

# KOL MEVASSER

## Ask Rabbi Batzri Questions and Answers about Judaism and Life

Dear Kahal,

*Now that counting the Omer, the days from Pesah to Shavuot, has begun, I have been receiving many questions by phone and e-mail regarding special customs and laws observed during this time period.*

*Generally, we curtail our enjoyment and celebrations in recognition of difficult times experienced by the Jewish people in the past during the 'Omer' period, especially before Lag Ba'Omer which falls on May 10th this year.*

*I have also received numerous questions regarding other matters such as praying for those who are ill, keeping peace in the home, and more.*

*I am sure many of you have similar concerns, but have refrained from calling. So, here is information that I hope will be useful to you. I will try to be brief and to the point in my responses.*

Rabbi Hagay Batzri

### Illness

Q. I have a non-Jewish friend who is very ill. May I pray for her during services and read Tehillim for her? Can you give her a blessing of "Mi Sheberach" when we open the Torah scrolls? If we give her a blessing, what name should we mention, since she does not have a Jewish name?

A. Yes, Rabbis can perform blessings for her. We mention her name and her mother's same just as we do for Jewish people who are ill.

### Marriage

Q. My husband and I have been married for 22 years. I recently learned that our marriage was performed by a non-Orthodox Rabbi. I showed my Ketuba [a marriage contract] to one Rabbi and he said it was not kosher. What should I do?

A. Get married for the first time in your life. (That is, if you still love your husband or you just wish to...).

Q. What should I do with a gift I received from a guy that wanted to marry me? We are no longer together.

A. You should give the gift back to him.

## KJ Schedule

### Erev Shabbat

**Friday, April 20, 2012**

Shaharit/Morning Prayer.....	6:30 am
Minhah/Arbith .....	6:30 pm
Shabbat Candle Lighting .....	7:10 pm

### Shabbat / Parashat Shemini

#### Birkat HaChodesh

**Saturday, April 21, 2012**

Shabbat Shaharit/Morning Prayer.....	8:30 am
Tehillim Women's Reading .....	5:00 pm
Shabbat Minhah, Seudah, Arbit.....	6:40 pm
Motzei Shabbat / Havdallah.....	8:14 pm

### Weekdays

**Sunday, April 22, 2012**

Shaharit/Morning Prayer.....	7:30 am
KJ Youth Choir .....	11:00 am
Maurice Zekaria Backgammon Tournament	2:00 pm

**Sunday & Monday, April 22 & 23, 2012**

### Rosh Hodesh Iyar

**Wednesday, April 25, 2012**

#### Erev Yom Ha'atzmaut

Kj Bone Marrow Drive for Dan ...	6:00 to 10:00 pm
<b>Blue &amp; White Night Celebration.....</b>	<b>6:30 pm</b>

**Thursday, April 26, 2012**

#### Yom Ha'atzmaut

**Monday to Friday, April 23 to 27, 2012**

Shaharit/Morning Prayer .....	6:30 am
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### Charity

Q. I have been asked to give charity and to help a family with debts. I know that they used to manage an extravagant lifestyle. Is it considered tzedaka to help them?

A. Yes, when someone falls into debt, you should help him get back to the lifestyle he had before he had financial trouble.

### Customs and Laws During the Counting of the Omer, 'Sefirat Ha'Omer'

Q. Our car lease expires this week. May we lease a new car during the Omer?

A. Yes.

Q. May I listen to music that gives me joy and elevates my spirit before Lag Baomer?

A. Yes, you may listen to sacred prayers or bible verses that inspire you. All other music, you may not listen to.

Q. Should I avoid going to places that play background music like shopping malls, etc.

A. No, you don't have to avoid these places. You can do your shopping as usual.

Q. May I watch movies or TV shows with music?

A. Musical movies are not ok. All other movies are fine. However, programs that lower you spiritually or morally are not permitted at any time of year.

Q. May I start a new business now?

A. Starting a new business during this time is not recommended. It is better to begin new ventures after Lag Baomer.

Q. May I buy new clothes or furniture if I find them on sale or if I find a good deal?

A. Yes, you may purchase new clothes and household items, but you should wait to start using them until after Lag Baomer.

