

KOL MEVASSER

Listen to the Voices of Our Children

By Louise Elias

A choir of our children has been a dream for many of us for years. Last Sunday, through Rabbi Batzri's effort, this wonderful dream became a reality.

The first day of KJ's Youth Choir practice really went well. That morning, we had a minyan of delightful young chicks at KJ. After the children went up on the stage, I heard them singing the first few lines of Hatikva [Israel's national anthem]. I absolutely melted and had tears streaming down my face.

I am so happy to be part of this effort along with David, my husband and so many others. Orly Batzri took photographs which you can see here. And dear Jack Shadi brought juice for all the kids to enjoy after class. The parents were happy and supportive of the choir becoming a regular happening at Kahal Joseph. As we all know, great kids have great parents.

I can only imagine interest in the choir growing as it develops and the weeks progress.



And none of it could happen without the support of the parents, the volunteers from our community and, most significantly, Rabbi Hagay and Orly Batzri.

With G-d's help, the KJ Youth Choir will present a program of Hatikva and other songs for us to enjoy at KJ's Tu B'Shvat Seder on Tuesday, February 7, 2012. In the words of KJ Board President, Ron Einy, these talented and committed kids in our community will be an inspiration to us all. "As trees grow together, so too will the voices of our children."

Shabbat Shalom

Parasha & Haftara Readings

Parashat Shemot, in Hertz, 206-224
Haftara 229-231

KJ Schedule

Erev Shabbat

Friday, January 13, 2012

Shaharit/Morning Prayer	6:30 am
Shabbat Candle Lighting	4:46 pm
Minhah/Arbith	4:45 pm

Shabbat Shemot

Saturday, January 14, 2012

Shabbat Shaharit/Morning Prayer.....	8:30 am
with Guest Speaker: Joseph Samuels	
Tehillim Women's Reading	4:00 pm
Shabbat Minhah, Seudah, Arbit.....	4:15 pm
Motzei Shabbat / Havdallah.....	5:50 pm

Weekdays

Sunday, January 15, 2012

Shaharit/Morning Prayer.....	7:30 am
KJ Children's Choir, ages 6-12.....	11:00 am

Wednesday, January 18, 2012

Women's Tehillim Reading	10:00 am
--------------------------------	----------

Monday to Friday, January 15 to 20, 2012

Shaharit/Morning Prayer	6:30 am
-------------------------------	---------

Erev Shabbat

Friday, January 20, 2012

Shaharit/Morning Prayer.....	6:30 am
Shabbat Candle Lighting	4:53 pm
Minhah/Arbith	4:45 pm

Shabbat Day, January 21st

SEC Lunch & Learn w/Zvi Zohar—RSVP by 1/18

KJ Youth Choir

Sundays, 11 am to 12 pm
Rabbi Batzri, Director



Join us at Kahal Joseph for the next meeting of our children's choir, open to kids ages 6 to 12. At choir, kids learn beautiful songs in our tradition, Jewish concepts and Sephardic culture. Meetings are every Sunday from 11 am to 12 noon. We ask parents and children to be prompt!

Thank You

to our dear member & Shabbat Guest Speaker
Joseph Samuels
who will address the topic of
Insights into "Shemot"
The Beginning of the Exodus
We look forward to sharing your ideas!

KJ WOMEN'S PSALMS GROUP



Shabbat Afternoon 4:00 pm
& Wednesdays at 10:00 am in the KJ Library
Shabbat Tehillim takes place along with the Mitzvah of Seudah Shlisheet, the third meal of Shabbat that bestows great spiritual merit upon those who partake.



KAHAL JOSEPH TREE OF LIFE

Help fill our tree with life!
Celebrate your loved ones by ordering a leaf—a donation of \$126 a leaf. Order 4 & get the 5th free. For information contact Yvette at ydabby@sbcglobal.net

Save the Date!

KJ Tu B'Shvat Seder

Tuesday, February 7th



Rabbi Batzri and the Sisterhood of Kahal Joseph present a Tu B'Shvat Seder. The program will follow Iraqi Kabbalistic Tradition. And we look forward to hearing songs for KJ's new Youth Choir. More information soon!

Congratulations

Ashley & Jonathan Tizabi
on the birth of a baby boy
Mazal Tov to the grandparents
Laleh & Joseph Tizabi, to Auntie
Lauren, and to both families

Seudah Shlisheet

We would like to thank
Solomon Kasher
for contributing towards part of this
week's Seudah in memory of
Eliyahu ben Faraj, z"l

Thank You David Kohan

We sincerely thank David Kohan for his efforts towards maintaining the building of our wonderful synagogue, especially for fixing the front door earlier this week. The door is essential to our security and is the main entry point of KJ.

In Memoriam

We remember the following yahrzeits, the annual anniversary of passings, for the week of January 14 to 21, 2012. 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.

