

KOL MEVASSER

Physical and Spiritual Survival

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In his essay "Fate and Destiny," Rabbi Joseph B. Soloveitchik delineates two aspects of Jewish peoplehood: the camp and the congregation. "The camp is created as a result of the desire for self-defense and is nurtured by a sense of fear; the congregation is created as a result of the longing for the realization of an exalted ethical idea and is nurtured by the sentiment of love. Fate reigns in unbounded fashion in the camp; destiny reigns in the congregation...."

The camp is concerned with our physical survival. We join together to fight against our enemies. We mobilize our resources to defend ourselves from attack. The camp is our means of maintaining our existence in a hostile world.

The congregation is concerned with our spiritual survival. Yes, we need the camp to protect us from danger; but we also need to know the purpose and meaning of our community. Why are we fighting? What

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President's Message

Dear Members,

This Shabbat we remember one of our synagogue's dearest friends, David S. Kelly, z"l. For over four decades, the Kelly family has enriched Kahal Joseph not only with their verve and spirit, but with their resources and heartfelt generosity. In 2003, we honored Hannie and David for being the pillars that they are to our community.

As fate would have it, this Sunday, September 9th we look forward to honoring David Kelly's lifelong friend and past president of Kahal Joseph, Benjamin H. Elias and his lovely wife, Rylla. Rylla was the first treasurer of our celebrated Sisterhood. She has been very involved over the years with Kahal's social events and especially with events for children on holidays such as Simhat Torah, Chanuka and Purim. Benjamin served as President of Kahal Joseph from 1976 through 1980. During his tenure, he was instrumental in buying this building and establishing a beautiful, permanent home for our community.

For all our members, family and friends who will be attending Sunday's gala, it will truly be a fitting tribute to a great couple for their "Legacy of Kindness."

Ronald Einy, President of Kahal Joseph

KJ Schedule

Erev Shabbat

Friday, September 7, 2012

Selihat	5:30 am
Shaharit/Morning Prayer	6:30 am
Shir HaShirim	6:20 pm
Minhah/Arbith	6:34 pm
Shabbat Candle Lighting	6:52 pm

Shabbat Ki Tavo

Saturday, September 8, 2012

Shaharit/Morning Prayer	8:30 am
Women's Tehillim	5:30 pm
Rabbi's Class.....	5:30 pm
Minha, Seudah Shlisheet, Arvit.....	6:00 pm
Motzei Shabbat / Havdallah	7:54 pm

Weekdays

Sunday, September 9, 2012

Selihat	6:30 am
Shaharit/Morning Prayer	7:30 am
TT Fieldtrip to Franklin Canyon... 9:00 am	
KJ Youth Choir	11:00 am
Legacy of Kindness Gala	6:00 pm

Mon to Fri, September 10-14, 2012

Selihat	5:30 am
Shaharit/Morning Prayer	6:30 am

Monday, September 10, 2012

KJYP The Energy of Elul7:30 pm

Thursday, September 13, 2012

KJ Kids Hebrew School.....4:00 pm
Scavenger Hunt, Name Your Mitzvah & More

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Thank You

to all the men and ladies
who helped clean the cases of
our lovely Sifrei Torah, our Torah
scroll collection, in anticipation of
High Holy Days 5773.

Guest Speaker Rabbi Aryeh Kaplan "With Love & Not Fear"



Saturday, September 15th
During morning services

Join us for an insightful program from our Westwood neighbor, Rabbi Aryeh Kaplan of UCLA's Hillel Center. He will provide an in depth look at Rosh Hashanah and discuss why this holiday before Yom Kippur has no penitential prayers.

Rosh Hashanah Guest Speaker Rabbi Shlomo Seidenfeld



Rabbi Shlomo Seidenfeld,
will be delivering inspirational
thoughts and conducting his
popular Young Adult workshops at Kahal
Joseph on Rosh Hashanah 5773.

High Holy Days Membership

Now's the perfect time to renew or begin your membership. We are a community and our members support wonderful programs. For information contact Sarah 310.474.0559.

An Invitation

The Kahal Joseph community
is warmly invited this weekend
Saturday, September 8th 2012 to a

Shabbat Luncheon
in memory of
David S. Kelly, z"l

Sponsored by
Hannie Kelly & her Family

Mazal Tov

Liora Moreh & Benny Sedaghat
on your upcoming marriage

Congratulations
to your parents & grandparents
Linda and Danny Moreh
Esther and Eliyahu Moreh
Nahid Sedaghat, Esther Kashani
Mohraram Yazdian

Refuah Shlemah

Gerry Shapiro · Yocheved bat Rachel ·
Salha Matana bat Mazal Tov · Rachamim ben
Sarah · Mazal bat Malka · Dan Herdoon ·
Mazal Tov bat Salha Matana Amron
Moshe Ashkenazi ben Rahel · Moshe ben Ezra
Mordecai ben Avraham / Mordecai Cohen
Ramah bat Mazli / Ramah Meyer
Sasson ben Rahel / Sassoon Moses

Shabbat Shalom

In Memoriam

We remember these yearzeit anniversary of pass-ings, for September 1 to 8, 2012. It is customary to light a memorial candle, donate tzedakah, and attend services the preceding Shabbat.

