

KOL MEVASSER



President's Message

Dear Members and Friends,

My prayers and hopes for the upcoming New Year 5775 are that each and every one of us should realize the tremendous opportunities and possibilities that exist today. These possibilities are

open to us within our personal lives and within our collective lives, as Jews and human beings in our communities, in our states, countries and the world over.

This year, understand the warmth, the spirit and depth possible in the study of Torah and in doing Mitzvot, and seize these opportunities with an awareness of a higher consciousness.

May it be a year in which we reaffirm our commitments; experience abundant good health, prosperity and happiness; and most importantly, find a year of contentment and redemption.

May the coming New Year see a lasting peace in the State of Israel, and may it stand strong, righteous and proud always.

May we enjoy every minute with our families and friends, and never take those moments for granted.

In this spirit, Letizia and I wish you and your families a sweet and peaceful New Year.

Shana Tovah U'metukah.

Ronald Einy



Long Range Planning

Rabbi Daniel Bouskila
SEC Director

This coming Shabbat, the 25th of Elul, is the anniversary of the creation of the world. According to Talmudic tradition, on the 25th day of the Hebrew

month of Elul, God began to create heaven and earth. The month of Elul is a 29 day month, and if you count through the six days of creation, the 6th day of creation falls on the first of Tishri, which we call Rosh Hashanah. On Rosh Hashanah – the New Year – we commemorate the sixth day of creation, which is the day when Adam and Eve were created.

It is for this reason that Rosh Hashanah is not a classic “calendar” New Year (it’s actually the first day of the *seventh* month), rather it is a day when we think about life, death and our existence as human beings. It is a day of judgment (Yom Ha-Din), and a day of remembrance (Yom Ha-Zikaron). Most powerfully, though, it is a day about the future, with the sound of the Shofar awakening us to contemplate how we plan on marching into our next year of life.

As Jews, we are always thinking about our future, or at least we should be. This week we are blessed with reading two Torah portions – Parashat Nitzavim and Parashat Vayelech – and both of these Torah portions contain powerful expressions of forward

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KJ Schedule Parashiot Nitzavim- Vayelech

Erev Shabbat

Friday, September 19th, 2014

Selichot.....	5:45 am
Shaharit.....	6:30 am
Minha & Arbit.....	7:00 pm
Candle Lighting.....	6:36 pm

Shabbat / Nitzavim—Vayelech Saturday, September 20th, 2014

Shaharit.....	8:30 am
Minha/Arbit.....	6:00 pm
Shabbat Havdallah.....	7:38 pm

Weekdays

Sunday, September 21st

Selichot.....	6:45 am
Shaharit.....	7:30 am
Talmud Torah KJ Kids.....	10:00 am

Weekdays

Mon to Wed, September 22 to 24

Selichot.....	5:45 am
Shaharit.....	6:30 am

Erev Rosh Hashanah

Wednesday, September 24th

Selichot.....	5:30 am
Shaharit & Hatarat Nedarim	6:30 am
or Annulment of Vows	

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Torah & Haftara Readings

Devarim / Deuteronomy 29:9-31:30

Nitzavim Vayelech 878 to 891

Book of Neviim / Prophets

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**Mazal Tov to
Daniel Wozniak
on his Bar Mitzvah
and to his family**

Congratulations
to his parents, Ronit &
Jerome; his siblings,
Yoni, Eden, Yaniv, & Ahava; his
grandparents, Karl & Hilda Wozniak
and Gila & Rahamim Hassidim

Congratulations

**Lisa & Brian Joyce
on the birth of a baby girl**

Mazal Tov to brothers, Ethan & Zachary
and grandparents, Yvette & Joseph Dabby
Karen & John Joyce

Thank You Susan Zadeh

for repairing and taking loving
care of our torn siddurim

Thank You Louise Nathan

for organizing the volunteers who polished
and cared for Kahal's Torah scroll cases
for the High Holy Days

Refuah Shlemah

Mordechai Cohen • Moselle Amron
Tilda Levy • Joseph Sharaf • Maurice Ovadia
Michael Herzbrun • Saul Sassoon

Shabbat Kiddush

is sponsored in honor of
the Bar Mitzvah of

Daniel Wozniak

by his parents
Ronit & Jerome Wozniak

Seudah Shlisheet

is sponsored in memory of

Rahel bat Yonah, z"l
Matatyahu ben Eliyahu, z"l
by Dr. Gavriel Naghdi & Family

Thank You

The Board of Directors want to take this
opportunity to thank our dear Board member
David Kohan for catering such a beautiful
Shabbaton Dinner for our members and
friends last Friday evening.

With over 100 people attending, it was one
of the most successful and enjoyable Shabbat
dinners hosted at Kahal Joseph.

Rabbi Bouskila gave an enlightening talk
on the true meaning of Rosh Hashanah. His
words and thoughts really enhanced this very
special evening.

Our gratitude to Jeannot Acoca, David
Rahmani & David Kohan for conducting the
Erev Shabbat service so beautifully.

We look forward to many more Shabbaton
dinners in our synagogue on a regular basis,
it was truly memorable.

In Memoriam

We remember these yahrzeit anniversaries
for September 20 to 27, 2014. It is custom-
ary to light a memorial candle, donate tzeda-
ka, & attend services the preceding Shabbat.

