

# KOL MEVASSER

## R-E-S-P-E-C-T

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Dear Kahal,

Our Torah portion, Parashat Tetzaveh, deals with the special clothing and utensils of Aharon and his sons, the first members of the Cohen family or "Kohanim". They served as priests in the sanctuary (also known as the Tabernacle or Mishkan) where the Jewish nation worshipped while traveling through the desert to Israel.

Years later, the ritual vessels of the Mishkan were placed in the Bet Hamikdash, the holy Temple built by King Solomon in Jerusalem. The Torah portion describes, in part, these holy vessels. Interestingly, they play a significant role in the holiday of Purim which we also celebrate this week.

The feast of Purim is preceded by a fast day, Taanit Ester, normally thought to be a solemn time of reflection, remembrance, and mourning. For example, Yom Ha'atzmaut, Israel's independence day, is celebrated around the time of Yom Hashoah and Yom Hazikaron, holidays that commemorate, respectively, the Holocaust and Israeli soldiers who died protecting the Jewish state.

But the tragedy associated with Taanit Esther never occurred. On Purim, even though the rulers wanted to implement a "final solution" and exterminate the Jews, not even one Jewish person died. In fact, the opposite happened and the Jews repaid their enemies.

In the case of Purim, it was almost as if the horrible decree against the Jewish people had never happened in the first place. If so, why did Hashem bother? "The Talmud in Masechet Megilla asks "For what reason [did the evil decree occur]? What caused the [potential] extinction of Israel? Because they partook from the meal of this evil man."

In other words, the Jewish people were almost wiped out in ancient Persia because some Jews accepted an invitation to feast with King Ahashverosh.

So, what was the big deal? Some commentators even explain that King Ahashverosh was so "sensitive" to honor the Jews that he provided kosher food prepared with strict supervision for them. If this was the case, what was so bad about participating in his feast on this occasion?

The reason, says the Talmud, is that some of the food at the Shushan feast was served

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## KJ Schedule

### Erev Shabbat Zachor Friday, March 2, 2012

Shaharit/Morning Prayer.....	6:30 am
Shabbat Candle Lighting .....	5:32 pm
Minhah/Arbith .....	5:30 pm

### Shabbat Zachor / Parashat Tetzaveh Saturday, March 3, 2012

Shabbat Shaharit/Morning Prayer.....	8:30 am
Tehillim Women's Reading .....	12:15 pm
Shabbat Minhah, Seudah, Arbit.....	5:00 pm
Motzei Shabbat / Havdallah.....	6:18 pm

### Sunday, March 4, 2012

Shaharit/Morning Prayer.....	7:30 am
Purim Baking for KJ Baskets .....	10:00 am
KJ Youth Choir Rehearsal .....	11:00 am

### Taanit Esther / Erev Purim Wednesday, March 7, 2012

Fast Begins.....	4:59 am
Shaharit w/Torah Reading .....	6:30 am
Minha w/Torah Rdg & Birkat Cohanim.....	5:30 pm
Arvit /Evening Prayer.....	5:55 pm
Fast Ends (For Sephardim) .....	6:12 pm
<b>Megillah Reading &amp; Celebration</b> .....	6:00 pm
Choir, Food Truck, Costume Contest .....	6:45 pm

### Purim

### Thursday, March 8, 2012

Shaharit & Morning Megillah.....	6:30 am
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in vessels and dishes looted from the holy Temple in Jerusalem, from the Bet Hamikdash. When the Jewish guests "enjoyed" the meal served in this fashion, they angered Hashem.

When we lose sensitivity to the pain that our people have suffered, we have lost our self-respect.

In the case of Purim, the destruction of the Temple by the Babylonians had occurred just a few decades before the feast in question. How much lower could those Jewish guests of King Ahashverosh have gone in forsaking their people and their heritage than to "enjoy" such a meal served in such a fashion?

