

KOL MEVASSER

What a Celebration!

by Dafna Ezran

At Kahal Joseph we celebrated Adar 5773 by giving and receiving.

Beginning with Yvette Dabby's annual Baking for KJ Gift Baskets, our members strove to share good fortune amongst all members of our community. Our devoted volunteers prepared beautiful Mishloah Manot, gifts of food traditionally given at Purim.

The ladies, and a few good men, bake delicious, Iraqi sweets such as malfouf and sambusak. Then, these handmade goodies were lovingly packed with dates, nuts, fruits, and other treats, topped off with an originally designed card, and hand delivered by volunteers in town or mailed to far away locations.

The KJ Gift Baskets brought Purim to people restricted to their homes, those coping with difficult life circumstances, or others studying at college or living in places without such a vibrant Jewish community as we are fortunate to enjoy. These individuals truly appreciate our congregation's generosity and the chance to share in the joy of Purim.

During February, KJ also celebrated a more recent annual tradition, the 2nd Maurice Zekaria Backgammon Tournament.

The competition was fierce but friendly as the best players faced off over the boards. For those who preferred cards, several game tables featured challenging play. And all enjoyed the chance to relax and chat with friends.

The Tournament was sponsored by The Zekaria Family in memory of our member, Maurice Zekaria, z"l, who loved a game of backgammon and celebrated time with friends and family.

Last but definitely not least, the final weekend in February brought us Purim itself with a double header: the Megillah Reading & Party and KJ's 8th Annual Purim Carnival.

After Shabbat, young and old gathered in costume with noisemakers in hand to boo Haman and marvel at Hashem's rescue of Esther, Mordechai, and all the Jews in Shushan and the Persian kingdom.

The KJ Youth Choir opened the evening with a medley of favorite Purim songs—Ani Purim, Letzan Kattan, Shoshanat Yaacov, and Chag Purim. They also led the crowd

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KJ Schedule

Erev Shabbat

Friday, March 1, 2013

Shaharit/Morning Prayer	6:30 am
Shir Hashirim	5:15 pm
Shabbat Candle Lighting.....	5:31 pm
Minhah/Arbith	5:31 pm

Shabbat / Parashat Parah

Saturday, March 2, 2013

Shaharit/Morning Prayer	8:30 am
Guest Speaker, Lev Hakak .. <i>during services</i>	
Women's Tehillim	<i>after kiddush</i>
Minha, Seudah Shlisheet	4:45 pm
Motzei Shabbat / Havdallah	6:17 pm

Weekdays

Sunday, March 3, 2013

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

Monday, March 4, 2013

Shaharit	6:30 am
Tehillim	10:30 am

Tuesday to Friday, March 5 to March 8

Shaharit	6:30 am
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Friday, March 8, 2013

Shaharit/Morning Prayer	6:30 am
Shir Hashirim	5:20 pm
Shabbat Candle Lighting.....	5:37 pm
Minhah/Arbith	5:37 pm

SHABBAT PARAH READINGS

Torah Portion 352-368, 652-655
Haftara / Prophets 999-1001

Shabbat Kiddush

is sponsored in memory of

Nazi bat Nissan (Radfar), z"l
& Yonah ben Shlomo (Radfar) z"l

by David Radfar & Family

Seudah Shlisheet

Is sponsored in memory of

Moshe ben Mikael, z"l
by Ida Shemtov & Family

Kahal Joseph 8th Annual Purim Carnival

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Molly Jalali

Co Chair
Jonathan Kelly

Event Committee

Sarah Bouchoucha • Yvette Dabby • Ron Einy • Dafna Ezran

Full Booth Sponsors

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Ruby & Joe Samuels
Jacalyn & Asher Shalom
Susan & Bijan Zadeh

Thank You

to our energetic volunteers who helped
set-up, run, and take apart
KJ's 8th Annual Purim Carnival!