Q. I need a new mixer and a food processor for my kitchen. Can I buy & use them now?

A. Yes, you may both purchase and use kitchen items for food preparation.

### Shabbat

Q. Can I watch TV on Shabbat with an automatically programmed time switch that was set before Shabbat?

A. In general, yes, but do not watch any live broadcasts on Jewish or Israeli channels.

Q. At the Shabbat table my husband yells at my mother, saying that she is not involved with the education of our children. My soul is full of sorrow, and I don't know what to do.

A. I feel your sorrow. Please call my wife.

### **Refuah Shlemah**

Gerry Shapiro • Yocheved bat Rachel  
Rachamim ben Sarah • Hinah Titza bat Itah  
• Yitzhak ben Abdullah

## **In Memoriam**

We remember the following *yahrzeits*, the annual anniversary of passings, for the week of April 14th to 21st 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*.

### **30 Nisan / Sunday, April 22**

Yehezkel Jacob *Yehezkel ben Avraham Hayim*

### **1 Iyar / Monday, April 23**

Marcus Abraham *Mordechai Hayim ben Moshe Hai Eliahou Nazarian Eliahou ben Meir*

### **2 Iyar / Tuesday, April 24**

Monique Abitboul *Mounie bat Miriam*

### **3 Iyar / Wednesday, April 25**

Hanina Cohen *Hanina bat Chahla*  
Nedat Joshua Farahi *Yehoshua ben Yehezkel*  
Sassoon Benjamin Gemal *Sasson ben Binyamin*

### **4 Iyar / Thursday, April 26**

Binyamin Sheff *Binyamin ben Hasia*

### **5 Iyar / Friday, April 27**

Simon Faraj Iny *Shimon ben Faraj*  
Louise Mendel *Aziza bat Mouna*

### **6 Iyar / Shabbat, April 28**

Jane Ester Feldman  
Sophie Moses *Tifaha bat Mazal*

## **Condolences**

to the family and friends of

**Samuel Joseph Niknam, z"l**  
*Shmuel Yoseph ben Habib, z"l*

especially his children, Nader and Amir, daughter-in-law, Helen, & his grandchildren, Katie and Matthew

*May Hashem comfort them with the mourners of Tzion*

## El Adon / G-d is the Lord of All Creation

Listen to Rabbi Batzri perform this beautiful song at [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=\\_5a3Nrlz9ds&feature=youtube](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_5a3Nrlz9ds&feature=youtube)

*El adon al kol hama'asim  
Baruch um'vorach befi kol neshamah  
Gad'lo vetuvo lifnei olam.  
Da'at ut'vunah sovevim hodo:*

*Hamitga'eh al chayot hakodesh.  
Venehedar bechavod al hamerkavah.  
Z'chut umishor lifnei kis'o.  
Chesed verachamim male k'vodo:*

*Tovim me'orot shebara Eloheinu.  
Yetzaram bida'at b'vinah uvehas'kel.  
Ko'ach ug'vurah natan bahem.  
Lihyot moshlim bekerev tevel:*

*Mele'im ziv um'fikim nugah.  
Na'eh zivam bechol ha'olam.  
S'mechim betzetam vesasim bevo'am.  
Osim be'eimah ratzon konam:*

*pe'er vechavod not'nim lish'mo.  
Tzahalah verinah lezecher malchuto.  
Kara lashemesh vayiz'rach or.  
Ra'ah vehit'kin tzurat hal'vanah:*

*shevach not'nim lo kol tz'va marom.  
Tif'eret ug'dulah sor'fim ve'ofanim ve-  
chayot hakodesh:*

G-d is the Lord of all creation  
Blessed and praised is He by every soul  
His greatness and goodness fill the universe  
Knowledge and wisdom surround Him

He is exalted above the celestial beings  
And adorned in glory above the Chariot  
Purity and justice stand before His throne  
Kindness and mercy are in His glorious presence

