

KOL MEVASSER

Israel and Miracles

*An excerpt from the full article by
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It is incomprehensible, and nearly ironic, that a few hundred meters from where rockets hit the ground, people gather in synagogues for evening prayers, study Talmud, drink coffee and sing zemirot at the Shabbath table. An uninformed outsider would not know that a war is taking place. Were something like this to happen anywhere else in the world, all normal life would come to a standstill and pandemonium would break loose.

This indeed reflects the nature of the people of Israel. Though it should not encourage a fatalistic attitude, for there is no way of predicting the future, neither would it be right to simply rely on the continuation of these miracles, as miracles are not to be taken for granted. One needs to merit them and to recognize them as such. Israelis have become used to miracles, and that is exactly where the problem starts.

The question at this crucial moment in Jewish history is not if the nations of the world understand the miraculous existence of the State of Israel, but if the Jews themselves are prepared to see this reality. We must realize that miracles have only been



part of Israel's history as long as Jews, in and outside the land, have understood their unprecedented uniqueness and have done everything possible to merit them.

While traditional Judaism desperately needs to re-examine itself and produce bold initiatives to stay relevant, the denial of Israel's uniqueness through secularizing the Jewish state, embracing anti-Jewish values, uprooting Jewish education, and extinguishing the love for Jewish tradition will slowly but surely empty the land of miracles. This is suicidal. On the other hand, if Jews are proud of their Jewish tradition and committed to Jewish values, the chances that Israel will survive is nearly guaranteed. Nobody knows the price it may have to pay, but Israel will endure. This is not wishful thinking but a realistic lesson learned from 4000 years of Jewish history.

If we Jews will realize that we are unique, that Judaism is most relevant, and that there is a serious need to teach our young people to be sensitive to the miracle of Jewish survival,

KJ Schedule

Friday, November 30, 2012

Shaharit/Morning Prayer	6:30 am
Shir Hashirim	4:10 pm
Shabbat Candle Lighting	4:25 pm
Minhah/Arbith	4:25 pm

Shabbat Vayishlach

Saturday, December 1, 2012

Shaharit/Morning Prayer	8:30 am
Ladies Tehillim Group.....	after kiddush
Minha, Seudah Shlisheet, Arvit.....	4:00 pm
Motzei Shabbat / Havdallah	5:11 pm

Sunday, December 2, 2012

Shaharit	7:30 am
"Israel Alive" for Teens & Kids	
LIVE Web Conference & Movie.... 8:30 am	
KJ Youth Choir	11:00 am

Monday to Friday, December 3-7, 2012

Shaharit	6:30 am
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Monday, December 3, 2012

Women's Tehillim at KJ Library....	10:30 am
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Erev Shabbat

Friday, December 7, 2012

Shaharit/Morning Prayer	6:30 am
Shir Hashirim	4:10 pm
Shabbat Candle Lighting	4:25 pm
Minhah/Arbith	4:25 pm

Israel will do well. But if Jews, in and outside Israel, become blind to this reality, nothing will stop the deterioration of our beautiful state. This is the lesson modern Israel teaches us. Shabbat Shalom



The Sisterhood of Kahal Joseph

invites the children of our community to a



Hanukkah Celebration

Sunday, December 16th 2012

11:00 am

Wonderful Entertainment
Sweets & Treats for the Children
Fun for the Whole Family



RSVP Requested

Elsa at 323.934.3439
Louise 818.884.0120
Rita 310.839.4206 or
Hannie 310.247.0220



Hag Sameah! ♥ Happy Hanukkah!



*Kahal Joseph's Youth Choir
will perform at KJ Sisterhood's Hanukkah Party*

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Kahal Joseph Congregation

*Norma & Sam Dabby Jewish
Education Center & Talmud Torah
and Bonim B'Yachad present*



Israel Alive

A Program for KJ Teens & Kids

Sunday, December 2, 2012

8:00 am

Early Birds visit Morning Minyan
and share Bagel Breakfast

8:30 am

**LIVE Web Conference for kids &
teens with people in Israel**

9:30 am

**Movie Screening "Israel Inside:
How a Small Nation Makes a Big
Difference"**

10:30 am

**Beeswax Candlemaking for
Hanukkah and More**

11:00 am

Visit to KJ Youth Choir Rehearsal

In Memoriam

We remember these yahrzeit anniversaries of passings, for December 1 to 8, 2012. It is customary to light a memorial candle, donate tzedakah, and attend services the preceding Shabbat.

17 Kislev / Shabbat, December 1st

Naim Lavi *Lavi ben Moshe*
Moshe ben Moosa

18 Kislev / Sunday, December 2nd

Raphael Emquies *Raphael ben Salomon*

20 Kislev / Tuesday, December 4th

Alec Jacob Jonah *Avraham ben Yaacov*
Moshe Nissan *Moshe ben Hayim*

22 Kislev / Thursday, December 6th

Joseph Israel *Yosef ben Rabbia*
Earl H. Klein *Eliyahu Michael ben Yaakov*
Ezekiel Isaac Raymond *Yehezkiel ben Mulla Rahamim*
Meir Sawdayi *Meir ben Shaul*

23 Kislev / Friday, December 7th

Joseph Azar *Yosef Sion ben Yaacov*
Gorjeh Youssefzadeh

24 Kislev / Shabbat, December 8th

Regina David *Regina bat Salha Matana*
Lily Jacob *Leah bat Masooda*
Joseph Hayim Yaakov *Yosef Hayim*

Refuah Shlemah

Gery Shapiro, Yocheved bat Rachel, Mazal bat Malka, Dan Herdoon, Mazal Tov bat Salha Matana, Moshe ben Ezra, Sasson ben Rahel / Sassoon Moses, Penina bat Henia, Dov Ber ben Sonia, Hanna bat Esther

SHABBAT READINGS

Torah Portion 122-134, Haftara 137-140