

22 Shevat 5773

2 February 2013

KOL MEVASSER

President's Message

I want to send a special thank you to our members who made Kahal Joseph's Tu Bishvat Seder and Luncheon such a wonderful success. Over 140 members enjoyed the beautiful performance of our Youth Choir, the meaningful Seder lead by Rabbi Batzri, and a delicious luncheon beautifully organized and prepared by our devoted Sisterhood. It was truly great to see our members enjoy an afternoon created especially for them. Because of your terrific support and enthusiasm, we are planning more events for members only on a regular basis.

I am very excited to announce our new pilot program with Rabbi Shlomo Seidenfeld, whom we all know from his sermons during the High Holydays and the success of the young adult programs that he spearheaded in our library.

Rabbi Seidenfeld will be making his first bi-monthly Shabbat appearance with us on February 9th, and I encourage all of you to attend the service and hear his sermon. I am also pleased to inform you that Rabbi Seidenfeld will be contacting all our Young Professionals for a monthly "enlightened" class as well as a Shabbat Learner's Minyan. This will be a streamlined minyan for our young professionals. And for our teens he is coordinating a monthly "Rap Session" and a "Breakout Session" that will involve motivational speaking to encourage and inspire our young adults to address their religious and cultural roots with pride and unity.

Personally, I am very excited that Rabbi Seidenfeld will be with us as Rabbi-in-Residence to facilitate the crucial building of relationships with our younger members with these very important "inreach" programs.

Ronald Einy, President of Kahal Joseph



A Message from Rabbi Shlomo Seidenfeld

I am honored to announce a new initiative that will expand on the services that Kahal Joseph offers its community. The success and future of every synagogue lies in its ability to capture the hearts and minds of its members and especially its younger members.

As such, starting in February, I will be offering stimulating outreach programming that will focus on both Teens and Young Professionals. In addition, I will be joining you bi-monthly on Shabbat as well as on the upcoming High Holidays. It is my hope and expectation to build relationships with members of all ages and to offer myself to you both as a teacher and a trusted counselor.

I look forward to partnering with Rabbi Hagay Batzri and Hazzan Saeed Jalali in our vision to reinvigorate Kahal Joseph and to create a synagogue experience that will be even more meaningful for all its members. Together may we be successful in this new and exciting direction. I look forward to greeting you personally.

Respectfully, Rabbi Shlomo Seidenfeld

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Mazal Tov

Ilan, Rabbi Daniel & Peni Bouskila, and sister Shira. Rabbi Bouskila and his family are dear friends and we are honored to be celebrating this wonderful occasion with them at Kahal. Congratulations to grandparents Avi and Sylvia Tuchman

Thank You

Elsa Singman, Diana Gazal and the Sisterhood of Kahal Joseph for organizing our beautiful Tu B'Shvat Luncheon

And thank you to the KJ Youth Choir directed by our Rabbi Hagay Batzri for inspiring us with Tu B'Shvat songs

In Memoriam

We remember these yearzeit anniversaries for February 2nd to 9th, 2013. It is customary to light a memorial candle, donate tzedaka, and attend services the preceding Shabbat.

23 Shevat / Sunday, February 3rd

Victoria Elie *Victoria Elie bat Caden*
Maurice Shamash *Menashe Hayim*
Carl Zekaria *Katsuri ben Sion*

24 Shevat / Monday, February 4th

Rachel David *Rahel bat Regina*

25 Shevat / Tuesday, February 5th

Norma Dabby *Naima bat Farha*
Morton Raymond Einy *Mordecai ben Rahamim*
Abraham Sales *Avraham ben Sassoon*

26 Shevat / Wednesday, February 6th

Moshe Solomon *Moshe Hai ben David*
Mozelle bat Simha
Abraham Haim Yaacov *Avraham ben Haim*

27 Shevat / Thursday, February 7th

Ezra Avrahamy *Ezra ben Yosef*
Nathan Bass *Nathan ben Yisrael*
Moshe Dallal

28 Shevat / Friday, February 8th

Hilda Jacob *Haviva bat Masooda*
Nassim Shamash *Nassim ben Sarah Khatoun*

29 Shevat / Shabbat, February 9th

Ramah Duke *Rahma Duke bat Salha Khatoun*
Georgia Jiji
Mordechai Sassoon *Mordehai Hayim ben Moshe*

A Car for Penina

Our amazing staff member, Penina Solomon, had the misfortune of losing her car in an accident. She is seeking a replacement vehicle. If you have a car that you are willing to part with at low or no cost, please contact Sarah in the office at [310.474.0559](tel:310.474.0559). Your generosity will help Penina & our community.

