moosa*

18 Kislev / Wednesday, December 14

Raphael Emquies *Raphael ben Salomon*

20 Kislev / Friday, December 16

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

Forces, I was amazed by the strictness of the rules against opening fire on our enemies. And we heard those rules read aloud over and over, very frequently, by my commander.

Just as Jacob, Yaacov our forefather, we, the people of Israel are not afraid for our self in conflict. We are afraid for those who hate us and for what God will do to them on our behalf.

Shabbat Shalom

Thank You to all who helped with the Friday Night Dinner

to our dear Rabbi Hagay & Orly Batzri for organizing & preparing & for uniting us in song

to our members, Professor Lev Hakak, Joseph Samuels & Abe Abraham for sharing their knowledge and memories

to our dedicated administrator, Sarah Bouchoucha and staff, Penina Meghnagi-Solomon for taking care of so many details

Welcome

Rabbi Daniel Bouskila
Director of the SEC
Sephardic Educational Center
as our Guest Speaker

A Shabbat Seudah Honoring Maurice Zekaria, z"l

Saturday December 17, 2011 at 4:00 pm

The Zekaria family would like you to join them for prayers and Seudah Shlishit in memory of Maurice Zekaria, z"l, on the 11th month anniversary of his passing.



KJ WOMEN'S PSALMS TEHILLIM READING

*Shabbat after morning services and Kiddush
& Wednesdays at 10:00 am in the KJ Library*

*Ya'ala, ya'ala bo-ee le'gani. Henetz
rimon gam parkha gafni:*

Yavo dodi yakhin tze-adav. Ve'yokhal
et-pri meh'gadav. Im ye'didi arkhu
nedudav. Ekh ye'khdav eshev al kani:
Ya'ala, ya'ala. . .

Shuvi elai at bat ahuva. Shuvi at
va'ani ashuva. Hineh imi zot ot ktuvah.
Ki b'tokhekh eten mishkani: *Ya'ala,
ya'ala. . .*

Re'i dodi nafshi padita. U'lkha ra-ya oti
kanita. Ata lib en amim zerita. V'ekh
tomar dod ahavtani: *Ya'ala, ya'ala. . .*

Ayumati l'tov zeritikh. Ve'lit-hilah u'l-
shem saritikh. Ki ahavat olam ahav-
tikh. Simkhi ki ye'shu-atekh ani:
Ya'ala, ya'ala. . .

NOTICE TO PARENTS

1. Children under 5 years old must be supervised by parents 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.

KJ Upcoming Events

Yafit Johnson in "New Eyes" A One-Woman Comedy

Yaala, Yaala

Selected & Performed by Rabbi Hagay Batzri
Transliterated by Dafna Ezran

לבוש חם
מלש: רבי ישראל נבואה זצ"ל

תעלה תעלה בואי לפני. תנין רמון גם פריה לפני:

יבא רודי בין זערי. ויאכל את פרי מגרו. אם ידדי ארבו
נהדיו. אך יחידה אשב על בני
עלה

שוכי אלי את פת אהובת. שוכי את ואני אשוכה. תנה עמו
וזאת אות פתוכה. כי בתוכך אתן כושבני:
עלה

רעי רודי נפשי פריה. ולך רעה אותי קיית. עתה לי בן
עמוס זרית. ואך תאמר רוד אהבתי:
עלה

אפתתי לשוב זריתך. ולתהלה ולשם שריתך. כי אהבת עולם
אהבתיך. שכחי כי ישקתך אני:
עלה

The Mysteries of Hannuka

Classes at KJ with Rabbi Batzri

Hannuka in Mysticism & Cabbalah

Wednesday, December 14, 2011
7:00 pm in the KJ Library



What is the significance of the number eight? How about the Hebrew letters of ח-ו-ו-כ-ה? What about the opposition of Greek culture vs. Judaism, of the light vs. the dark? And what is so good about olive oil? Why do Iraqis eat zangulas and Ashkenazim eat latkes?



