

# KOL MEVASSER

## The Ushpizin Guests

Rabbi Joel Padowitz, from Aish HaTorah

The Sukkah's spiritual energy invites the souls of Judaism's seven great leaders to partake in the divine light on Earth. . . . The Zohar, the foremost book of Jewish mysticism, explains that the Sukkah generates such an intense concentration of spiritual energy, that the divine presence actually manifests itself there in a similar way to Eden. During Sukkot the souls of the seven great leaders of Israel – Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Moses, Aaron, Joseph, and King David . . . partake in the divine light of the earthly Sukkot (Zohar - Emor 103a).

Each day of Sukkot, all seven souls are present, but each takes his turn to lead the other six. Collectively these transcendent guests are known as *Ushpizin*, the Aramaic word meaning "guests." . . . Many invite the Ushpizin each time they partake of a meal in the Sukkah. Some even have the custom of setting aside an ornately-decorated chair for the Ushpizin.

### Seven Holy Leaders

Accompanied by the seven great leaders, Sukkot embodies how the Jewish people work together to bring about world peace and perfection (Sfas Emes). Further, the Jewish mystical texts explain that each of the seven Ushpizin correspond to a fundamental spiritual pathway (*sefirah*) through which the world is metaphysically nourished and perfected.

- Abraham represents love & kindness
- Isaac represents restraint & personal strength
- Jacob represents beauty & truth
- Moses represents eternity & victory through Torah
- Aaron represents empathy & receptivity to divinity
- Joseph represents holiness & the spiritual foundation
- David represents establishing Heaven on Earth

When we act in ways that manifest one of these spiritual attributes, the divine light shines down into the world. [Since] Judaism's primary emphasis remains on human actions, the Zohar (Emor 103a), after explaining the Ushpizin, continues: "One must also gladden the poor, and the portion [that would otherwise have been set aside for these Ushpizin] guests should go to the poor. For if a person sits in the shadow of faith and invites those guests and does not give . . . [to the poor], they all remain distant from him..."

One should not say "I will first satisfy myself with food and drink, and I shall give the leftovers to the poor." Rather, the first of everything must be for one's guests. If one gladdens his guests and satisfies them, God rejoices over him. Abraham, Isaac, Jacob and the others shower him..." Similarly, Maimonides brings this as a matter of religious obligation: "While eating and drinking himself, one is obligated to feed the stranger, orphan, and widow, along with the other unfortunate poor... [otherwise one] is not enjoying a mitzvah, but rather his stomach" (Laws of Yom Tov 6:18).

May the inspiration of the holy *Ushpizin* guests help us to fulfill the potential of the Sukkot holiday.

## KJ Schedule

### Friday, September 28, 2012

Shaharit/Morning Prayer .....	6:30 am
Shir Hashirim .....	6:10 pm
Shabbat Candle Lighting .....	6:22 pm
Minhah/Arbith .....	6:22 pm

### Shabbat / Parashat Haazinu Saturday, September 29, 2012

Shaharit/Morning Prayer .....	8:30 am
Rabbi's Class.....	5:30 pm
Minha, Seudah Shlisheet, Arvit.....	5:50 pm
Motzei Shabbat / Havdallah .....	7:06 pm

### Erev Sukkot

### Sunday, September 30, 2012

Shaharit .....	7:30 am
Candle Lighting.....	6:20 pm
Minhah / Arbith .....	6:20 pm

### Sukkot, First Day

### Monday, October 1, 2012

Shaharit .....	9:00 am
Minhah / Arbith .....	7:00 pm
Candle Lighting .....	7:22 pm

### Sukkot, Second Day

### Tuesday, October 2, 2012

Shaharit .....	9:00 am
Minhah / Arbith .....	6:45 pm
Havdallah .....	7:02 pm

### Chol Hamoed Sukkot

### Wed. to Fri., October 3-5, 2012

Shaharit .....	6:30 am
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**11th Annual SEC  
Sephardic  
Jewish Film Festival**

**Opening Night Gala  
November 11, 2012 at Paramount Studios**  
[www.sephardicfilmfestival.com](http://www.sephardicfilmfestival.com)

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**KJYP Night Under the Stars**

October 3, 2012 at 7:00 pm  
*Location with RSVP*

**Erev Shabbat Sukkot  
Friday, October 5, 2012**

Shaharit ..... 6:30 am  
Shir Hashirim..... 6:00 pm  
Candle Lighting ..... 6:13 pm  
Minha / Arvith ..... 6:13 pm

**Seudah Shlisheet**  
is sponsored In memory of  
**Naji Shaaya, z”l**

by Hilda Rojhani & Moussa Shaaya  
and their families

We send our condolences & prayers  
to the family of  
**Khadourie Kelly Zelka, z”l**

**In Memoriam**

We remember these yahrzeit anniversaries of  
passings, for Sept. 29 to Oct. 6, 2012. It is custom-  
ary to light a memorial candle, donate tzedakah,  
and attend services the preceding Shabbat.

**14 Tishri / Sunday, September 30th**

Georgina Moses *Sarah bat Simcha*  
Naji Shaaya

Regina Shaby *Regina bat Haviva*

**15 Tishri / Monday, October 1st**

David Sulman Aslan  
Raina Murad Aslan

**17 Tishri / Wednesday, October 3rd**

Salim Meir *Salim ben Yoseph*  
Ezekiel Moses *Yehezkel ben Sassoon*  
Salim Youssefmir *Salim ben Amin*

**18 Tishri / Thursday, October 4th**

Jacob Ephraim *Yaacov ben Ephraim*  
Rosy Hyam *Rosy bat Mazli*

Paul Hyman *Yaakov Pesah ben Yitzhak*

**19 Tishri / Friday, October 5th**

Girjee Ezra *Gurjiyee bat Sarah*  
Peninna Klein *Peninna bat Eliyahu*  
Regina Mizrahie *Regina bat Habiba*



**KJ YOUTH  
CHOIR**

Calling KJ Kids ages 6 to 12  
Sundays, October 14, 21, 28  
11 am to 12 noon

**Refuah Shlemah**

Gerry Shapiro, Yocheved bat Rachel,  
Rachamim ben Sarah, Mazal bat  
Malka, Dan Herdoon, Mazal Tov bat  
Salha Matana, Moshe Ashkenazi ben  
Rahel, Moshe ben Ezra, Mordecai ben  
Avraham / Mordecai Cohen, Sasson  
ben Rahel / Sassoon Moses, Penina  
bat Henia, Avraham ben Ruth

**TORAH & HAFTARA READINGS**

Torah Portion *Haazinu* 896 to 903  
Haftara 904 to 908

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Young Professionals of Kahal Joseph Presents Our  
Opening Event: Sukkot

**A Night Under  
The Stars**

Wednesday  
October 3, 2012  
7:00 - 11:00 pm

Dress Code:  
Spanish Cocktail Attire

\$15 Presale Tickets  
or \$20 at the Door

**RSVP**

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*Event at a private home. Location given upon RSVP*