

KOL MEVASSER

The Second Adar

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The year of 5774 is a year that is called “pregnant” and in it there are two months of Adar. Why do we double the month of Adar? And, are the two months of Adar really one month that is 60 days long? Or are they two separate months? Where are the holidays and the mitzvot assigned according to the halakha? For example, is the hillula of Moshe Rabbenu in Adar placed in Adar Alef or Adar Bet?

The Hebrew calendar is based on the sun and the moon. In the lunar year, months follow the cycle of the moon. They begin with each new moon and are 29 or 30 days long—30 days being a leap month. In comparison, the solar calendar has 30 or 31 days per month. Therefore, a twelve-month lunar year has 354 days while the comparable solar year has 365 days. So, the lunar year is approximately 11 days longer than the solar one.

Even though Jewish months are lunar months (we celebrate Rosh Hodesh, the new month, with each new moon), the Jewish holidays fall according to the seasons of the year which follow the sun. Therefore, if we don’t add an extra month on occasion,

and rely solely on the lunar calendar, the holidays would eventually move around and occur in different seasons. For example, that is how the Muslim calendar works; the holidays move around. Since in Judaism holidays should occur in specific seasons of the year, every three or four years we add an extra lunar month to push the holidays back into the right season. This extra month is the second month of Adar, which occurs this year.

So, if there are two Adars, Adar Alef and Adar Bet, when do we celebrate special occasions and holidays that fall during Adar? According to Jewish law, or halakha, the holidays in the month of Adar should be celebrated during the 2nd Adar, not the 1st one. Therefore, Purim is celebrated in Adar Bet. Also, if a child was born during a regular year, with one Adar, he or she celebrates a Bar/Bat Mitzvah during Adar Bet, the second Adar. However, if a child is born in a leap year during the first Adar, Adar Alef, then the Bar/Bat Mitzvah is then celebrated during Adar Alef.

There is also the question of *yahrzeit* anniversaries. Generally, the *yahrzeit* of a person who passed away in a regular year, a year with only one Adar, is most often observed in the second Adar. However, some have the custom of observing these *yahrzeits* in the first and second Adar as well.

KJ Schedule Parashat Terumah

Rosh Hodesh Adar I & Erev Shabbat / Shabbat Eve Friday, January 31st

Shaharit/Morning Prayer.....	6:15 am
Shir Hashirim	4:45 pm
Shabbat Candlelighting	5:04 pm
Minhah/Arbith	5:04 pm

Yom Shabbat / Shabbat Day & Rosh Hodesh Adar I Saturday, February 1st

Shaharit/Morning Prayer	8:30 am
Minha, Seudah Shlisheet, Arvit	4:30 pm
Motzei Shabbat / Havdallah.....	6:08 pm

Weekdays

Sunday, February 2nd

Shaharit	7:30 am
KJ Kids Sunday School	11:00 am

Monday to Thursday, February 3rd to 7th

Shaharit	6:30 am
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Erev Shabbat

Friday, February 7th

Shaharit/Morning Prayer.....	6:30 am
Shir Hashirim	5:00 pm
Shabbat Candlelighting	5:11 pm
Minhah/Arbith	5:11 pm

But, for example, the hillula of Moshe Rabbenu occurs during Adar Bet. In summary, the second Adar is the main Adar and the first is primarily a month added on that pushes the holidays into their correct season. Shabbat Shalom

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Wishing you a joyful & peaceful Shabbat

In Memoriam

We remember these yearzeit anniversaries for February 1 to 8, 2014. It is customary to light a memorial candle, donate tzedaka, & attend services the preceding Shabbat.

1 Adar I / Shabbat, February 1st

Yosef Soffer Yosef ben Eliyahu

2 Adar I / Sunday, February 2nd

*Abraham Aslan Avraham ben Meneshe Aslan
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3 Adar I / Monday, February 3rd

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4 Adar I / Tuesday, February 4th

*Simy Bensabat Simy ben Mesody
Baacker Jalali Baacker ben Avraham*

5 Adar I / Wednesday, February 5th

*Sami Dallal
Leah bat Mozli*

6 Adar I / Thursday, February 6th

Molly Jonah Mazeltov bat Sara

7 Adar I / Friday, February 7th

Gerry Shapiro Gershon ben David

8 Adar I / Shabbat, February 8th

*Abraham Avrahamy Avraham ben Yosef
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*Our thoughts and prayers
are with the family and friends of*

Gershon Shapiro, z"l

*especially with his wife, Emma
and his daughter Phyllis Sunkees
on his first yearzeit anniversary*

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The Kahal Joseph community and guests enjoyed a wonderful evening full of blessings and renewal this past Tu B'Shvat eve.

