

# KOL MEVASSER

## An Invitation from the President

Dear Members,

We are very excited to bring Rabbi Raif Melhado to Los Angeles to pray with us & give his sermon this Shabbat.

Rabbi Melhado lives in Manhattan and we are hosting him as a potential candidate for the Rabbinic position at Kahal Joseph. We are very impressed by his qualifications, background and his desire to lead a congregation and connect wholeheartedly with its membership.



It is most important that all our members attend our Shabbat service this week to meet Rabbi Melhado and enjoy his interactive talk at our "LUNCH AND LEARN" following the service.

This "LUNCH AND LEARN" is for our MEMBERS ONLY and at NO CHARGE, but your reservation is A MUST. So please call Sarah at 310.474.0559 to make your reservation.

I look forward to seeing all of you this coming Shabbat.

Ronald Einy

## KJ Schedule Parashat Bo

### Erev Shabbat

Friday, January 23rd

Shaharit / Morning Prayer .. 6:30 am  
**Shabbat Candle Lighting..4:56 pm**  
Minha / Arbith ..... 4:56 pm

### Shabbat Parashat Bo

Saturday, January 24th

Shaharit/Morning Prayer .... 8:30 am  
Rabbi Raif Melhado, Guest Speaker  
Lunch & Learn for Members  
with RSVP ..... *following services*  
Minha, Seudah, Arvit..... 4:30 pm  
Motzei Shabbat / Havdala ... 6:00 pm

### Weekdays

Sunday, January 25th

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

Monday to Friday Jan 26 to 30

Shaharit / Morning Prayer .. 6:30 am

### Erev Shabbat

Friday, January 30th

Shaharit / Morning Prayer .. 6:30 am  
**Shabbat Candle Lighting..5:03 pm**  
Minha / Arbith ..... 5:03 pm

## Torah & Haftara Reading

Torah from Exodus/Shemot  
Parashat Bo 248 to 262  
Haftara from the Prophets  
Yirmiyahu / Jeremiah 263 to 264

## Shabbat Shalom

Wishing You a Peaceful Shabbat

## We want you to be a member!

*Did you join us for one of KJ's community or holiday events?*

*Have you enjoyed our wonderful Shabbat guest speakers, kids programs or Lunch & Learns?*

*Consider joining our community with an annual membership. Call Sarah at 310.474.0559*

# Sephardic Mini-Course

Four Enlightening Evenings Exploring  
the History, Culture and Traditions  
of Sephardic Jews  
with Rabbi Daniel Bouskila

Please join Rabbi Bouskila in celebrating Tu B'Shvat on February 3rd. Prior to his lecture Rabbi Bouskila will be conducting a traditional *Sephardic Tu B'Shvat Seder*. We look forward to seeing you!

**Tuesday, February 3rd Sephardi or Mizrahi – Is There A Difference?**  
(Lecture by Rabbi Bouskila)

**Tuesday, February 10th “From Toledo to Jerusalem”**

This one hour film starring Yehoram Gaon takes you on a historical and musical journey through the rich history of Sephardic Jewry. This film is entirely in Ladino, with English subtitles.  
(Q&A with Rabbi Bouskila following the film)

**Tuesday, February 17th Arabic Music in Synagogue?**

Exploring the Judeo-Arabic Maqam & Piyyut Cantorial Traditions  
(lecture & audio excerpts with Rabbi Bouskila)

**Tuesday, February 24th Haim Sabato: Contemporary Sephardic Storyteller**

Select readings from Sabato's bestselling modern Sephardic novels  
(readings and discussion with Rabbi Bouskila)

All evenings begin at 7:00 p.m.  
and take place at  
The Jewish Federation Building  
6505 Wilshire Boulevard  
Los Angeles, CA 90048  
(parking available)

NO CHARGE...but RSVP A MUST  
For more information & to reserve,  
please call (323) 272-4574 or email  
[info@secjerusalem.org](mailto:info@secjerusalem.org)

Refreshments will be served

Save the Date!  
Purim Baking  
for KJ Baskets



Sunday, March 1st 2015  
10:00 am

## Refuah Shlemah

Moselle Amron • Maurice Ovadia  
Abe Abraham • Michael Herzbrun  
Saul Sassoon • Sassoon Ezra • Tilda Levy

## In Memoriam

We remember these *yahrzeit* anniversaries for January 24 to 31, 2015. It is customary to light a memorial candle, donate *tzedaka*, & attend services the preceding Shabbat.