22 Elul / Sunday, September 9th
Violet Ezra

Moselle Jacob *Muzli bat Nuna*

24 Elul / Tuesday, September 11th
Daisy Ezra *Khazam bat Farha*

25 Elul / Wednesday, September 12th
Yosef Acoca *Yosef ben Nissim*

Sidney Jonah *Sasson Ephraim Yonah*
Marsel Kemareh *Marsel bat Shaul v'Gazala Levi*

26 Elul / Thursday, September 13th
Katie Abraham *Rahma Chatoon bat Simha*
Hanina Levy *Hanina Saleh Shamash bat Farha*

27 Elul / Friday, September 14th
Ester Shamsi *Ester bat Morvarid*

28 Elul / Shabbat, September 15th
David Kelly *David Shalom ben Silas*
Samuel Hallegua *Shmuel ben Haim*
Moondani bat Bonjan
Moshe ben Moondani

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Friday, September 14, 2012

Selihot	5:30 am
Shaharit/Morning Prayer.....	6:30 am
Shir HaShirim	6:10 pm
Minhah/Arbith	6:24 pm
Shabbat Candle Lighting	6:42 pm

TORAH & HAFTARA READINGS

Weekly Portion *Ki Tavo* 859 to 873
Haftara 874 to 877

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are our goals? Survival in and of itself is not enough; we need to survive in order to fulfill our role as a congregation. Rabbi Soloveitchik notes: "The congregation is a group of individuals possessing a common past, a common future, common goals and desires, a common aspiration for a world which is wholly good and beautiful and a common unique and unified destiny."

This week's Torah portion includes the passages to be recited by farmers when they brought their first fruits to the Temple. This recitation reviews Israelite history: our ancestor was a wandering Aramean; we were slaves in Egypt; we overcame many obstacles and much suffering. The text reminds us of our history as a camp. We were endangered; we were afraid; we were victims of a negative fate.

But then the recitation continues by expressing gratitude to the Almighty for bringing us to the land of milk and honey. It puts life in context of the Divine promises to Israel, and the many blessings enjoyed by the people of Israel. The Torah then makes it clear that we are a congregation with a destiny, not merely a camp forced to defend itself. "This day the Lord your God commands you to do these statutes and ordinances; you shall therefore observe and do them with all your heart and with all your soul. You have avouched the Lord this day to be your

God and that you would walk in His ways, and keep His statutes, and His commandments, and His ordinances, and hearken unto His voice." (Devarim 26:17-18)

Throughout our history, the people of Israel has had to view itself and act as a camp. This continues in our own time. The State of Israel and the Jewish People are constantly under physical and political attack. Our survival is threatened by tyrants and pundits, extremists and bigots, missiles and potential nuclear attack.

First and foremost, we need to strengthen ourselves as a camp, as a strong and determined people dedicated to defending ourselves from vicious enemies. Not one of us is safe unless we ensure the safety and security of all our camp.

Yet, throughout our history, the people of Israel has understood its nature as a holy congregation. We have stood tall and strong in promoting the great vision of the Torah; the messianic idea that teaches peace for all people; the dedication to God and kindness to our fellow human beings. We have known "why" we survive; we have been a people with a revolutionary and powerful devotion to righteousness, compassion, respect for all human beings.

Just as we need to devote tremendous energy and strength to maintaining our camp, so we need to devote tremendous energy and strength to maintaining

ourselves as a congregation. Our physical survival is a primary responsibility; our spiritual flowering is equally vital.

Some Jews are "Jewish" mainly in response to anti-Semitism or anti-Israel attacks. They are "camp" Jews. Some Jews are "Jewish" mainly in their fulfillment of the rituals of our religious tradition. They are "congregation" Jews. In fact, though, we each need to play our role in both domains. We need to fortify our camp and activate our congregation.

Some years ago, Israeli families were forcibly evacuated from Gush Katif as a peace gesture on the part of the Sharon government. One of the families, whose son was murdered by Palestinian terrorists, was reluctant to leave their home. The Israeli military insisted that the evacuation had to take place by orders of the Israeli government. The family left its home, but the father asked to return to his house to retrieve two items. The army officer gave him permission. The man returned with two items: an Israeli flag from above the front door; and a Mezuzah from the front doorpost

The Israeli flag: a reminder of our need to be a camp, a powerful State that can defend itself from its enemies. The Mezuzah: a reminder of our need to be a congregation, a spiritually vibrant, compassionate and idealistic Torah community. May the camp of Israel forever be strong in defending our nation. May the congregation of Israel forever be a beacon of light, illuminating ourselves and others with the ideas and ideals of a compassionate, righteous and meaningful Torah.