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Dylan Ben-
hamou

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hamou

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In Memoriam

We remember these yahrzeit anniversaries for
March 2nd to 9th, 2013. It is customary to light a
memorial candle, donate tzedaka, and attend ser-
vices the preceding Shabbat.

20 Adar / Shabbat, March 2nd

Victoria Simanian *Miriam Victoria bat Ester*
Edward Wyner *Itzhak ben Simha*
Yonah Radfar *Yonah ben Shlomo*

21 Adar / Sunday, March 3rd

Gershoon Doustar
Itzhak Rahmin *Itzhak Rahmin Pinhas*

23 Adar / Tuesday, March 4th

Bernard Amron *Bernard Yonatan ben Mishael*
Eliyahu Kattan *Eliyahu ben Salim*
Elisha ben Nassim Nawy
Rachel Jonah

Moshe Moses *Moshe Ezra ben Rafael Moshe*

25 Adar / Thursday, March 6th

Rivka Blank *Rivka bat Sarah Hannah*
Sarah bat Gurjiyee

26 Adar / Friday, March 7th

Moses Solomon Noah *Moshe ben Shlomo*
Yaghoub Partiyeli
Salomon Emquies *Shlomo ben Messod*

27 Adar / Shabbat, March 9th

Kitty Bar
Elias M. Judah *Eliyahu Hayim ben Meir Yehuda*
Achajal Aghalar *Nisim ben Yaacob*
Saul K. Masliah *Shaul ben Hacham Moshe Yakob*

Refuah Shlemah

Yocheved bat Rachel, Mazal bat Malka, Dan Her-
doon, Mazal Tov bat Salha Matana, Moshe
ben Ezra, Sasson ben Rahel/Sassoon Moses,
Penina bat Henia, Dov Ber ben Sonia, Mau-
rice Ovadia/Moshe ben Noosha

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with standards such as Ki Eshmera Shabbat and, of course, HaTikva, Israel's national anthem. Rabbi Batzri directed the children and then chanted the Megillah using age-old Iraqi melodies.

After the Rabbi's expressive Megillah reading, children enjoyed Purim goodie gift bags from Kahal and a Circus Party show that included clowning, magic tricks, stunts and invited the audience to join in antics such as spinning balls on sticks, a bubble extravaganza, and a happy dance competition. The kids had so much fun they didn't want to leave, despite the hour. And then the next morning it was time for. . .

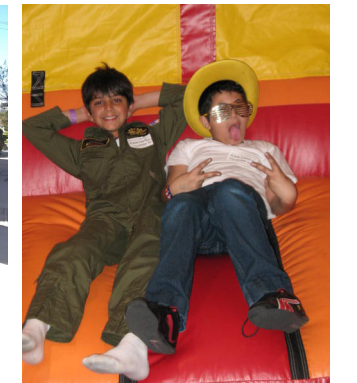
The Purim Carnival! Along with delivering Mishloach Manot gifts to friends, listening to the Megillah, and feasting at Seudat Purim, the community came together Purim Day at KJ.

With the help of dozens of volunteers, the generosity of numerous donors, and the stalwart efforts of Jonathan Kelly and Molly Jalali, Kahal Joseph celebrated Purim with carnival game booths, snow cones and popcorn, a bouncy and train rides for the youngest ones, an amazing outdoor slide and basketball pit, a delicious barbecue and the most awesome stuffed animal prize table in Los Angeles county (really).

After trying their hand at the games of chance and skill, kids of all ages enjoyed the sun and lunched while basking in the beautiful weather. The sidewalk tables filled with families and friends relaxing and enjoying Purim in a uniquely L.A. way. What pure and simple joy. And even better, all the fun helped support KJ's amazing community projects.

It was a wonderful month!