**4 Shvat / Shabbat, January 24th**

Khorshid Farzaneh Farahi *Rahel bat Esther*

**6 Shvat / Monday, January 26th**

Albert Gaub *Avner Avraham ben Khatoon*  
Maurice Jacob Jonah *Maurice ben Yaacov*

**7 Shvat / Tuesday, January 27th**

Samuel Saul Aaron *Shmoel ben Shaul*

**8 Shvat / Wednesday, January 28th**

Ezra Ekaireb *Ezra Sion ben David*  
F. Ellis Meyer *Eliyahoo Faraj ben Avraham Shalom*  
Rebecca Mizrahie *Rivka bat Toba*  
Edward Shashoua *Sion Edward ben Elisha*

**9 Shvat / Thursday, January 29th**

Saul Zakoo *Shaul Hai ben Ezra Halevy*

**10 Shvat / Friday, January 30th**

Naima Dabby *Naima bat Chahla*

**11 Shvat / Shabbat, January 31st**

Malacj Khamani *Serah bat Simcha*

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# Gearing Up for Passover

(Parashat Bo: Exodus  
10:1-13:16)

*Rabbi Daniel Bouskila*



Although it might seem a little early for Passover discussions, Jewish law mandates that one should begin studying the Passover laws and details at least 30 days before the actual holiday. This is due to the fact that no holiday requires more detailed preparation than Passover. Most of the preparations for this holiday tend to focus on koshering our homes, kitchens and utensils, and, of course, the menu for the Seder meal. What we often seem to forget is that the Seder is not only a meal, nor is it a gathering to sing Hebrew folk songs. The Seder is an educational experience that requires no less preparation than koshering your oven or preparing your main dishes.

The Seder table is a classroom, with the Haggadah serving as a curricular outline, and the main educators are all those who consider themselves knowledgeable enough to conduct and lead a Seder. The educational responsibility of the Seder leader(s) is to be prepared to teach the meaning of the Exodus and the Passover rituals to a wide variety of audiences.

Parashat Bo sets the stage for how we are to prepare for this monumental educational event. Based on the rabbinic interpretation

of three verses from this week's parasha (and one more verse from the Book of Deuteronomy), the rabbis of the Midrash Mekhilta, the Talmud Yerushalmi and the Passover Haggadah all agree that regarding the mitzvah of teaching the Passover story: "The Torah speaks in reference to four children.":

1. "Your children may ask you what is this service to you? You must answer, it is the Passover service to God." (Exodus 12:26-27)
2. "On that day you must tell your child: all of this is because that which the Lord did for me when I came forth from Egypt." (Exodus 13:8)
3. "Your child may later ask you what is this? You must answer him, with a show of power God brought us out of Egypt, the place of slavery." (Exodus 13:14)
4. "In the future your child may ask you what are these rituals rules and laws that God has commanded you? You must tell him, we were slaves to Pharaoh in Egypt, but God brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand." (Deuteronomy 6:20-21)

In typical rabbinic fashion, the various Talmudic and Midrashic texts asked why the Torah could not consolidate all of these seemingly repetitive instructions (regarding teaching the Passover story to children) into one unified verse. Why is one mitzvah being repeated four separate times?

The answer is that although on the surface the verses seem thematically repetitive

(children, Passover story), each verse actually addresses a different type of child, and, therefore, each verse is teaching its own separate mitzvah. Because of the importance and centrality of the Passover story, the rabbis teach us that each type of child requires a unique and different approach to the effective teaching of this story. When the Mishnah dealing with the Seder in Tractate Pesachim 10:4 states "According to the son's intelligence, the father instructs him," it means that it is a commandment to address each child in his/her own appropriate, meaningful and relevant fashion. In other words, know your audience.

The fact that we have an entire year to prepare this important Passover lesson to various types of children implies the power and importance of its message. The Seder challenges us to link our past experiences to the present in a relevant, meaningful and updated fashion for every Jew.

Leading a Seder is a privilege and honor... and a huge responsibility. The wise, wicked, simple and "too shy to ask" children await their instructor, and they expect a meaningful and inspirational lesson.

Start preparing, it's never too early...the future of all types of Jewish children is in your hands.

Shabbat Shalom

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## An Evening of Backgammon & Cards

## Thank You Eva Dloomy

for organizing *An Evening of Backgammon & Cards* at Kahal Joseph. On Wednesday, January 21st, community members young, old and in between turned out to enjoy one another's company, games and refreshments. We look forward to future evenings where generations relax & have fun together at KJ!



## RIDES & GAMES

BEST Prizes, Prizes, PRIZES!

Hot Dogs! **FALAFEL!** Hamburgers!  
Snowcones, Candy & MORE!

## Kahal Joseph Congregation



# Purim Carnival

Sunday, March 8th  
11 am to 4 pm



Game & Ride Wristbands—Check Back for our Special Deals  
Wristbands are good for games and rides only.  
Tickets for food and special services are purchased separately.  
For more information call 310.474.0559

## Errol Levi Social Hall & Ballroom

Kahal Joseph has one of the most beautiful ballrooms on the Westside for events up to 200 guests. Contact Sarah 310.474.0559