KJ Schedule

Erev Shabbat

Friday, February 1, 2013

Shaharit/Morning Prayer 6:30 am
Shir Hashirim..... 4:50 pm
Shabbat Candle Lighting 5:05 pm
Minhah/Arbith 5:05 pm

Shabbat / Parashat Yitro

Saturday, February 2, 2013

Shaharit/Morning Prayer 8:30 am
Women's Tehillim *after kiddush*
Minha, Seudah Shlisheet, Arvit..... 4:15 pm
Motzei Shabbat / Havdallah..... 5:52 pm

Weekdays

Sunday, February 3, 2013

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

Monday to Friday, Feb. 4 to 8, 2013

Shaharit..... 6:30 am

Monday, February 4, 2013

Women's Tehillim 10:30 am

Friday, February 8, 2013

Shaharit/Morning Prayer 6:30 am
Shir Hashirim..... 5:00 pm
Shabbat Candle Lighting 5:12 pm
Minhah/Arbith 5:12 pm

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, Maurice Ovadia / Moshe ben Noosha

SHABBAT READINGS

Torah 288-301, Haftara 948-950

FUN Rides & GAMES

Prizes, PRIZES, Prizes!

CANDY! Hamburgers!
Fries! Hot Dogs!

Kahal Joseph Congregation



Purim
Carnival

Sunday, February 24th

11 am to 4 pm



Purim
Baking for Community Gift Baskets



Sunday, February 10th

10:00 am to ?

Do a Mitzvah! Help others!
Give on Purim!

Yitro: Giving Constructive Criticism

By Rabbi Ralph Tawil, Judaic.org

Learning how to criticize constructively can improve the lives of the people around you. Focusing on the way you can benefit others and making certain that you are motivated by a strong desire for improving the lot of others is an essential prerequisite of constructive criticism. We must be careful not to fall into the trap of wanting to criticize just in order to feel good and useful (or superior). Criticizing in the context of a positive relationship makes the criticism more acceptable and effective.

Background: Yitro hears about Israel's exodus from Egypt and comes to the wilderness to see Moshe. On the day of his arrival, Yitro marvels at the miracles that God had wrought for Israel. Full of joy, Yitro blesses God's justness of the God of Yisrael saying: Barukh Hashem who delivered you from the Egyptians and from Pharaoh, and who delivered the people from under the hand of the Egyptians. Now I know that Hashem is greater than all gods, yes by the result of their very schemes against the people. (Exodus 18:10-11) Yitro's second day begins with a different tone. He saw Israel standing about, waiting for Moshe to judge their cases and Yitro is critical. Yitro says:

What is this thing that you are doing to the people? Why do you act alone, while all the people stand about you from morning until evening? ...The thing you are doing is not right; you will surely wear yourself out, and these people as well. For the task is too heavy for you; you cannot do it alone. Now listen to me. I will give you counsel, and God be with you! [Yitro details his plan for Moshe to institute a hierarchical judicial system. Yitro concludes:] Make it easier for yourself by letting them share the burden with you. If you do this—and God so commands you—you will be able to bear up; and all these people too will go home unwearied. Shemot 18:14, 17-19, 23

What made Yitro criticize the way Moshe was judging the people? He wanted the best for Moshe and the people. Was it ok for him to criticize? Absolutely. Being able to help people sometimes means pointing out a better way to do things. If we learn how to do it in a way that does not lead to a backlash, it is not only appropriate, it is an obligation—an act of kindness.

Why do you think Moshe was better able to accept Yitro's ideas?(From Yitro's joyful statements of the previous day, it was clear that Yitro identified with Israel, and wanted only their good. Yitro sincerely developed a good relationship with Moshe and Israel. Although Yitro's criticism was direct ("the thing you are doing is not right"), Moshe was able to accept it.

From Yitro we learn some important lessons about how to give criticism in a constructive way. Before we criticize, we need to develop a sincere positive relationship. When we do offer criticism, we must be motivated by the sincere desire to benefit others.

Do you think you have what it takes?

Maurice Zekaria Backgammon Tournament

Entrance fee: \$35.00

Winning the title: Priceless

Sunday Feb. 17, 2013, 2:00 p.m.

Card game entrance fee: \$10.00
Sandwiches and refreshments will be served

First Prize: \$400

Second Prize: \$200

Third Prize: \$100

*Please bring your backgammon set

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(Must be 18 years or older to enter)

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