

# KOL MEVASSER

## Shabbat and Rosh Hodesh Shevat

Dear Kahal,

Shabbat Shalom and Hodesh Tov—I wish you a peaceful Shabbat and a good new month.

I recommend that all our members attend this beautiful, special occasion which occurs this weekend when we celebrate Shabbat together with the beginning of a new Jewish month and the arrival of the new moon. Friday evening and Saturday, Shabbat coincides with Rosh Hodesh Shevat.

In honor of this double festivity, I'll cook a special Hamen to celebrate both holy events. You'll join in our joyous services filled with songs, Hallel and a dedicated Torah reading for Rosh Hodesh that reminds us of when we were first given the privilege of marking a communal, Jewish calendar.

And Professor Lev Hakkak will discuss beautiful, lyric works by Yehuda HaLevy a leading Sephardic poet from the Golden Age in Spain. Yehuda HaLevy's works are often included in our prayers and tefillot on major holidays. Dr. Hakkak will also offer his insights into the weekly Torah portion, Parasha Va'era, as we continue reading the book of Exodus / Shemot.

In honor of the new month, Rosh Hodesh Shevat, there is an Iraqi custom at Shabbat candle

lighting. Women lighting Nerot Shabbat, the Shabbat candles, often also light a candle for Rosh Hodesh. This extra candle does not require a special prayer or reading, simply a moment to meditate on the beginning of a new cycle (lunar, temporal, communal, familial, or personal) that is Rosh Hodesh.

It's also important to add some fruit to Friday night's meal, preferably a fruit that you have not eaten for the past twelve months (or simply for a long while). Before eating the fruit we bless our new, or renewed, experience by reciting the blessing / berakha of " Shehechyanu." As we bless we mention that that this prayer is intended to honor the arrival of the new month.

According to Rabbenu Yosef Haim, the Ben Ish Hai, wives should be treated especially well on this Shabbat. It is a mitzva for each husband to help and give an extra hand with his wife's work in the home and to greet her before she lights the Shabbat candles with a gift just for her.

And, of course, it's good to invite family and friends to share your Shabbat and Rosh Hodesh Dinner. If you wish to add an extra dimension of kedusha or holiness to your festivities, following Kiddush, the blessing on the wine, it is appropriate to read a prayer for a successful and productive month which follows below.

With wishes for a peaceful, healthy, happy, meaningful and successful month,

Rabbi Hagay Batzri

## KJ Schedule

### Erev Rosh Hodesh

**Friday, January 11, 2013**

Shaharit/Morning Prayer .....	6:30 am
Shir Hashirim .....	4:30 pm
Shabbat Candle Lighting .....	4:45 pm
Minhah/Arbith .....	4:45 pm

### Shabbat Va'era / Rosh Hodesh Shevat

**Saturday, January 12, 2013**

Shaharit/Morning Prayer .....	8:30 am
Ladies Tehillim Group .....	after kiddush
Minha, Seudah Shlisheet, Arvit .....	4:00 pm
Motzei Shabbat / Havdallah .....	5:31 pm

### Weekdays

**Sunday, January 13, 2013**

Shaharit .....	7:30 am
Talmud Torah .....	9:30 am
KJ Youth Choir .....	11:00 am

### Monday to Friday, January 14-18, 2013

Shaharit .....	6:30 am
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**Monday, January 14, 2013**

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

**Friday, January 18, 2013**

Shaharit/Morning Prayer .....	6:30 am
Shir Hashirim .....	4:36 pm
Shabbat Candle Lighting .....	4:51 pm
Minhah/Arbith .....	4:51 pm

## KJ YOUTH CHOIR

Directed by Rabbi Hagay Batzri  
Sunday, January 13th@11 am





## Choir Fun & Games

Our Kahal Joseph Youth Choir enjoyed a recent outing to UltraZone LaserTag in Sherman Oaks courtesy of Laetizia and Ronald Einy, KJ Board President. As those of you who enjoyed the Choir's songs know, our amazing kids gave such a beautiful performance for over 150 people at the Kahal Joseph Hannukah party organized by our devoted Sisterhood.

