

KOL MEVASSER

Purim at KJ: A Joy to Behold

Kahal Joseph enjoyed an amazing Purim 5774, an effort that began many weeks before the actual events took place.

On the preceding Sunday, our congregation began the Purim season with the double mitzvah or preparing Mishloach Manot and donating Matanot La'Evyonim. Led by Yvette Dabby, a group of Kahal volunteers baked up hundreds of delicious treats for KJ's Community Gift Baskets. The women, along with a group of helpful teens and supportive men, came to Kahal following the Los Angeles Marathon and remained undaunted by street closures or uncooperative ovens. And we especially thank Aviva and Ezra Sagi for replacing the broken dairy oven within one day!

The teens also participated in crafting handmade Purim cards to accompany the baskets and lend them a personal touch.

On Tuesday, our Mommy and Me class also did a little baking of their own, on a toddler-sized scale. They prepared tasty oznei haman to take home. These delicious morsels were greatly appreciated by family members, and rumor has it that not many of these holiday cookies made it to Purim. The following week, the young ones did prepare 3-cornered mishloach manot baskets and took those home to their loved ones.

That Thursday, the devoted men of our morning minyan participated in special prayers for the fast day preceding Purim, the Fast of Esther, also known as Taanit Esther. In addition to meeting in the morning, they convened for evening prayers and a Torah reading—as well as fasting from dawn to dusk! Since Purim occurred on Sunday, the fast was pushed back so that it wouldn't conflict with Shabbat.

Then, immediately following motzei Shabbat, our community gathered to hear the Megillah, the story of Esther. Just before the reading, the crowd enjoyed the pure and joyful voices of our David Kelly Youth Choir as they shared a selection of holiday songs. And following Rabbi Batzri's beautiful reading, all the children received delicious goody-bags courtesy of our congregation, while adults enjoyed a delightful selection of oznei haman.

Bright and early the next morning the morning minyan held a very well attended early Megillah reading to ensure that everyone had the opportunity to hear the story of Purim at least twice.

Following the reading, the kids of our Jewish Sunday School program, or Talmud Torah, gathered even before the Purim Carnival began. They had an old-fashioned mini-carnival with balloon shaving, ping-pong ball toss, and other games. Then students gathered for a Purim gameshow and clamored to answer questions about its mitzvot and the megillah story,

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KJ Schedule

Parashat Shemini/Shabbat Parah

Erev Shabbat Parah

Friday, March 21st

Shaharit/Morning Prayer	6:30 am
Shir Hashirim.....	6:30 pm
Shabbat Candlelighting	6:47 pm
Minhah/Arbith	6:47 pm

Shabbat Parah

Saturday, March 22nd

Shaharit/Morning Prayer	8:30 am
Minha, Seudah Shlisheet, Arvit.....	6:00 pm
Motzei Shabbat / Havdallah	7:46 pm

Weekdays

Sunday, March 23rd

Shaharit	7:30 am
Talmud Torah	10:00 am
KJ Kids Choir	11:30 am

Monday to Friday, March 24 to 28

Shaharit	6:30 am
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Tuesday, March 25

Mommy & Me	10:45 am
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Erev Shabbat HaChodesh

Friday, March 28th

Shaharit/Morning Prayer	6:30 am
Shir Hashirim.....	6:30 pm
Shabbat Candlelighting	6:52 pm
Minhah/Arbith	6:52 pm

Tanakh Readings

Vayikra / Leviticus: Shemini 443-454
Shabbat Parah: Bamidbar/Numbers 652-655
Haftara Yehezkel / Ezekiel 999-1001

Kahal Joseph Congregation

Norma & Sam Dabby Jewish Learning Center

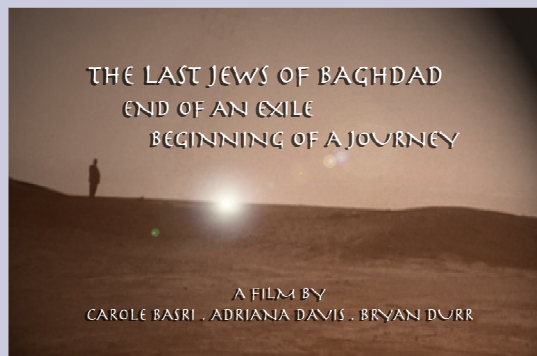
Mommy & Me

Next Meeting

Tuesday, March 25th@10:45 am

Developmentally appropriate music, art and play for children 18 months to 2 1/2 years.

