

KOL MEVASSER

Mazal Tov Rabbi Melhado *An Exciting Press Release*

June 2015 (New York, NY)

On Sunday, June 14, Raif Melhado will be ordained as a rabbi in a semikha (ordination) ceremony by Yeshivat Chovevei Torah Rabbinical School. The semikha ceremony will be held at the Eldridge Street Synagogue in Manhattan at 3 pm. Raif Melhado is the son of Evan and Lee Melhado of Urbana, IL. The Melhados are members of Sinai Temple and the UIUC Hillel Orthodox minyan.

Raif Melhado grew up in downstate Illinois, in a college town whose friendly and intellectual Jewish community encouraged his family to actively reclaim their Judaism. After high school he moved to Israel to attend Yeshivat Hakibbutz Hadati at En Tzurim, where he was exposed to a healthy model in which traditional learning went hand-in-hand with sincere critical thinking. He studied history at the University of Illinois, and spent a year at the Pardes institute in Jerusalem with his fiancée Jessica, now his wife and the mother of their daughter, Penny.

Since last returning to the United States, Raif has devoted his work and studies to the Jewish community. He was Operations Manager at the University of Chicago Hillel from 2007 to 2010 and served for a year as Interim Executive



Institute of White Plains.

Beginning this summer, Raif looks forward to serving in Los Angeles's Baghdadi Jewish community, as rabbi of Kahal Joseph Congregation.

Yeshivat Chovevei Torah Rabbinical School's mission is to recruit, professionally train, and place rabbis throughout the world who will lead the Jewish people and shape their communities' spiritual and intellectual character in consonance with modern and open Orthodox values and commitments. The four-year rabbinical school cultivates a love of Torah, a commitment to halakha, and a philosophy of inclusiveness. Our intensive study of Talmud and halakha is combined with the highest-caliber professional training, including a pastoral counseling program.

Shabbat Shalom U'Mevorach
Wishing you a Peaceful Shabbat

Director of the University of Illinois Hillel before enrolling at YCT. While working toward semikhah at Chovevei and a Master's in modern Jewish history at YU, Raif has served in internships and fellowships in the New York metropolitan area, including UJA-Federation, the Institute for Jewish Ideas and Ideals, Congregation Mikveh Israel, and the Hebrew

KJ Schedule Beha'lotkha

Erev Shabbat

Friday, June 5th

Shaharit / Morning Prayer ... 6:30 am
Minha / Arvit..... 6:30 pm
Candle Lighting 7:43 pm

Shabbat

Saturday, June 6th

Shaharit / Morning Prayer ... 8:30 am
Women's Tehillim Group 6:30 pm
Minha & Arbit..... 6:30 pm
Havdalla..... 8:52 pm

Weekdays

Sunday, June 7th

Shaharit / Morning Prayer .. 7:30 am

Weekdays

Monday to Friday, June 8 to 12

Shaharit / Morning Prayer .. 6:30 am

Erev Shabbat

Friday, June 12th

Shaharit / Morning Prayer ... 6:30 am
Minha / Arvit..... 6:30 pm
Candle Lighting 7:46 pm

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KJ Graduate Issue

Mazal Tov! We invite you to e-mail us photos and info about your graduates for our special issue. Please include graduate's name, degree, and school and send to dafna@kahaljoseph.org by June 8th 2015

In Memoriam

We remember these yearzeit anniversaries June 6 to 13, 2015. It is customary to light a memorial candle, donate tzedaka, & attend Shabbat services.

22 Sivan / Tuesday, June 9th
Rebecca Litvac *Rivka bat Esther*

23 Sivan / Wednesday, June 10th
Lily bat Toba *Lulu bat Toba*
Salim Kamara *Salim ben Ezra Kamara*

24 Sivan / Thursday, June 11th
Sara Davoudian *Sara bat David*
Edith Judah *Esther bat Chana*
Joseph Meir Hakimpour *Yosef ben Meir*

26 Sivan / Shabbat, June 13th
Daniel Rojhani
George Sassoon *Khadoory Hai ben Ezra*
Samha Zelkha

SHABBAT 6/13--Next Week!

613 is a very special and significant number.
Six hundred and thirteen represents the total number of mitzvot.

Hashem gave us these special 613 mitzvot, to follow and honor in the Torah. The 613 mitzvot summarize G-d's teachings & guidance for how to live a meaningful life and create a just, positive, constructive human society. It's not often that the calendar date 6/13 falls on Shabbat, but it's happening next week! In honor of this special number, KJ will celebrate "Shabbat 613" with

a sermon by Rabbi Bouskila on the topic of
"613 Ways to Improve the World"
followed by a festive Kiddush

Refuah Shlemah

Abe Abraham
Moselle Amron
Syliva Cohen
Esther Duke
Sassoon Ezra
Tilda Levy
Maurice Ovadia

Torah & Haftara Readings

Bamidbar / Numbers
Parashat Beha'alotkha 605 to 619
Haftara /from Prophets
Zechariah 620 to 622