KJ KIDS BIRTHDAY CLUB

Kids! Tell your parents about KJ's Birthday Club. All KJ kids invited!

Members of the birthday club will:

- ◆ Receive a birthday e-mail card
- ◆ Be listed in KJ's newsletter
- ◆ Be congratulated at Shabbat
- ◆ Enjoy a birthday treat or gift

All parents have to do is send an e-mail to dafna@kahaljoseph.org and you're in! Children 18 and under of KJ members are welcome.



KJ YOUTH CHOIR

Calling All KJ Kids
6 -12 years old
Sundays, 11 to 12 noon



11th Annual SEC Sephardic Jewish Film Festival Opening Night Gala

**November 11, 2012
at Paramount Studios**

Enjoy one of the best tickets in town! Screenings November 13-18 at Laemmle's Music Hall Theater.

www.sephardicfilmfestival.com.

High Holy Days Attention Parents!

WRISTBANDS are required for ALL CHILDREN to enter the KJ building & children's room on High Holy Days.

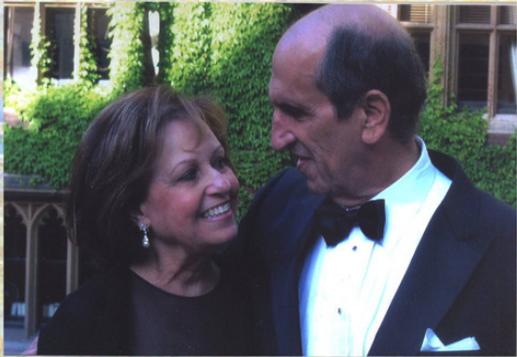
Members' kids receive wristbands FREE with RESERVATION

Non-members w/ High Holy Days tickets may purchase wristbands at \$50/child.

**RSVP to 310.474.0559
before September 12th**

Sold Out Kahal Joseph Congregation

Legacy of Kindness Gala Tribute Dinner



Honoring
Rylla & Benjamin H. Elias

SUNDAY, THE NINTH OF SEPTEMBER
TWO THOUSAND AND TWELVE
SIX O'CLOCK IN THE EVENING
ERROL LEVI BALLROOM AT KAHAL JOSEPH

Kahal Joseph Congregation Rabbi Hagay Batzri

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Food Donations

For High Holidays Children's Room

Dear community members,

The High Holy Days are rapidly approaching and we are organizing our special children's program that enables parents to enjoy services and kids to enjoy being at the synagogue.

One special feature of our program at Kahal Joseph are the healthy and abundant snacks we provide for all the kids, especially throughout the evening and day on Yom Kippur when parents are fasting and may not want to handle food themselves.

As in the past, many people in our community are contributing food items to enable us to continue this hospitality for our kids. Remember that we serve 20 to 80 kids at a time. Some items we need include:

Please note: All snacks, other than fresh fruit, vegetables or water, must have a kosher certification.

Watermelon, whole	Eggs, hard boiled
Apples	Hummus, big tubs
Oranges	Otter pops
Bananas	Cookies
Grapes	Graham crackers
Baby carrots	Small pitas
Cream cheese, giant tubs	Minibagels
String cheese	Pretzels
Yogurt squeezers	Cereal
American cheese, large	Granola bars
Milk	Apple juice

Thank You in Advance for Your Generosity!

Ladies, Save The Date!

Join Us,
Hafrashat Challah Ritual & Prayers
With Orly Batzri
Thursday 9/20/2012, Starting 6pm
At Kahal Joseph Congregation
10505 Santa Monica Blvd, LA 90025



Please Bring With You,
Your Smiling Face, Positive Energy
and the following Ingredients:

Flour- can be Pre-sifted - Must be 5 Lbs
Glass of Canola oil, 3 spoons Sugar, 3 spoons Salt
3 spoons Yeast
Foil trays
Pastry Board
Large plastic bowl to mix Dough
Strainer for the flour
Plastic bags

RSVP BY: 9/14/2012
Orlysbatzri@gmail.com

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NORMA & SAM DABBY



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Taste Enchanting Foods



New Interactive Curriculum
Free Month Tuition for KJ Members
with Advance Registration

Sundays 9:30 to 11 am, Thursdays 4 to 5:30 pm
Members \$100/month Non-members \$150/month

Fieldtrip this Sunday Sept. 9th
Arrive at 9:00 am 310.502.8548

The Young Professionals of Kahal Joseph
present

Rabbi Hagay Batzri

The Energy of Elul

Preparing for Rosh Hashanah

*Come Experience Ancient Wisdom
with a Modern Edge*

Monday, September 10, 2012
7:30 pm

Refreshments will be served

Please RSVP by September 6th

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