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.

Maqam Bayat: A Musical Scale for Bar Mitzvah & Solemn Occasions

On this Shabbat, for the Torah portion of “Vayishlah,” I will chant the morning prayers of Shaharit in the musical scale, or maqam, of Bayat. Maqam Bayat is the traditional scale for this Shabbat, although it is one of the few occasions when the reason for using a particular musical scale and its connection to the Torah portion is not completely clear. But we keep the tradition out of respect for our forebears and in the hope that the lost connection may be learned once again.

Maqam Bayat is a somber sounding maqam and doesn't necessarily imply a given theme. As a general rule, this maqam is applied to Bar Mitzvahs and to Saturday Night services, due to the abundance of related pizmonim or songs. Some say that Bayat symbolizes an oath between two parties (as is the case with a Bar Mitzvah—an oath between man and God—occurs).

On YouTube listen to two songs in Maqam Bayat presented by Rabbi Batzri.

Yaala Yaala—A Song for A Baby Girl http://youtu.be/tC_Hxub_Wr4

Also in Maqam Bayat—*Halelu El*, A Song for Bar Mitzvah: <http://youtu.be/TAgMYIEgnXo>

Hallelu El Shebahar Praise G-d Who Chose Israel

Selected and performed by Rabbi Batzri, Transliteration & translation by D. Ezran

Blessed is G-d who chose Yisrael from every nation
Blessed is G-d who chose Yisrael from every nation
Yosef, the bar mitzvah, One I love, please watch over [him]
Yosef, the bar mitzvah, One I love, please watch over [him]
Yosef, the bar mitzvah, the bridegroom, the bar mitzvah (x2)

Yosef will adorn and embellish his head with tefillin
And in the congregation of the nation, he will bless
Blessed [is He] Who gave me the merit, Blessed [is He] who
gave me the merit, and chose his son

With a sign and totafot [tefillin boxes] He blessed us with mitzvot
With a sign and totafot [tefillin boxes] He blessed us with mitzvot

Tefillin beside his heart, with which he bound his hands
Tefillin beside his heart, with which he bound his hands
With which he bound his hands, with which he bound his hands

Hallelu El Shebachar, b'Yisrael m'kol am
Hallelu El Shebachar, b'Yisrael m'kol am
Et Yosef ha'bar mitzvah, yah chabibi na shemor
Et Yosef ha'bar mitzvah, yah chabibi na shemor
Et Yosef ha'bar mitzvah,
et chatan ha'bar mitzvah (2)

Ye'ater Yosef, chatan ye'fa-er, b'tefillin rosho
U've-kahal am hu yevarech
Baruch sh'zichani, baruch sh'zichani,
u'vno bachar (2)

B'ot u'btotafot kideshanu b'mitzvot
B'ot u'btotafot kideshanu b'mitzvot

Tefillin al mul libo, sh'ba et yado kashar
Tefillin al mul libo, sh'ba et yado kashar
Sh'ba et yado kashar, sh'ba et yado kashar

הללו אל שבחר, בישראל מכל עם
הללו אל שבחר, בישראל מכל עם
את יוסף הבר מצוה, יה חביבי נא שמור
וסף הבר מצוה אתי, יה חביבי נא שמור
2 את יוסף הבר מצוה, את חתן הבר מצוה

יעטר יוסף חתן יפאר, בתפילין ראשו
ובקהל עם הוא יברך
2 ברוך שזיכני, ברוך שזיכני, ובנו בחר

באות ובטוטפות, קידשנו במצוות
קידשנו במצוות, באות ובטוטפות

תפילין אל מול ליבו, שבה את ידו קשר
ל ליבו, שבה את ידו קשרתפילין אל מו
שבה את ידו קשר, שבה את ידו קשר

Lyrics for Yaala Yaala, another song in Maqam Bayat are on page three, in Hebrew & English.