

KOL MEVASSER

Live Life: A Lesson

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When Jacob and his family arrived in Egypt, Joseph brought Jacob, his father, to meet Pharaoh. The first words Pharaoh said to Jacob were: "How many are the days of the years of your life?" (Genesis 47:8)

Of all the things that Pharaoh could ask Jacob, why did he first want to know how old Jacob was? Or did he?

Pharaoh didn't really care to know Jacob's chronological age. Rather, Pharaoh wanted to know how many **days** that Jacob actually felt alive in his **life**. Just how many **days** were there where Jacob lived **life** to its fullest? It was these days that would actually determine the **years** of his life.

People often confuse activity with accomplishment. We can be busy all day long, but how much was actually accomplished? And it gets even worse. What if someone spent the entire day watching television and eating ice cream? Would that really be a day that could be counted as a fulfilling day in our lives? Of course not.

Sadly, many of us are watching television and eating ice cream in our own way. God gave each of us a unique and special talent that He wants us to use. Living each day as though it might be your last is a true day in your life. A task will contract or expand depending on how much time we're given. People will inevitably

wait until the last minute to finish most anything. Whether it's packing for a trip, buying gifts, or completing a project, we all seem to take as much time as we've been given. On Friday night, minutes before the Sabbath begins, Jews around the world are rushing to complete their Sabbath preparations. It doesn't matter whether it's winter and the Sabbath arrives at 4:00 or the summer time when it arrives at 8:00, everyone always uses all the time they've been allotted.

Similarly, any personal goals in our life will also contract or expand depending on just how much time we have for it. And since most goals are ones which we want to accomplish during our lifetime, then in theory you have your entire life to achieve them. This is why most people never scratch the surface of their potential. Sadly, the world is full of elderly people in their rocking chairs looking back on a life gone by who are still waiting for the perfect time to begin their goals and live their dreams.

And this is exactly what Pharaoh was asking Jacob. He wanted to know how many days there were that Jacob actually **lived**. Pharaoh knew Jacob was such a wise and revered man, so he wanted to know just how many **days** it was that Jacob was able to fight his instinctive urge to put off working toward his goals and aspirations and actually live each day like it might be his last.

Since a task will contract or expand depending upon the time we've been given for its accomplishment, then you can see it's vital to begin right now to live **all** the days... of your life.

Shabbat Shalom

KJ Schedule

Friday, December 21, 2012

Shaharit/Morning Prayer	6:30 am
Shir Hashirim	4:15 pm
Shabbat Candle Lighting	4:29 pm
Minhah/Arbith	4:29 pm

Shabbat Vayigash

Saturday, December 22, 2012

Shaharit/Morning Prayer	8:30 am
Guest Speaker: Rabbi Moshe Tessone From Yeshiva University	during services
Ladies Tehillim Group	after kiddush
Minha, Seudah Shlisheet, Arvit	4:00 pm
Motzei Shabbat / Havdallah	5:15 pm

Asara B'Tevet / 10th of Tevet Fast Day

Sunday, December 23, 2012

Fast Begins	5:36 am
Shaharit	7:30 am
KJ Youth Choir	11:00 am
Fast Ends	5:29 pm

Weekdays

Mon., Wed. to Friday, Dec. 24, 26-28, 2012

Shaharit	6:30 am
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Monday, December 24, 2012

Women's Tehillim at KJ Library....	10:30 am
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Tuesday, Dec. 25, 2012

Shaharit	7:30 am
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Erev Shabbat

Friday, December 28, 2012

Shaharit/Morning Prayer	6:30 am
Shir Hashirim	4:20 pm
Shabbat Candle Lighting	4:34 pm
Minhah/Arbith	4:34 pm

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KJ Shabbat Guest Scholar
Rabbi Moshe Tessone

Welcome to Our Community
Rabbi Tessone
We look forward to your dvar torah



KJ YOUTH CHOIR

Directed by Rabbi Hagay Batzri

Sunday, December 23rd
11:00 am to 12:00 noon

In Memoriam

We remember these yahrzeit anniversaries of passings, for December 22 to 29, 2012. It is customary to light a memorial candle, donate tzedakah, and attend services the preceding Shabbat.