At Lasertag, the choir shared a fabulous afternoon playing games, being silly and simply being kids while they chased each other through mazes, tagged one another, hid around corners and hung out together. The kids also shared a private party room and tried their luck at arcade games. Even a few of their parents, young at heart, joined in the fun.

The enjoyable afternoon was a personal gift from the Einy family in honor of the children's efforts. It was a well due reward for the many Sundays these young members of our congregation contributed to practicing, learning songs and continuing millennia of Jewish tradition.

## A Song for Rosh Hodesh

Rosh Hodesh l'Yisrael, adir u'mvorakh; Rosh Hodesh l'Yisrael, ametz u'mvorakh;  
 Rosh Hodesh l'Yisrael, ahuv u'mvorakh; Rosh Hodesh l'Yisrael, barukh u'mvorakh  
 Rosh Hodesh l'Yisrael, bahir u'mvorakh; Rosh Hodesh l'Yisrael, gadol u'mvorakh  
 Rosh Hodesh l'Yisrael, dagul u'mvorakh; Rosh Hodesh l'Yisrael, hadur u'mvorakh  
 Rosh Hodesh l'Yisrael, vatik u'mvorakh; Rosh Hodesh l'Yisrael, zakai u'mvorakh  
 Rosh Hodesh l'Yisrael, haviv u'mvorakh; Rosh Hodesh l'Yisrael, tov u'mvorakh  
 Rosh Hodesh l'Yisrael, tahor u'mvorakh; Rosh Hodesh l'Yisrael, yafeh u'mvorakh  
 Rosh Hodesh l'Yisrael, kalil u'mvorakh; Rosh Hodesh l'Yisrael, lauv u'mvorakh  
 Rosh Hodesh l'Yisrael, magen u'mvorakh; Rosh Hodesh l'Yisrael, na'im u'mvorakh  
 Rosh Hodesh l'Yisrael, samukh u'mvorakh; Rosh Hodesh l'Yisrael, elyon u'mvorakh  
 Rosh Hodesh l'Yisrael, patu'akh u'mvorakh; Rosh Hodesh l'Yisrael, tzadik u'mvorakh  
 Rosh Hodesh l'Yisrael, tzahov u'mvorakh; Rosh Hodesh l'Yisrael, kadosh u'mvorakh  
 Rosh Hodesh l'Yisrael, rav u'mvorakh; Rosh Hodesh l'Yisrael, shalem u'mvorakh  
 Rosh Hodesh l'Yisrael, shamur u'mvorakh; Rosh Hodesh l'Yisrael, sagiv u'mvorakh  
 Rosh Hodesh l'Yisrael, tamim u'mvorakh;

ראש חודש לישראל, אדיר ומבורך. ראש חודש לישראל, אמת ומבורך.  
 ראש חודש לישראל, אהוב ומבורך. ראש חודש לישראל, ברך ומבורך.  
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 ראש חודש לישראל, תמים ומבורך.

**PURIM at KJ**  
 Save the Dates  
*Sunday, February 10th*  
**Purim Baking for Baskets**  
*Sunday February 17th*  
**Backgammon Tournament**  
*Saturday, February 23rd*  
**Megillah Reading@7:30 pm**  
*Sunday, February 24th*  
**PURIM CARNIVAL@11 am**

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*Ronald Einy and the Board of Directors of  
Kahal Joseph Congregation  
invite our members to a*

# Tu B'Shvat Luncheon

Saturday, January 26, 2013

*following Shabbat Shira services*

The luncheon is sponsored in memory of two pillars of our synagogue  
whom we will always remember, Rebecca and Saul Mizrahie, z"l

Share a traditional Iraqi Seder and luncheon for KJ members

*Celebrate the annual rebirth and renewal of the trees*

Enjoy melodies from the KJ Youth Choir

*Bless a variety of fruits and nuts*

Create blessings in our lives

*Bring the year to fruition*

Invitation for  
KJ Members Only

Luncheon is for KJ Members ONLY  
*There is no charge, but Member  
RSVP is Required to 310.474.0559*