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There was also lovely music by singer Zaduk Zioini and Lilo as we sang Israeli songs and created a beautiful atmosphere. Finally we were privileged to witness Kaddish al Yisrael in which the men took part to sanctify the spirits of the departed.



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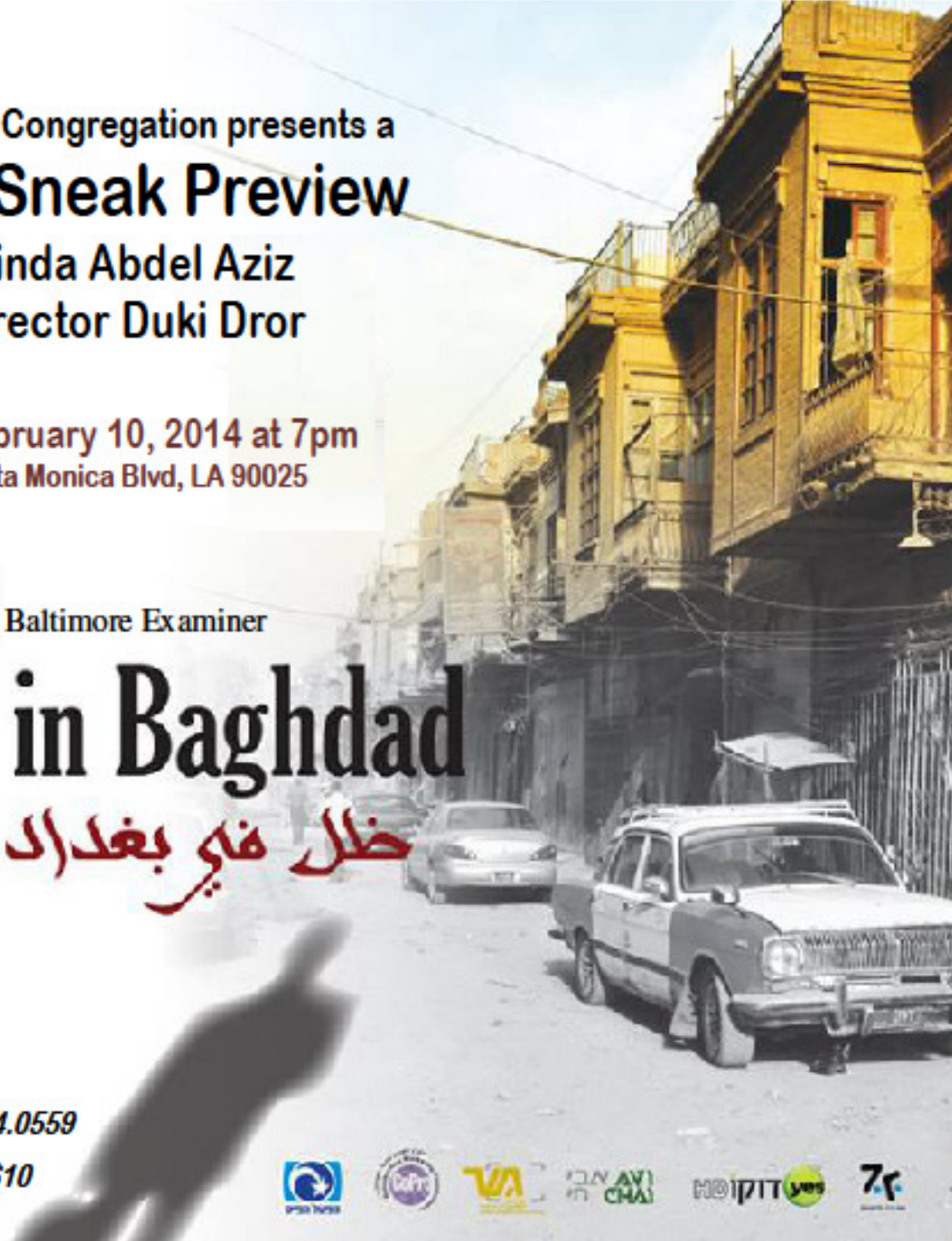
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