To give a contemporary example, imagine that members of our community were invited to a grand feast, a fabulous meal with the best food, music and entertainment available showcased in a beautiful place. But, to increase the grandeur of the occasion, the host bragged about using china, silverware, crystal and artwork stolen from Jewish victims during the Holocaust. Or, he set the table with fine items taken from Jewish homes in Iran and Iraq while those families were forced to flee. Imagine. Would Jewish guests "enjoy" this wonderful meal?

In a similar situation, Menachem Begin, later Prime Minister of Israel, fought against ac-

cepting the German government's "compensation plan" in 1952. The Reparations Agreement also called the Luxembourg Agreement) was an agreement between Israel and West Germany, created by Foreign Minister Moshe Sharett and German Chancellor Konrad Adenauer, on September 10, 1952. Via this agreement, between 1953 and 1965 Germany gave Israel approximately 3 billion West German marks, as if to "compensate" for the lives, suffering, and material damage caused to the Jewish people during the Holocaust.

Menachem Begin criticized the Jewish left for accepting this blood money. "Shame on you," he said. Later he tried to unify the Jewish people in Israel--Sephardim, Ashkenazim and all Jewish people who made aliya and came to live in the land of Israel, Eretz Israel.

Dear friends, if we respect ourselves--if we respect our culture, our tradition--we have a basis for building Jewish identity. Self-respect is like the Alef-Bet, the fundamental knowledge required to exist as a Jew.

***Shabbat Shalom***

## Seudah Shlisheet

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## In Memoriam

We remember the following yahrzeits, the annual anniversary of passings, for the week of March 3rd to 10th, 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.

### **9 Adar / Shabbat, March 3**

Irena Stoler *Irena Stoler*  
Victoria Levy *Victoria bat Hanina*

### **10 Adar / Sunday, March 4**

Marcella Aslan *Masooda Aslan*  
Clara Solomon *Gala bat Masouda*  
Menashe Solomon *Menashe ben Shlomo Reuven*

### **12 Adar / Tuesday, March 6**

David Shapiro *Dovid ben Chaim*

### **13 Adar / Wednesday, March 7**

Esther Jacob D'Cruz *Esther HaMulka bat Rahel*  
Elliot Zvi Wyner *Yechiel Zvi ben Yitzhak*  
*Kodadad ben Yair*

### **15 Adar / Friday, March 9**

Nurriel Daizadeh *Nurriel ben Yochanan*  
Jack Jacob *Meir ben Yaacov*  
Hanna Klein *Hanna bat Avraham Hayyim*  
Vera Rosenfeld *Vera bat Hannah Hatoun*

## Thank You

Sigal & Jonathan Kelly  
and Hannie Kelly

for providing lovely gifts  
for our Choir kids

## Purim Song: Ashir Shir Khadash I Will Sing A New Song

See Purim at Kahal on YouTube at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Oq5YT8at3yM> feature=youtube

סימן: עזרא בן ששון  
 מקום: חוסיני

**עזר** מצרי הית סתר ומני אמה תה לי גואל גם עתה  
 אשר שיר חדש: תמכה את זכר עמלק שמך יתקדש:

**זכרתי** ימים מקדם עת אמרו בואו נכחדם פלאך מי יגידם  
 אשר שיר חדש: תמכה את זכר עמלק שמך יתקדש

**רצה** המן הוא הרשע לעקר ביצת עם נשע. אנני הכביד  
 עיניו השע. אשר שיר חדש: תמכה את זכר עמלק שמך יתקדש

**אז** שב עמלו בראשו. תלו אותו עם פל-ירשו. בא לעקר  
 ונעקר שרשו. אשר שיר חדש: תמכה את זכר עמלק שמך יתקדש

**בן** איד הפך על ביתו. וחדש את נחלתו. כי נשמעה  
 תפלתו. אשר שיר חדש: תמכה את זכר עמלק שמך יתקדש

**ששון** שמחה להודים אבל מספר מר לפוהדים ורפים הם  
 מתוודים. אשר שיר חדש: תמכה את זכר עמלק שמך יתקדש

Ezer Mitzarai hayita. Sitri u'magini ata. Heye li go-el gam ata. Ashir shir khadash: Timkhe et zekher Amalek shimkha yitkadash:

Zakharti yamim mikedem. Et amru bo-u nakhehidem. Pla-ekha. Mi yagidem. Ashir shir khadash: Timkhe et zekher Amalek shimkha yitkadash:

Ratza Haman hu harasha. La-akor bet-zat am nosha. Aznav hakhbed enav hash. Ashir shir khadash: Timkhe et zekher Amalek shimkha yitkadash:

Az shav amalo b'rosho. Talu oto im kol yorsho. Ba la'akor v'ne-ekar sharsho. Ashir shir khadash: Timkhe et zekher Amalek shimkha yitkadash:

Ben Yair hufkad al beto. V'yarash et nakhalato. Ki nishm'a tefilato. Ashir shir khadash: Timkhe et zekher Amalek shimkha yitkadash:

Sason simkha la'Yehudim. Evel misped mar la'mordim. V'rabim hem mityahadim. Ashir shir khadash: Timkhe et zekher Amalek shimkha yitkadash:

### Refuah Shlemah

Gerry Shapiro  
 Eliezer Saltoon



### Rabbi Batzri's Hotline

*Plan Your Next Shabbat Dinner ...*

Discuss your Jewish home and learn the secrets that create a Jewish environment. Rabbi Batzri offers explanations of our halakhot and Jewish matters for young families and the entire family. Call him at 310-717-8707 or write him at [hbatzri@gmail.com](mailto:hbatzri@gmail.com).

*Now, let's set your table ...*

### Kol Mevasser Newsletter

Kahal Joseph Congregation  
 Rabbi Hagay Batzri Editor Dafna Ezran  
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## Events at KJ

**Purim Baking for KJ Gift Baskets**  
 Sunday, March 4th starting at 10 am

**Megillah Reading & Celebration with Choir Performance, Food Truck And Costume Contest**  
 Wednesday, March 7th 6:00 pm

**KJ Purim Carnival**  
 Sunday, March 11th, 11 am to 4 pm

### Ongoing Events

**Women's Tehillim Group**  
 Shabbat Day at 12:15 pm

**Kahal Joseph Youth Choir Rehearsal**  
 Sundays at 11:00 am

**KJ Talmud Torah: Afterschool Program**  
 Tuesdays & Thursdays, 4:00 to 6:00 pm

### KJ Schedule Continued

Ladies Megillah Reading ..... 11:00 am  
 at Rabbi & Orly Batzri's home, 10519 Ohio Ave.

**Monday to Friday, March 5 to 9, 2012**  
 Shaharit/Morning Prayer ..... 6:30 am

**Shushan Purim / Erev Shabbat**  
**Friday, March 9, 2012**  
 Shaharit/Morning Prayer ..... 6:30 am  
 Shabbat Candle Lighting ..... 5:38 pm  
 Minhah/Arbith ..... 5:30 pm

**WEEKLY TORAH PORTION • Parashat Tetzaveh 339 to 349 • Parashat Zachor 856 to 857 • Haftara Zachor 995 to 998**

## Purim Song: *Makho Timkhe Erase His Name*

See Purim at Kahal <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Oq5YT8at3yM> feature=youtube