9 Tevet / Shabbat, December 22nd
Eddie Jacob Ezra *Yehezkel ben Yaacov Azoori*
Abid Nissim Abid

10 Tevet / Sunday, December 23rd
Shalom Kamara *Shalom ben Menashe*
Hayim Mingail *Haim Baruch ben Shalom*

13 Tevet / Wednesday, December 26th
Moise Maurice Abitboul *Moshe ben Yonah*
Ester Avrahami *Ester bat Gazala*
Fortuna Sinder *Fortuna bat Suzan*

14 Tevet / Thursday, December 27th
Joseph Isaac Joseph *Yoseph ben Itzhak*

16 Tevet / Shabbat, December 29th
Khasnah bat Rabel

Seudah Shlisheet

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and your inspiring leader
Mrs. Elsa Singman
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and hosting our annual
Children's Hanukkah Party
for the youngest members
of our community

Refuah Shlemah

Gerry 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

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SHABBAT SHALOM U'MEVORACH

BEAUTIFUL ARTWORK FOR SALE from the studio of JALEH PARTIYELI

We have magnificent, limited edition hand crafted artwork for sale created by our member, Jaleh Partiyeli. Menorahs, chargers, serving platters and plates hand decorated and designed especially for Kahal Joseph, are available for purchase.

These beautiful art objects on view in the synagogue's lobby showcase would make a wonderful addition to any home décor. The pieces make great gifts too. And every purchase is a donation to the synagogue. Please contact Sarah in the synagogue office with your interest.

SHABBAT READINGS

Torah Portion 169 to 177
Haftara / Prophets 178 to 179



KJ Youth Choir Enchants at Hanukkah

This past Sunday, December 16th, the beautiful kids of Kahal Joseph's Youth Choir, directed by our devoted Rabbi Hagay Batzri, enchanted the audience at the Sisterhood's Annual Children's Hanukkah Party.

These dedicated young children gave an amazing performance featuring holiday favorites and traditional melodies. Their shining faces and wonderful energy filled the room.

With the support and involvement of their parents, Youth Choir members have been practicing regularly, every Sunday morning at 11:00 am, giving up hours of their free weekend time to learn our music and traditions.

And as they shared what they had learned, they brought joy and good feelings to all who had the privilege of being there. It is our children who give us inspiration for the future.

To join the Youth Choir, encourage come to KJ this Sunday, December 23rd at 11:00 am for the next rehearsal. Thank you to all who devote their time and energy to nurture our kids!

Yismach Hatani & Emet Ata Hatanenu Songs for Shabbat Hattan Selected by Rabbi Hagay Batzri

Yismach Hatani

יִשְׂמַח חַתְּנֵי בְּקַחַל אֱמוּנָי. יִשָּׂא בְּרַחֵם טַאֲת .

שִׁדְי יִסְלַא תַּאֲוֹת לִבּוֹ. מִנּוּן וְצִדָּה יִתֵּן סְבִיבוֹ. רָאֵר אוֹתוֹ
וַיִּשְׂר נְתִיבוֹ. לְנִמֹּר וְלִשְׂמֹר דַּרְכֵי .

לְרֹאשׁוֹ יִצְהַר בְּרַחוֹת עֲצוּמוֹת. וַיִּשָּׂא בְּבִלְעֵת בְּהַר שְׁלוֹמוֹת.
יִזְכֶּה וַיִּרְאֶה יְשׁוּעַת . יִשָּׂא בְּרַחֵם טַאֲת .

Yismach hatani bi'khal emunai. Yisah bracha me'et Ad—nai

Shadai yemaleh ta'avat libo. Magen v'tzina yiyeh se vivo. V'ya-er oto viyasher netivo lig-mor v'lishmor darchei Ad—nai. **Yismach** . . .

L'rosho yetzaveh brachot atzumot. V'yisah b'chol et k'nahar shlomot. Yizkeh v'yireh yeshu-at Ad—nai. Yisah bracha me'et Ad—nai. **Yismach** . . .