25 Elul / Shabbat, September 20th

Esmat Khalili-Naghdi *Rahel bat Yonah*

Yosef Acoca *Yosef ben Nissim*

Sidney Jonah Sasson *Ephraim Yonah*

Marsel Kemareh *Marsel bat Shaul v'Gazala Levi*

26 Elul / Sunday, September 21st

Katie Abraham *Rahma Chatoon bat Simha*

Hanina Levy *Hanina Saleh Shamash bat Farha*

27 Elul / Monday, September 22nd

Ester Shamsi *Ester bat Morvarid*

28 Elul / Tuesday, September 23rd

David Kelly *David Shalom ben Silas*

Samuel Hallegua *Shmuel ben Haim*

Moondani bat Borjan

Moshe ben Moondani

29 Elul / Wednesday, September 24th

Berdye Glass *Berindal bat Riba Rahel*

Eric Hanin *Ezra bat Aharon*

Isaac Solomon *Itzhak ben Shlomo*

1 Tishri / Thursday, September 25th

Hannah Cohen *Chana bat Rachel*

Mozelle Elisha

Julian Raymond Kelly *Yacob Rahamin ben*

Saleh Moshe Kadoorie

Edward Sassoon

Farha Sassoon *Farha bat Aziza*

Condolences

to the family & friends of **Saul Ezra, z"l**
who passed in Israel & is the brother of
our beloved Hazzan Sassoon Ezra

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thinking. Both are spoken by Moses, during the last few days of his life. Anticipating his own death, Moses chooses to spend his last days thinking about his people's future.

At the beginning of Parashat Nitzavim, in a farewell address to the people, Moses says "Today you are all standing before God your Lord – your leaders, your tribal chiefs, your elders, your law enforcers, every Israelite man, woman and child..." (Deuteronomy 29:9). Quite an impressive audience Moses is addressing.

Yet despite the diversity of who is present, Moses also turns his thoughts to those who are not present: "But it is not with you alone that I am making this covenant...I am making it both with those who are standing with us today before God our Lord, and with those who are not here with us today" (Deuteronomy 29:13-14). When addressing "those who are not here with us today," who is Moses referring to?

The commentator Rashi says "this is referring to the future generations." In affirming the covenant between God and the Jewish people, Moses is reminding those who are present that they have the responsibility to think about future generations. Not only then, but in every generation when this Torah portion is read, Moses' words speak to the present generation and reminds them that a responsible Jewish community is not only about the here and now, but it is also about the future.

Communities that heed to Moses' words choose to invest in their future – in youth, in

young adults, and in education. Such communities are not stuck in the past, nor are they simply living for today, rather they are setting the foundations for the next generation. Because it is so easy to get caught up in who is present – "tribal chiefs, elders," etc. – the true mark of success in any community is leadership that can look beyond their present audience and concern themselves with "those who are not present."

The future is also about training leaders, assuring that each generation will benefit from the wisdom and talents of select individuals who will lead and inspire them in a visionary fashion. In Parashat Vayelech, Moses, who begins by saying "I am now 120 years old, and I can no longer be active"

(Deuteronomy 31:2), stands before his chosen successor Joshua, "...and in the presence of all Israel, said to him 'Be strong and brave, since you will be the one to bring this nation to the land that God swore to their fathers that He would give it to them'" (Deuteronomy 31:7). Recognizing that his tenure as a leader is coming to an end, Moses stands before his people with dignity and grace, charging his successor to march forth and lead his people with courage. At the ripe old age of 120, Moses reminds us that one of the keys to the continuity of a community is leadership.

What would have happened to the Jewish people had Moses not picked and trained a successor? The same thing that happens to any community that does not place leadership training as one of its top priorities: lack of direction and absence of vision. Rather than heading into the "Promised Land," such communities often disappear into oblivion,

which is probably what would have happened to the Jewish people without the appointment and training of Joshua.

There are many who tell me that for them, the sound of the Shofar on Rosh Hashanah takes them back to the past – their ancestors, their history, the country of their upbringing. While that is all well and good, Moses reminds us that if we don't carefully plan for the future, then we have no past.

Shabbat Shalom

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For information contact Sarah at
310.474.0559

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Eruv Tavshilin before candle lighting
Candle Lighting.....6:29 pm
Arbit6:45 pm

**Rosh Hashanah, First Day
Thursday, September 25th**

Shaharit8:00 am
Children's Room10:00 to 2:00 pm
Arbit6:45 pm
Candle Lighting..... after 7:31 pm

**Rosh Hashanah, Second Day &
Erev Shabbat**

Friday, September 26th

Shaharit8:00 am
Children's Room10:00 to 2:00 pm
Minha6:15 pm
Candle Lighting.....6:26 pm
Arbit6:45 pm

**Shabbat Shuva / Haazinu
Saturday, September 27th**

Shaharit/Morning Prayer..... 8:30 am
Minha & Arbit6:00 pm
Motzei Shabbat / Havdallah.7:28 pm

**Tzom Gedaliah / Fast of Gedaliah
Sunday, September 28th**

Fast Begins5:32 am
Selichot6:30 am
Shaharit/Morning Prayer..... 7:30 am
Talmud Torah KJ Kids10:00 am
Minha & ArbitTBA
Fast Ends..... 7:22 pm

Weekdays

**Monday, September 29
to Friday, October 3rd**

Selichot.....5:30 am
Shaharit/Morning Prayer6:30 am

**Erev Yom Kippur
Friday, October 3rd**

Selichot.....5:30 am
Shaharit & Kapparot 6:30 am
Minha2:00 pm
Children's Room ...6:00 to 10:00 pm
Candle Lighting.....6:16 pm
Fast Begins6:16 pm
Kol Nidre.....6:15 pm

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generously sponsoring
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the High Holy Days*

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