

# KOL MEVASSER

## The Three Weeks

From Midrash Ben Ish Hai

Thus is it written in our Holy Talmud:

*"Five calamities befell our forefathers on the Seventeenth of Tammuz, and five on Tisha b' Av (the Ninth of Av).*

*On the Seventeenth of Tammuz the Tablets of Stone were broken (by Moshe Rabbenu), the daily-offering ceased (in the Temple), the walls of the City (of Jerusalem) were breached, Apostomos burned the Torah Scroll and placed an idol in the Hekhal (Sanctuary). Some say it was actually Apostomos, while another opinion is that it was Menashe.*

*On Tisha b'Av it was decreed upon our forefathers that they should not enter the Land of Israel (because of the sin of the Ten Spies), the First Temple was destroyed, so too the Second, Bittair was seized and the City of Jerusalem ploughed up."*

These twenty-two days from the Seventeenth of Tammuz to Tisha B'Av are thus, among the saddest in our calendar and the Halakhoth (laws) and the Minhagim (customs) that we have adopted, reflect this. On these "Days of Distress" we lessen our laughter and pleasures for it is written that every generation which does not witness the rebuilding of the Beth Hammiqdash (Temple), it is as if it were destroyed in its day.

One should avoid reciting the blessing of Sheheheyanu on these days except in cases

such as a Pidyon Habben (redemption of a first-born male) or on a new fruit that would not B'Available afterwards. During this period there is a custom among Sepharadim to recite Tiqqun Rahel in the afternoon.

### FROM ROSH HODESH AV

From the onset of the month of Av joyfulness should be lessened, and one who has a court-case with a non-Jew should postpone it till after the tenth of Av. Sepharadim do not perform weddings from Rosh Hodesh (the new month) to the Ninth of Av.

Negotiations for and acquisitions of items for joyous purposes, such as marriages, are postponed till after the Ninth of Av. However, they are permitted if the items would not B'Available later, or if they would then be more costly.

Bathing is not permitted during these nine days. Today, however, while there are different opinions on the matter, some consider, that a less pleasant option, such as a cold shower, is acceptable. In any case, there is no question that it is permitted for health and ritual purposes.

Sepharadim do not partake of meat and wine from the night after Rosh Hodesh Av. But on Rosh Hodesh itself, meat and wine are consumed in honor of the special day. A person who is sick, a woman who has recently given birth, or somebody who must eat meat for medical reasons, is permitted to eat chicken meat. One who does this should at any rate try to

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## KJ Schedule

### Erev Shabbat Pinhas

**Friday, July 13, 2012**

Shaharit/Morning Prayer .....	6:30 am
Shir HaShirim .....	6:45 pm
Minhah/Arbith .....	7:00 pm
Shabbat Candle Lighting .....	7:47 pm

### Saturday, July 14, 2012

Shabbat Shaharit/Morning Prayer ...	8:30 am
High School Teens Shabbaton with Rabbi Yosef Khakshoor.....	9:45 am to 1:30 pm
Women's Tehillim.....	6:00 pm
Rabbi's Class .....	6:45 pm
Minha, Seudah Shlisheet, Arvith .....	7:15 pm
Motzei Shabbat / Havdallah.....	8:50 pm

### Sunday, July 15, 2012

Shaharit/Morning Prayer .....	7:30 am
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### Monday through Friday July 16-20, 2012

Shaharit/Morning Prayer .....	6:30 am
Women's Tehillim Group Monday@10:30 am	

### Rosh Hodesh Av

**Thurs. Eve, July 19th & Friday, July 20th**

### Erev Shabbat Matot--Masei

**Friday, July 20, 2012**

Shaharit/Morning Prayer .....	6:30 am
Shir HaShirim .....	6:45 pm
Minhah/Arbith.....	7:00 pm
Shabbat Candle Lighting .....	7:44 pm

## SHABBAT TORAH PORTION

Parashat *Pinchas* 686 to 698

Haftara 699 to 701



**Professor Lev Hakak**  
*KJ Member of the Week*

Last week's Member of the Week, Professor Lev Hakak, has devoted over 38 years to teaching Hebrew and promoting the Iraqi Jewish heritage at UCLA and beyond. With over 20 publications, Dr. Hakak continues to serve as a beacon of preservation of the Iraqi-Sephardic tradition and history. He has been a frequent guest speaker on Shabbat at Kahal Joseph and a disseminator of Iraqi-Jewish history. We are proud to have him as a member of our congregation.

**Mazal Tov Michael Amron**

Ronald Einy  
President of Kahal Joseph  
& the Board of Directors  
wish Michael Amron  
a healthy and happy birthday  
and a wonderful year ahead

**Mazal Tov**

**Adele and Jack Mussry  
on the birth of your son**

Congratulations to the Grandparents  
Majdoline & Nissim Hay Mussry  
and Melina El-Ani

**Shabbat Kiddush**

is sponsored in honor of the  
**92nd Birthday of  
Michael Amron**



**In Memoriam**

We remember these yearzeit anniversary of passings, for July 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 the preceding Shabbat.