For information contact Dafna at dafna@kahaljoseph.org or 310-502-8548



The Last Jews of Baghdad

Film Screening at Kahal Joseph
Thursday, May 1st at 7:00 pm

Filmmaker Carole Basri will be present

Errol Levi Social Hall & Ballroom

Engagement? Wedding? Brit Milah? Bar Mitzvah?
Did you know that Kahal Joseph has one of the most beautiful ballrooms on the Westside for your private event? *KJ is fabulous for parties up to 200 guests! Contact Sarah at 310.474.0559*

Thank You to The Kelly Family

for the tremendous effort and support
you provide each year to the
Kahal Joseph Purim Carnival

Thank You

Doris Moshi & Letizia Einy
for assisting with the Purim Baking
and preparation of the Mishloah
Manot gift baskets from KJ

Seudah Shlisheet

is co-sponsored in memory of
Yaacov ben Avraham, z"l
Avraham ben Aghababa, z"l

by The Partiyeli Family

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is co-sponsored in memory of
Fatolah Niakan, z"l
by The Niakan Family



David Kelly YOUTH CHOIR
with Rabbi Batzri, Director
Sunday 3/23@11:30 am



Welcome Rabbi Daniel Bouskila SEC Director

Following morning services
Rabbi Bouskila will address:

**Halakhic Genius, Political Revolutionary:
The Unique Legacy of Rav Ovadia Yosef**

Advance paid RSVP required to attend.

In Memoriam

We remember these yahrzeit anniversaries for
March 22 to 29, 2014. It is customary to light a
memorial candle, donate tzedaka, & attend
services the preceding Shabbat.

20 Adar II / Shabbat, March 22nd

Yona Radfar *Yona ben Shlomo*

23 Adar II / Monday, March 25th

Rachel Jonah

Moshe Moses *Moshe Ezra ben Rafael Moshe*

25 Adar II / Monday, March 27th

Sarah bat Gurjiyee

26 Adar II / Friday, March 28th

Salomon Emquies *Shlomo ben Messod*

27 Adar II / Shabbat, March 29th

Achajal Aghalar *Nisim ben Yaacov*

Saul K Masliah *Shaul ben Moshe Hacham Yakob*

Refuah Shlemah

Rahel bat Marcel

Mordechai Cohen / Mordecai ben Avraham

Moselle Amron/Mazal Tov bat Salha Matana

Tilda Levy / Tilda bat Miriam

Joseph Sharaf / Yossef ben Jamila

Maurice Ovadia / Moshe ben Noosha

Pnina Herzbrun / Pnina bat Esther

Michael Herzbrun / Michael Baruch ben Sarah



Baking for Purim at Kahal Joseph

Members of all ages
contributed their efforts to
making this a delicious
holiday for the community.



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before receiving special Mishloah Manot from Munchies courtesy of the Sisterhood of Kahal Joseph. And then came the Carnival. Loving organized, prepared and staffed by our community the Carnival really showcased the wonderful spirit of Kahal Joseph congregation.

The booths and amazing toys donated by the Kelly Family formed the backbone of the festive event, as did the hard work of so many family members, especially the Event Chair, Jonathan Kelly, the Ticket Booth manager, Hannie Kelly, and our Junior Coordinator, Adam Kelly who pitched in with his friends to run the booths, restock toys, and help in myriad ways wherever needed.

And Fiona Cohen helped make sure the entire event ran by working hard to solicit and organize volunteers who readily and happily gave of their time. For example, when she reached out to the Ezra family, more than one generation came out in force.

In particular, we would like to acknowledge a special group among our amazing volunteers. Both at the baking, at the KJ Kids educational events, and at the carnival a core of dedicated, responsible and admirable teen volunteers—you know who you are—you gave of your time and energy. At the carnival, these teens stayed for hours, some for the entire 6 hour event, making certain that every booth was manned and that the little kids could play and collect prize tickets to their hearts' content.

In truth, so many families and individuals gave of themselves to bring Purim together at Kahal. And as always our amazing support staff headed by Sarah Bouchoucha and backed up by Penina Solomon provided amazing reinforcements. And the same goes for Jose, Rosa and the temporary staff that worked behind the scenes. Our deepest thanks goes out to all of you. You are the heart and soul that sustain Kahal Joseph Congregation.

Shabbat Shalom

Kahal Joseph 9th Annual Purim Carnival

Event Co-Chair

Jonathan S. Kelly

Event Co-Chair

Dafna Young

Event Committee

**Sarah Bouchoucha • Fiona Cohen • Yvette Dabby
Ron Einy • Penina Solomon**

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