Good are the luminaries which our G-d created,  
Made with knowledge, wisdom and insight  
He placed in them energy and power  
To have dominion over the world  
Full of splendor they radiate brightness;  
Beautiful is their brilliance throughout the world  
They rejoice in their rising and exult in their setting  
Performing with reverence the will of their Creator

Glory and honor do they give to his name,  
And joyous song to his majestic fame  
He called forth the sun, and it shone;  
He saw fit to regulate the form of the moon

All the hosts of heaven give him praise;  
All the celestial beings attribute glory and grandeur

אל אדון על כל המעשים  
ברוך ומברך בפי כל נשמה  
גדלו וטובו לפני עולם  
דעת ותבונה סובבים הודו

המתנאה על חיות הקדש  
ונהדר בכבוד על המרכבה  
זכות ומישור לפני כסאו  
חסד ורחמים מלא כבודו

טובים מאורות שברא אלהינו  
וצרם בדת בבניה ובהשכל  
כח וגבורה נתן בהם  
להיות מושלים בקרב תבל

מלאים זיו ומפיקים נוגה  
נאה זיום בכל העולם  
שמחים בצאתם וששים בבואם  
עשים באימה רצון קונם

פאר וכבוד נותנים לשמו  
צהלה ורנה לזכר מלכותו  
קרא לשמש ויזרח אור  
ראה והתקין צורת הלכנה

שבה נותנים לו כל צבא מרום  
תפארת וגדלה שרפים ואופנים וחיות הקדש

### KJ Volunteers Needed

The Religious Committee seeks volunteers to welcome new and prospective members by:

1. Serving on a Shabbat welcoming committee, with each volunteer representing a specific seating section.
2. Reading aloud English and Hebrew sections of the Shabbat prayers during services. Women are encouraged to participate as well.
3. Being part of a living Phone Tree and calling ten members when we have a special event, a guest speaker, etc.

For information or to volunteer contact Neil Sheff at [neil@sheffimmigration.com](mailto:neil@sheffimmigration.com)

### WEEKLY TORAH PORTION

Parashat **Shemini** 443 -454;  
Haftara 948-950

Rabbi Batzri  
and  
The Sisterhood of Kahal Joseph  
*present*

*A Yom Ha'atzmaut Celebration  
in honor of Israel's Independence*



## Blue & White Night

Wednesday, April 25, 2012

6:30 pm

*Free Admission*

**Blessing for the State of Israel  
with Rabbi Avi Nava of Tarzana**

**NEW! Zion Zioni, Musical Guest  
Israeli Singer**

**KJ Youth Choir with New Songs**

**Festive Arvit with Hallel**

**Kosher Grill on Wheels**

**Torch Lighting for Israel's Soldiers**

Do you think you have what it takes?

## Maurice Zekaria Backgammon Tournament

Entrance fee: \$50.00,

**Winning the title: Priceless**

Sunday April 22, 2012, 2:00 p.m.

First Prize: \$800

Second Prize: \$400

Third Prize: \$200

Sandwiches and refreshments will be served

Kahal Joseph Congregation

Errol Levi Social Hall

10505 Santa Monica Blvd.

Los Angeles, CA 90025

Reserve your spot by April 16

Call the office at 310-474-0559 or  
email [ydabby@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ydabby@sbcglobal.net)

(Must be 18 years or older to enter)

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to save  
**DAN'S**  
life,



just  
**swab.**

**Wednesday  
April 25, 2012  
6 to 10 pm**  
Kahal Joseph  
Congregation

Dan Herdoon, a young member of the Iraqi Jewish community, is in need of a bone marrow transplant. No match has been found, as the Iraqi Jewish community is tremendously under-represented in the worldwide bone marrow registries. Adding 10,000 Iraqi Jews to the registry will triple the chance of someone in the community finding a match.

A simple cheek swab is all it takes to register. Once Dan's match is identified, the donation process is similar to giving blood, and by law that person's identity cannot be released unless they choose to do so after one year. Please urge your friends and family of Iraqi Jewish descent, especially young adults age 18-40, to attend the upcoming donor drive.

***Together we can help save lives  
in our community!***