**24 Tammuz / Shabbat, July 14**

Aaron David *Aharon David ben Avraham Haim*

**25 Tammuz / Sunday, July 15**

Heskel Dabby *Haskel ben Yoseph*

**26 Tammuz / Monday, July 16**

Flossie David Solomon *Farha bat Roza*  
David Hattanian *David ben Itzhak*

**28 Tammuz / Wednesday, July 18**

Ezra Said Goury *Ezra Said ben Simcha*

**29 Tammuz / Thursday, July 19**

Selim Ashair Hanoon *Selim ben Ashair*

**1 Av / Friday, July 20**

Aron Philip Blank *Aharon Shraga ben Avraham*  
Ezra Ezrapour *Ezra ben Avraham Hayim*  
Yohanan Hattanian *Yohanan ben Yehezkel*

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refrain from all meat from the seventh of Av until the ninth, for it was on the seventh of Av that the enemy entered the Sanctuary. One who must nonetheless eat meat may do so even on that day (Kaf HaChaim).

When the fast of Tisha B'Av commences on Saturday night (whether the 9th of Av falls on Sunday, or whether it falls on Shabbath and the fast is postponed to the next day), there are certain differences that need to be mentioned:

Meat and wine are consumed during the Se'uddath Hammafseqeth (final meal) because it occurs on Shabbat. In fact, there are no restrictions as to what may be eaten. However, one must complete the meal before sunset. One should be particular not to adopt any customs on this Shabbath afternoon which might appear to be due to Abeluth (mourning).

Havdallah is made during the 'Arbith prayer. The blessing on the havdallah candle, Bore Meore HaEsh is recited during Habdala, but there is no blessing on spices or Besamim. At the end of the fast on Sunday evening, the blessing on wine for havdallah, Bore Peri Haggefen is made without a candle or Besamim.

### TISHA B'AV

The five items prohibited on Yom Kippur, eating and drinking, bathing, anointing, wearing (leather) shoes and marital relations are likewise prohibited on Tisha B'Av.

There are many different opinions concerning the wearing of Sissith and Tefilleen on Tisha B'Av morning, The way mentioned in the Holy Work "Ben Ish Hai", is to don them at home in the morning and read the Shema' only (some include Qaddesh Lee), and they are not worn again the rest of the day.

"Eikha" is read at night and again in the morning, in accordance with the Sepharadim. Some Ashkenazim, however, read it only at night. One must sit on a mat or something low from the night of Tisha B'Av. Ashkenazim can sit on normal chairs from the middle of the day of the 9th of Av, but Sephardim should wait till approximately 4:00 p.m.

May we all merit to see the day when this and other days of sorrow will be turned into days of joy, happiness and good seasons. Amen.

## A Shabbat Song: Smah Bni

### Be Happy, My Son, With Your Share

Performed by Rabbi Batzri at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vmqJatyFZH8>

שָׂמַח בְּנֵי בְהֶלְקָהּ. אֵל תִּקַּח גַּם אֶת שְׂרָדְךָ.

הַשְׂמֵחָה תִּתְּנֶיךָ. הָעוֹלָם לְפָנֶיךָ:

הוֹלֵךְ בְּרַגְלֶיךָ. מְנַעֵנֵעַ דְּרִיךְ. עֵינַיִם צוֹפִים לְךָ. הַלֵּב פּוֹעֵם לְךָ:

הַשְׂמֵחָה תִּתְּנֶיךָ. הָעוֹלָם לְפָנֶיךָ:

מִי עֹשֵׂר וּמִי שְׂמֵחַ. בְּעוֹלָם הָיָה אֹרֶחַ. אֵל בְּחַל וְלֹא בָבֶת.

הַפְּמֹנִן יִדְּקֶה לְךָ: הַשְׂמֵחָה תִּתְּנֶיךָ. הָעוֹלָם לְפָנֶיךָ:

הַבָּטָן וְשֵׂא עֵינֶיךָ. מִי יִתֵּן בְּלִיאֵלֶה לְךָ. גַּם בְּנִים לְשִׁלְחָנְךָ. אִם

תִּדְּקֶה רַק לְבוֹרְאֶךָ. בְּן תָּמִיד יִדְּקֶה לְךָ:

הַשְׂמֵחָה תִּתְּנֶיךָ. הָעוֹלָם לְפָנֶיךָ:

Smakh bni b'khelkekha. Lo tikakh gam et shelkha. *Hasimkha tek-hayekha. Ha'olam le'fanekha:*

Holekh b'raglekha. Mena'ne-ah yedekha. Enayim tzofim lekha. *Ha'lev po-em bekha: Hasimkha tekhayekha. Ha'olam le'fanekha:*

Mi ashir u'mi same-akh. Ba'olam hazeh ore-akh. Lo b'khayil v'lo b'ko-akh. *Ha'mamon yihyeh lekha: Hasimkha tekhayekha. Ha'olam le'fanekha:*

Habet v'sa enekha. Mi natan kol eleh lekha. Gam banim l'shulchanekha. Im todeh rak l'vorekha. *Ken tamid yihyeh lekha: Hasimkha tekhayekha. Ha'olam le'fanekha:*

Be happy, my son, with your share. Don't even grasp at what's yours. *Joy will give life to you. The world is before you.*

You are walking with your legs. You are swinging your arms. Eyes are looking at you. Your heart is beating inside of you. *Joy will give life to you. The world is before you.*

Who is wealthy and who is happy? He who is a guest in this world. Not with valor and not with force will worldly possessions be yours. *Joy will give life to you. The world is before you.*

Look and cast your eyes about. Who gave you everything? Even the sons at your table? If you only give thanks to He who created you, then you will always have [enough]. *Joy will give life to you. The world is before you.*

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