

KOL MEVASSER



President's Message

Dear Members and Friends,

Each of us has different reasons to care about Israel. But all of us know that the State of Israel must continue to be a great source of inspiration to the world.

Since its beginning, Israel has been surrounded by adversaries, and yet it has shown that it is still a respected democracy, still enjoys a free press, still has a judiciary, and is still the international leader in science, technology, health care, medicine, the arts and humanity.

No country on earth has more Nobel Laureates than the State of Israel. We are fortunate enough to bear witness to a modern nation leading the way in every discipline imaginable.

The Jewish people numbering less than one-fifth of one percent of the population of the world have outlived the world's greatest empires--The Egyptians, the Assyrians, the

Babylonians, the Greeks, the Romans--every empire that ever stood up to destroy us have all been consigned to history, and still we stand proudly and sing "AM YISRAEL CHAI".

Israel is the greatest collective affirmation of life in the whole of Jewish history, and nowhere will you see the power of possibility more than in the State of Israel.

This week, as we celebrate our homeland's 66th anniversary, we all have a shared interest in making sure Israel is kept safe, secure and strong, for us, and for every generation that follows us.

My gratitude to Rabbi Hagay Batzri, Rabbi Daniel Bouskila, Hazzanim Sassoon Ezra and Saeed Jalali, our honored guest Deputy Consulate General of the State of Israel in Los Angeles Dr. Uri Resnick, our Sisterhood and to all of you for being together on this most memorable Shabbat, as we pray for Israel's light to continue to shine throughout the world, as a meaningful symbol of life, freedom and hope,

Amen
Ronald Einy

KJ Schedule Parashat Behar

Erev Shabbat / Friday, May 9th

Shaharit/Morning Prayer 6:30 am
Shir Hashirim.....6:45 pm
Minhah/Arbith 7:00 pm
Shabbat Candlelighting 7:24 pm

Shabbat Behar / Saturday, May 10th

Shaharit/Morning Prayer8:30 am
Israel Shabbat, Message from the Consulate,
Dvar Torah from Rabbi Daniel Bouskila, Tefillah
in Israeli Nusach lead by Rabbi Hagay Batzri
and David S. Kelly Youth Choir
Minha, Seudah Shlisheet, Arvit..... 7:00 pm
Motzei Shabbat / Havdallah8:29 pm

Weekdays / Sunday, May 11th

Shaharit 7:30 am
Talmud Torah 10:00 am

Pesach Sheni / Wednesday, May 14th

Monday to Friday, May 12 to 16

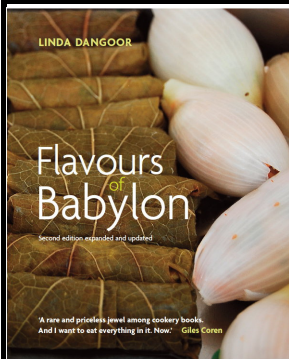
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**A Special Celebration of
Israel's Independence**
This Shabbat, May 10th at KJ
during morning services





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Linda Dangoor was born in Baghdad and

settled in the UK in the 1960s. Although she left Iraq when only ten years old, the link to her roots through food has always been very strong. She started cooking at a young age with her mother and grandmother. Linda Dangoor has always been interested in cooking.

*Her Middle Eastern background and travels enhanced the discovery of dishes and inspired the creation of new ones. As an accomplished and experienced cook, recognizing a need in the market, she resolved to put down her favourite recipes from her native Iraq in modern book form. To order a copy call KJ at 310.474.0559 or send a \$30 check to: Kahal Joseph Congregation
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Refuah Shlemah

Rahel bat Marcel

Mordechai Cohen / Mordecai ben Avraham
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Shabbat Kiddush

We thank our sponsors for KJ's festive Kiddush in honor of Yom Haatzmaut

Tooraj & Desiree Aghalar
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Seudah Shlisheet

is sponsored in memory of

Devorah bat Sara, z”l
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Condolences

to the family of Cecile Sassoon, z”l
Daughter of Hilda Sason, sister of Louise Nathan and Sunny Sassoon, mother of Irving Masliah & Dr. Maurice Masliah

In Memoriam

We remember these yearzeit anniversaries for May 10 to 17, 2014. It is customary to light a memorial candle, donate tzedaka, & attend services the preceding Shabbat.