מִסִּינִי: שְׁמִינִי	מִסִּינִי: שְׁמִינִי
רֹאשׁ עַל כָּל־אֹיְבַי, וְחִשְׁמַחְנִי, בְּיַמֵּי מֹרְדֵּכַי בְּיָאֵר, אֵל	רֹאשׁ עַל כָּל־אֹיְבַי, וְחִשְׁמַחְנִי, בְּיַמֵּי מֹרְדֵּכַי בְּיָאֵר, אֵל
הַמֶּן וְהַנֵּי:	הַמֶּן וְהַנֵּי:
בְּחַה הַמְּחֵדוּ לְאַרְוֹם, הַבַּיִת אִם עַל בָּנִים	בְּחַה הַמְּחֵדוּ לְאַרְוֹם, הַבַּיִת אִם עַל בָּנִים
לְבִשְׁתָּ	לְבִשְׁתָּ
מַלְכוּת לְחֹדֶשֶׁת, וְהִצַּלְתַּנִּי, בְּקִיּוֹם הַמֶּן הָאֲנֵנִי, בְּתַצִּינִי	מַלְכוּת לְחֹדֶשֶׁת, וְהִצַּלְתַּנִּי, בְּקִיּוֹם הַמֶּן הָאֲנֵנִי, בְּתַצִּינִי
לְבַלְעֵנִי:	לְבַלְעֵנִי:
בְּחַה הַמְּחֵדוּ לְאַרְוֹם, הַבַּיִת אִם עַל בָּנִים	בְּחַה הַמְּחֵדוּ לְאַרְוֹם, הַבַּיִת אִם עַל בָּנִים
מִמְרֹמְרֹם	מִמְרֹמְרֹם
רוּחַ שְׁלַחְתָּ, וְחִשְׁיַעְנֵנִי, יִסֹּר יִסְרָנִי יָהּ, לְמַוֶּת לֹא נִתְּנֵנִי:	רוּחַ שְׁלַחְתָּ, וְחִשְׁיַעְנֵנִי, יִסֹּר יִסְרָנִי יָהּ, לְמַוֶּת לֹא נִתְּנֵנִי:
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הַמֶּן	הַמֶּן
הַשֵּׁב לְאַבְדֵנִי, וְלִחְשִׁמְדֵנִי, הַחַה דְּחִתְנִי לְנֶפֶל, וְיִי עֲנֵנִי:	הַשֵּׁב לְאַבְדֵנִי, וְלִחְשִׁמְדֵנִי, הַחַה דְּחִתְנִי לְנֶפֶל, וְיִי עֲנֵנִי:
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חֹזֵק	חֹזֵק
לֵב עֲסֹדֵךְ בְּקִרְבִּי, וְאַמְצֵנִי, בְּנוֹכַח יִצְחָק עֲסֹדֶךָ, הַשִּׁיבֵנִי	לֵב עֲסֹדֵךְ בְּקִרְבִּי, וְאַמְצֵנִי, בְּנוֹכַח יִצְחָק עֲסֹדֶךָ, הַשִּׁיבֵנִי
עַל בְּנֵי: בְּנוֹכַח אַבְרָהָם אֲהַבְּךָ... בְּנוֹכַח יַעֲקֹב תִּמְצֹדֵךְ...	עַל בְּנֵי: בְּנוֹכַח אַבְרָהָם אֲהַבְּךָ... בְּנוֹכַח יַעֲקֹב תִּמְצֹדֵךְ...

Simeni rosh al kol oyvai, u'tsamkheni, ki'yamay Mordechai ben Yair, El kha-nun v'khaneni: *Makho timkhhehu le'Edom, hakehu em al banim:*

Libashta malkhut la'Hadassa, v'hitzaltani, b'kum Haman ha'Agagi, ktanin l'val-eni: *Makho timkhhehu le'Edom, hakehu em al banim:*

Mi'marom ru-akh shalakhta, va'toshi-eni, yasor yisrani yah, la'mavet lo netanani: *Makho timkhhehu le'Edom, hakehu em al banim:*

Haman khashav l'abdeni, u'lhashmideni, dakho d'khitani linpol v'Adonai azarani: *Makho timkhhehu le'Edom, hakehu em al banim:*

Khazek lev avdakh kekedem, v'amtzeni, bizkhut Yitzhak akedekha, hashiveni al kani: Bizkhut Avraham ahuvekha . . . bizkhut Yaacov temimekha . . .

KJ PURIM CARNIVAL



**Sunday, March 11th**  
**11:00 am to 4:00 pm**

*Kahal Joseph Congregation*  
 10505 Santa Monica Blvd. L.A. 90025

**Game Booths • Fun Rides**  
**Great Food • Prizes**



### Kahal Joseph Youth Choir

**Sundays at 11:00 am**

Come practice with 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. We ask parents & children to be prompt!