Emet Ata Hatanenu

Emet ata hatanenu. Kmo sahar betokhenu. Kmelech at l'fanenu. Yevarekhekha Elohenu:

B'khalat'kha hatan tismah. B'rov mammon v'rov kemah. B'tizkeh lakhazot tzemah. V'el kodsho yevi-enu:

Yehi zarakh b'Yisrael. V'khokhmatakh k'Gavriel. B'to-vatakh l'khol sho-el. V'siman tov l'khulanu:

אֱמֶת אַתָּה חַתְּנֵנוּ. כְּמוֹ סַהַר בְּתוֹכֵנוּ. כְּמֶלֶךְ אַתָּה לְפָנֵינוּ. וְבִרְכֵךְ
אֱלֹהֵינוּ
בְּבִלְתֵךְ חֲתָן תִּשְׁמַח. בְּרֹב מִמּוֹן וּרְב קִמָּת. וְתוֹצֵה לְחַוֹת צְמֹת.
וְאֵל קִרְשׁוֹ יִבְיָאנוּ:
יְהִי זֶרַח בְּיִשְׂרָאֵל. וְחֻכְמַתְךָ כְּגַבְרִיאֵל. וְטוֹבְתְךָ לְכָל-שׂוֹאֵל.
וְסִמָּן טוֹב לְבָלְנוּ:
תִּמְסִים רַעִים יִבְרַכְסָם. תִּפְרַכְסָם וְתִרְצַכְסָם. תִּרְאָכָם לְעִנְיָכָם.
וְתִרְאֵט מִשִּׁיחֵנוּ:
רָאֵנוּ חֲתָן מְשֻׁדָּה. עַל רֹאשׁוֹ כְּלִיל תוֹרָה. וּבְלַתּוֹ כְּוִי
אוֹרָה. כְּמוֹ שְׁמֵשׁ בְּאַרְצֵנוּ:
חֲתָן בְּרַחֲמֵךְ. וְגַל יִשְׁמַח בְּבִלְתֵךְ. וְאֵל שְׂדֵי בְּעִנְיָתְךָ. וְנִם
יִתֵּן בְּעִנְיָנוּ:

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VISITING SCHOLAR SERIES

kahal joseph congregation



Rabbi Moshe Tessone, Shabbat Vayiggash *“Lessons from Joseph and Judah: How to Lead Judaism and Humanity in Today’s World?”*

December 22, 2012 during morning services

Sponsored by Sholeh and Moussa Shaaya in honor of the Marriage of Laura Eve Izaac and Samuel Naji Shaaya

Rabbi Moshe Tessone, Director of the Sephardic Studies Department of Yeshiva University, New York will be our guest next Shabbat. He will speak on: “Leadership Lessons from Joseph and Judah: How to Lead Judaism and Humanity in Today’s World?” Rabbi Tessone has toured extensively throughout North America, South America, Europe and Israel as a rabbinic speaker on Torah, Sephardic history, and Jewish education. He has also featured as a cantorial concert soloist performing Judeo Arabic and Judeo Spanish religious music and liturgy. Rabbi Tessone received rabbinic ordination from Yeshiva University’s Rabbi Isaac Elchannan Theological Seminary and is a graduate of New York University’s Stern School of Business. In addition, he holds a Masters Degree in Jewish Education & Administration.



Rabbi Aaron Finkelstein, Shabbat Vayechi *“From Family to Nation: The Secret Power of Blessings”*

December 29, 2012 during morning services

Rabbi Aaron Finkelstein, will be our guest and will speak on the topic of: “From Family to Nation: The Secret Power of Blessings.” A native of Berkeley, CA, Rabbi Finkelstein studied Political Science and Jewish and Islamic Middle Eastern Studies at Washington University in St. Louis. He attended yeshiva in Israel before completing rabbinical ordination at Yeshivat Chovevei Torah. Rabbi Finkelstein launched the Prospect Heights Shul to great acclaim and currently teaches at the Hannah Senesh Community Day School. He is passionate about teaching midrash and parsha as well as trying new recipes and exploring the great outdoors.

Emet Ata Hatanenu

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Temim de-im yevarekhekhem.
V'yafrakhem b'yarbekhem. V'yarakhem
l'enekhem. V'yarenu meshikhenu:

R'u to-ar hatan misrah. Alei rosho klil To-
rah. V'khalato k'ziv ora. K'mo shemesh
b'artzenu:

Khazak hatan b'hupatakh. V'gil u'smakh
b'khalatakh. V'El Shadai b'ezratakh.
V'gam yihyeh b'ezrenu:

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