Kahal Joseph Congregation Purim Photo Gallery





Kahal Joseph Congregation
Shabbat Guest Speaker
Dr. Lev Hakak
Professor at UCLA
Shabbat Day, March 2, 2013
"A New Perspective
on Pizmonim, Poetry in Prayer"



Sephardic Educational Center
Presents

Maimonides:
A Guide for Today's Perplexed



Join Rabbi Daniel Bouskila for 3 evenings
exploring intriguing topics through the philosophical writings
of Judaism's greatest Rabbi/Philosopher

Thursday March 7th 7pm

Physics and Metaphysics: Can Torah and Science Co-Exist?

Thursday March 14th 7pm

Prophecy: Who Speaks to God, and does God listen?

Thursday March 21st 7pm

Job: The Problem of Good and Evil

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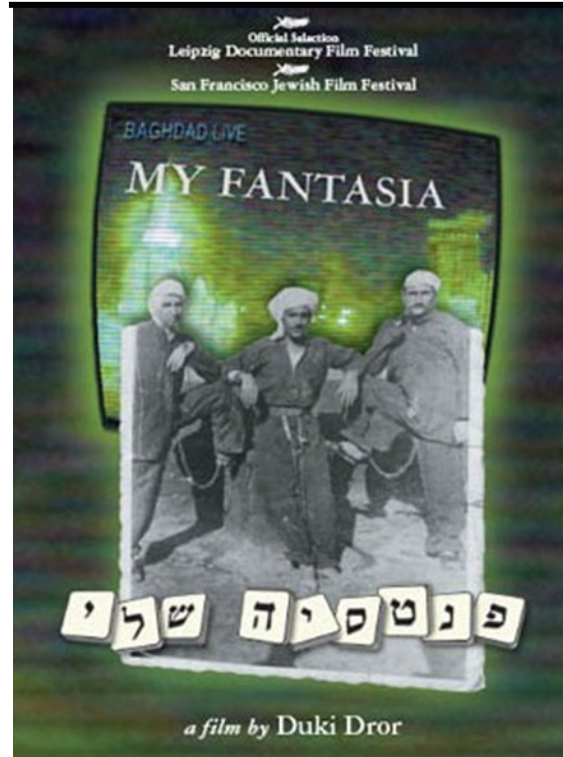
The Jewish Federation Building
6505 Wilshire Blvd. Los Angeles, CA 90048

to RSVP please email sharon@secjerusalem.org
or call 323-272-4574

Must RSVP by Wednesday before lecture

Light refreshments will be served

**ID Required to enter building



Kahal Joseph Congregation
presents

My Fantasia

Wednesday, March 6, 2013

7:00 pm to 9:00 pm

We are very excited to have a special evening with Israeli award-winning filmmaker Duki Darwish Dror who will introduce his film, *My Fantasia*, on Wednesday, March 6th at 7:00 pm.

Following the screening Dror will discuss and show clips from his upcoming film *Shadow in Baghdad* about Linda Menuhin Abdul Aziz who is trying to solve the mystery of her father's abduction in Iraq, including

footage filmed this year in Baghdad. Duki Dror will present a new crowd-funding campaign that will be launched for this project.

Duki Dror is one of the most prolific and fertile filmmakers in Israel today and a Visiting Professor at University of California Santa Cruz. You are also invited to a special event presented by the Nazarian Center at UCLA with director Duki Dror on March 5th.

About the film "My Fantasia", 54 minutes

The three Darwish brothers, who immigrated from Iraq to Israel in the 50's, established the family factory "Fantasia" - a menorah factory. For a time period of 50 years they designed, manufactured and shipped Chanukah menorahs for the entire world and now...the family factory is about to close down. From this point in time, the director, who is the son of the youngest brother, is starting to embark on a journey that unravels the history of his family, going back 100 years. The story weaves memories from Iraq and Israel -- two homelands, two languages, two identities, two enemies. The director is trying to reconstruct the narrative of his family, a narrative that has disappeared in the silence and shame that followed the family move to Israel. The father's silence is finally broken by the director's relentless inquiries, which reveal a story about five lost years of his father in the Iraqi prison.