19 Tevet / Shabbat, January 14

Yehekel Goury *Yehekel ben Shaul*
Solomon Raymond *Shlomo ben Rahamim*

20 Tevet / Sunday, January 15

Ronnie Kelly *Raphael ben Saleh Moshe Kadoorie*
Joseph Messiah *Yoseph Hayim Mashiah*
Ruby Mussry *Reuven ben Yaacob Saleh Mussry*

21 Tevet / Monday, January 16

Solomon Reuben *Shlomo ben Reuven D'loomy*
Behejohn Yehudah *Behejohn bat Yehudah*

22 Tevet / Tuesday, January 17

Matooka Girgiyr *Matooka bat Farha*

23 Tevet / Wednesday, January 18

Kovkah Cohen *Kovkah bat Yaakov HaCohen*
Hannah Dallal *Hannah Dallal*
Pinchas Khalili *Pinchas ben Nissan*

24 Tevet / Thursday, January 19

Moses Hai Abraham *Moshe Hai ben Avraham*
Louise Jacob *Louise Jacob*
Sulman Sheeri *Sulman ben Yosef*
Shather Shokri *Shather bat Yaakov*

26 Tevet / Shabbat, January 21

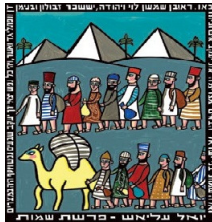
Ronnie Assia *Ronnie ben Naji*

Refuah Shlemah

Gerry Meyers
Eliezer Hai Saltoon ben Roz Saltoon

What's in a Name ?

By Rabbi Hagay Batzri
Ed. D. Ezran



We begin reading the second book of Moshe, the book of Exodus, this Shabbat. In Hebrew we call this book of the Torah *Shemot* from its opening phrase, "Ve-eleh shemot" which translates as "And these are the names." But this is not the only reason we call this book *Shemot*.

In *Shemot*, names are very important and everything depends on one's name or reputation. In fact, the entire Exodus depends on names. A person can't redeem him- or herself before a person builds a name. A name amounts to an identity, a reputation. Our name is who we are and it is our ID. Without an identity, we have no essence, nature, or character.

We learn that every newborn baby has a name in his or her *neshama* or "soul." Parents are not choosing a name for their child; they are only discovering the name that is already there. A parent's job is to try to figure out what that unique name is.

One way to uncover the meaning of a child's name is to examine its numerical value or *gematriya*. Each letter in Hebrew has a corresponding numerical

value, and certain numbers have specific associations. For example, the letters in "Chai" the word for "life," have a total numerical value of 18. This is one reason that contributions and donations to a synagogue are often made in multiples of 18.

The definition of your name and the meaning associated with its letters can help you to better understand who you are, what is at the root of your *neshama*, and what your *tikkun*, your mission in life, is. People can even use the letters in their names as tools to help resolve issues in their lives.

For example, in our parasha we see that one reason the nation of Israel could survive the exile, or *Galut*, is that the Jewish people gave special attention to their names. They kept their Hebrew names throughout their enslavement in Egypt. In part through their names, they kept their identity, as well as the power and the strength to redeem themselves with the help of G-d, HaKadosh Baruch Hu, the Holy One, blessed be He.

Shabbat Shalom U'Mevurach

Sponsor a Shabbat Kiddush

Honor a member of your family or celebrate a joyous occasion by sponsoring a Shabbat celebration at Kahal Joseph. Call Sarah in the KJ office, at 310.474.0559.



The Sephardic Educational Center



Proudly welcomes our
Scholar-in-Residence

Professor Zvi Zohar

Israel's Leading Scholar in Sephardic Studies

For a special Shabbat Lunch & Learn Presentation:

"Women, Torah & Mitzvot:

Surprising Views by Sephardic Rabbis"

Saturday, January 21, 2012

Kahal Joseph Congregation

10505 W. Santa Monica Blvd.

Los Angeles, CA 90025

Shabbat Services begin at 8:45 a.m.

Lunch & Learn after services (approx. 12:00 noon)

\$36 per person Must RSVP by 1/18/12

sharon@secjerusalem.org or (323)272-4574



KAHAL JOSEPH
NORMA & SAM DABBY
TALMUD TORAH

HEBREW SCHOOL

LEARNING & CREATING
JEWISH FRIENDS FOR LIFE

TUES & THURS, 4 TO 6 PM
FOR KIDS AGES 5 TO 13

CONTACT MOLLY AT
MOLLY@KAHALJOSEPH.ORG



A Song for Shabbat: Eli Ya Eli

Listen on youtube at: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ILtpdmilalQ>

Eli ya Eli, khon alai ya. Ya Eli ya Eli. (x2)
Libi yekhshak l'behtakh Eli. (x2)
Nes ya Eli, aseh ya Eli l'avdakh ya Eli

Lu tirtzeni u'tzakeni, u'meh-ahvoni tetahareni.
Ana li kamah, b'makhov lamah, et makhalati refah ya Eli. (x2)
Ana libi v'rukhi ma-asekha, v'libi yehge b'Toratekha; (x2)

Nes ya Eli, aseh ya Eli l'avdakh ya Eli (x2)
Eli ya Eli, khon alai ya. Ya Eli ya Eli.
Libi yekhshak l'behtakh Eli. (x2)
Nes ya Eli, aseh ya Eli l'avdakh ya Eli