10 Iyar / Shabbat, May 10th

Ramah Ezra *Rahmah bat Lulu Khatoon*
Abraham Shaye *Avraham Amir Saed Zoghee ben Asher Michael*

11 Iyar / Sunday, May 11th

Irving Rosen
Elias Raymond Solomon *Eliyahu Rahamim*

12 Iyar / Monday, May 12th

Sara Ephraim *Sarah bat Sarah*
Aaron Sassoon *Aharon ben Elisha*
Molly Moses *Mesuda bat Aziza*
Rabbee Shadi

13 Iyar / Tuesday, May 13th

Devorah Lubovsky *Devorah bat Aharon*
Joseph Robert Saul
Viuolet Aziza Sheeri

14 Iyar / Wednesday, May 14th

Sally Ekaireb *Salha Matana bat Matooka*
Tala Eradat *Tala bat Javaher*
Amir Ghoulia

Salman Khadoori Shaby *Saliman ben Kadoori*
Eliyahu Hai Abraham Shamash *Eliyahu Hai ben Avraham*

15 Iyar / Thursday, May 15th

Rivka Matana bat Miriam
Rachel Yitzhaki *Rahel bat Chana*

16 Iyar / Friday, May 16th

Eliza Moses *Aziza bat Chana*
Albert Abraham Gazal Sassoon
Joseph Yehudah *Yoseph ben Yehudah*

Torah & Haftarah Readings

Vayikra / Leviticus: Behar 531 to 539
Haftara Yirmiyahu / Jeremiah 539 to 541

The IDF and Civilians: A Personal Account

Rabbi Daniel Bouskila

From the Jewish Journal of July 27, 2006

To all those who feel that Israel Defense Forces (IDF) soldiers have no regard for civilians, and that they "do what they need to do" without regard for potential civilian casualties, I offer no opinions on this matter. Instead, I offer this personal experience for your consideration.

It was July 12, 1984, my first day on the Ketziot basic training base, my new "home" as an IDF soldier in the Givati Infantry Brigade. One by one, we were issued what was then the standard IDF infantry weapon, the Israeli-made Galil rifle. Here we were, 18-year-old kids who barely knew anything about life, suddenly holding in our hands a weapon that had the potential to save lives or to take lives.

Upon receiving these weapons, we were gathered into a large mess hall, where an officer was waiting to address us. We expected a lesson on the mechanics of the Galil rifle. Instead, the officer had come to speak to us about *Tohar Ha-Neshek* -- the "Purity of the Weapon."

He spoke at length about the moral use of the weapon vs. the immoral use of the weapon, and of the responsibility we had to uphold the value of *Tohar Ha-Neshek* no matter what the circumstances. He concluded his remarks by saying, "I am not a particularly religious person, but remember that to uphold the purity of your weapon is a *Kiddush ha-Shem* (sanctification of God's name), and to violate it is a *Chilul ha-Shem* (desecration of God's name)."

Six months later, my unit found itself in Southern Lebanon, fighting the same Hezbollah that the IDF fights today. The Galil that we were issued six months earlier had unfortunately gotten its fair share of real-life wear and tear, but it was not until Feb. 5, 1985, that we learned a real-life lesson in "Purity of the Weapon."

Late in the afternoon that day, as our convoy was leaving our post in Borj el Jimali (two miles east of Tyre), a Hezbollah suicide bomber drove his car straight into our convoy, triggering a massive explosion in our faces. We responded like we were taught -- jump out of the vehicle, take cover and return fire. In typical Hezbollah fashion, they carried out this attack in an area filled with civilians, which means that we were faced with the awful prospect of firing into the homes of civilian men, women and children caught in the crossfire.

After our initial barrage of fire, our officer instructed us to regroup into small teams that would enter buildings to search for any terrorists cooperating with the suicide bomber. His instructions still ring clearly in my ear, and took me back to the lecture I heard about "Purity of Weapons" just six months earlier: "This area is filled with civilians, and there is no need to injure or kill them. In our search for terrorists, please try to minimize any civilian casualties."

These instructions came from an officer who, just a few minutes earlier, had 100 kilos of dynamite explode into his face and that of his troops, yet he was still able to keep a clear mind and remember that the IDF was in Lebanon to fight Hezbollah terrorists, not Lebanese civilians. It was true then, and it is still true today. Shabbat Shalom



Carole Basri at KJ Screening of "The Last Jews of Baghdad"

Kahal Joseph's screening of "The Last Jews of Baghdad" which took place on May 1, 2014 was a big success. Around 130 people attended the event, including many new guests from the Iraqi-American Jewish community. Among the crowd were also a number of young people many of whom expressed interest in additional events such as these.

We thank Victor Solomon for preparing the projection and Ariel Young for assisting him with the sound set-up. We also thank Pnina Meghnagi-Solomon who helped set-up and provided assistance throughout the evening, Sarah Bouchoucha for her administrative and facilities supervision, and our sponsors and community partners including JIMENA for their support of this event.



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