Na pdeni, lakh tzofa eyeni, khish aneni, b'et hatzarah. Afkid b'yadkha, rukhi v'nishmati, bizkhut avotai, rakhem alai ya.
V'khasdakh heyтивah l'avdakh, v'tomar l'tzarah daya: (x2)

Nes ya Eli, aseh ya Eli l'avdakh ya Eli (x2)
Eli ya Eli, khon alai ya. Ya Eli ya Eli.
Libi yekhshak l'behtakh Eli. (x2)
Nes ya Eli, aseh ya Eli l'avdakh ya Eli

Lekha ekra, mimakh norah, esh-al ezra, khamol alai ya. Hagen ba-adi, ulvet mo-adi, shuva yedidi, u'l-ir tzviya.
Ana libi v'rukhi ma-asekha, v'libi yehgeh b'Toratekha: (x2)

Nes ya Eli, aseh ya Eli l'avdakh ya Eli (x2)
Eli ya Eli, khon alai ya. Ya Eli ya Eli.
Libi yekhshak l'behtakh Eli. (x2)
Nes ya Eli, aseh ya Eli l'avdakh ya Eli

מלים: שלמה לי
 לוח: כנאלי יא כנאלי
 אֱלֹהֵי אֱלֹהֵי הַן עֲלֵה הָאֱלֹהִים אֱלֹהֵי לִבִּי הַשֶּׁקֶל לְבִיתְךָ אֱלֹהִים
 (2). נִם הָאֱלֹהִים עֲשֵׂה הָאֱלֹהִים לְעִבְדְּךָ יְהוָה אֱלֹהֵינוּ
 תְּרַצְנֵנוּ וְתִצְנֵנוּ, וְיִצְנֵנוּ תִּצְנֵנוּ. אָנָּה לֹא פָּקְדָה בְּמִכְאֹב
 לְפָנֶיךָ, אֵת מַהֲלֹכֵי רַפָּא הָאֱלֹהִים. אָנָּה לִבִּי וְרוּחִי מִעֲשִׂידֶיךָ, וְלִבִּי
 יִהְיֶה בְּתוֹרָתְךָ: נִם הָאֱלֹהִים עֲשֵׂה הָאֱלֹהִים לְעִבְדְּךָ הָאֱלֹהִים
 פְּרִנֵּי, לֶךְ צוֹפָה עֵינֵי, חֵישׁ עֵינֵי, בְּעֵת הַצָּהֳרָה. אֲפָקֵד בְּיָדְךָ,
 רוּחִי וְנַשְׁמָתִי, בְּזִכְרוֹת אֲבוֹתַי, רַחֵם עָלַי יְהוָה. בְּחִסְדְּךָ הַיְסוּדָה
 לְעִבְדְּךָ, וְתֹאמַר לְצָהֳרָה דְּקָדָה: נִם הָאֱלֹהִים עֲשֵׂה הָאֱלֹהִים לְעִבְדְּךָ הָאֱלֹהִים
 אֲבָרָא מִפְּקֵד טוֹרָא, אֲשָׁאֵל עוֹרָה, תְּמַל עָלַי יְהוָה. הֲנֵן בְּעֵרֵי, וְלִבִּית
 מוֹעֲדֵי, שׁוֹבָה יִדְרֵי, וְלִעֵר צִבְקָה. אָנָּה לִבִּי וְרוּחִי מִעֲשִׂידֶיךָ, וְלִבִּי
 יִהְיֶה בְּתוֹרָתְךָ: נִם הָאֱלֹהִים עֲשֵׂה הָאֱלֹהִים לְעִבְדְּךָ הָאֱלֹהִים

Maqam Rast

Edited from pizmonim.com & wikipedia

Rast is the first maqam in the arrangement of the Oriental maqamat and therefore represents a beginning. The word Rast sounds similar to RAS, the Arabic word for head.

Rast is a Persian word meaning "right" or "direct". Rast is regarded as the basic maqam in Iranian as well as in Arabic music, in the same way as the major scale in Western music, though it is rather different from the major scale in detail (the major scale is in fact more like maqam Ajam). Rast features a half-flat third and a half-flat seventh scale degrees.

Middle eastern Sephardic Jews also liken the word *Rast* to "head" from the Hebrew word "rosh". We have a tradition of chanting prayers in Maqam Rast when we begin a new Torah book in the weekly readings. On the Shabbat when the first perasha of each Humash is read, Maqam Rast is employed.

Thus on the weeks of Perashat Bereshit, Shemot, Vayiqra and often Bemidbar this maqam is applied. Perashat Debarim is always Shabbat Hazon, the Shabbat prior to Tisha B'Ab; therefore Maqam Hijaz is used instead of Rast. We also use Maqam Rast in the afternoon service of Shabbat because that is the first time the upcoming Torah portion (for the following week's Shabbat) is read.

NOTICE TO PARENTS

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



Learn to Chant the Haftarah

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 authentic Baghdadi ta'amim, melodies for chanting from the Torah & Tanakh.