

KOL MEVASSER



President's Message

Dear Members and Friends,

I am happy to share with you that Kahal Joseph has launched a new website which is now available at www.kahaljoseph.org

The new site is creative, exciting, and reflective of everything our synagogue truly is. It has modernized the way we present ourselves to the world, and makes it easier for people to become involved with us so that we can grow and thrive.

Since we can now accept secure online payments, the new site also offers several exciting features that our community will find very useful and timesaving:

- ◆ *High Holy Days: Members can register for children's wristbands and*

buy guest tickets, and non-members can purchase tickets and wristbands at any level.

- ◆ *Membership: It is now possible to join the synagogue or update your membership online.*
- ◆ *Donations: Contributions for mitsvot in the service or for any special occasion can be made through the website.*
- ◆ *Talmud Torah: The same functionality will soon allow us to make our application process completely digital.*

This website is the benchmark and foundation for our growth as a synagogue, and of everything forthcoming. I offer my deep appreciation to Rabbi Melhado's wife Jessica, who spearheaded the entire project and coordinated with the Rabbi to launch it only a few weeks after they moved here.

We can only look forward to all that lies ahead!

Ron Einy

KJ Schedule Parashat Ki Tetze

Erev Shabbat

Friday, August 28th

Selihot 5:45 am
 Shaharit / Morning Prayer ... 6:25 am
 Minha / Arvit 6:30 pm
 Candle Lighting 7:06 pm

Shabbat

Saturday, August 29th

Shaharit / Morning Prayer ... 8:30 am
 Women's Tehillim 6:30 pm
 Minha & Arvit..... 6:30 pm
 Havdallah 8:08 pm

Weekdays

Sunday, August 30th

Selihot 6:45 am
 Shaharit / Morning Prayer ... 7:30 am
 Talmud Torah 10:00 am

Monday to Friday, August 31 to Sept 4

Selihot 5:45 am
 Shaharit / Morning Prayer .. 6:25 am

Erev Shabbat

Friday, September 4th

Selihot 5:45 am
 Shaharit / Morning Prayer ... 6:25 am
 Minha / Arvit 6:30 pm
 Candle Lighting 6:57 pm

Torah & Haftara Readings

Parashat Ki Tetze in Devarim
 Deuteronomy 840 to 857
 Haftara Reading from Prophets
 Yeshayahu/Isaiah 857 to 858

Shabbat Kiddush

is sponsored
in memory of

Dr. Saleh Saleh
z"l

by
Viva & Charles Rabbie



KJ Membership and High Holy Days

*In just one short month the new Jewish
year of 5776 will begin on the eve of
Sunday, September 13th.*

*Now is a wonderful time to renew your
membership at Kahal Joseph and re-
serve seats for yourself and your family
during services on these special days.*

*For information or to renew please call
Sarah in our office at 310.474.0559*

Shabbat Shalom U'Mevorach
Wishing you a Peaceful & Joyful Shabbat

THANK YOU RABBI RAIF & JESSICA MELHADO

FOR
THE BEAUTIFUL, FUNCTIONAL
NEW KAHAL WEBSITE AT
WWW.KAHALJOSEPH.ORG

*Norma & Sam Dabby
Jewish Education Center*
KJ Kids
Talmud Torah
& Sunday School

Nurture Creativity Celebrate
Explore Inspire Share
Friends & Community

First Day of Class
This Sunday!
August 23rd 2015
10 am to 12 noon

*For more information contact
Hanna at 310-474-0559*

In Memoriam

We remember these yahrzeit anniversaries
August 29 September 4, 2015. It is cus-
tomary to light a memorial candle, donate
tzedaka, & attend Shabbat services .

14 Elul / Shabbat, August 29th
Nathan Assia

Haim ben Haim Elazar
Harry Brook Moses *Haim Baruch ben Moshe Ezra*

15 Elul / Sunday, August 30th
Sophie Meyer *Simha bat Rifka*

16 Elul / Monday, August 31st
Flower Elias *Farha bat Yochevet*

17 Elul / Tuesday, September 1st
Gala Nathan *Gala bat Sheikoory*

18 Elul / Wednesday, September 2nd
Rahel bat Rahma Khatoon

19 Elul / Thursday, September 3rd
Malek Yehuda *Malek bat Yehuda*

20 Elul / Friday, September 4th
Jacob Samuel Azar *Yaacov Shmoel*

KJ Women's Tehillim on Shabbat
Saturday Evening @ 6:30 pm

Refuah Shlemah

Abe Abraham • Moselle Amron
Mordechai Cohen • Sylvia Cohen
Esther Duke • Sassoon Ezra
Tilda Levy • Miriam bat Yetta
Maurice Ovadia • Habiba bat Mazli

The War Within: Thoughts for Parashat Ki Tetsei

By Rabbi Marc D. Angel

The Torah portion opens with a discussion about going to war. Many of our rabbinic commentators have expanded the meaning of the text to refer not to wars against external enemies, but to wars against our own evil inclinations. These internal wars are battles for self-definition. Either we can win and live meaningfully and happily; or we can lose by succumbing to pressures that lead us to abandon our own values and ideals.

UBS Wealth Management Americas issued a report (April 28, 2015) based on a survey of 2,215 United States investors with more than one million dollars net worth. It found that while these wealthy individuals are pleased with their good fortune, “they feel compelled to strive for more, spurred on by their own ambition, their desire to protect their families’ lifestyle, and an ever-present fear of losing it all. As a result, many feel stuck on a treadmill, without a real sense of how much wealth would make them satisfied enough to get off.” The majority of those interviewed felt that they achieved financial success at the cost of losing precious time with family. Most felt that their children ran the risk of being spoiled, of not really knowing the value of money. And most felt the need to “keep up with the Joneses” thereby increasing their expenditures in maintaining their place in the rat race.

Rabbi Harold Kushner wrote a popular book, *When All You’ve Ever Wanted Isn’t Enough*. He describes how people strive to attain certain goals, but when they achieve these goals they are not necessarily happy. They have climbed the mountain and have an immediate sense of elation; but then they wonder what was gained by all that time and effort. Rabbi Kushner writes about people who have all the outward trappings of success, yet feel hollow inside. “They can never rest and enjoy their accomplishments. They need one new success after another. They need constant reassurance from the people around them to still the voice inside them that keeps saying, If other people knew you the way I know you, they would know what a phony you are.” (p. 17)

When I was a student at Yeshiva College, I was once in the 181st Street IRT subway station and noted a sentence that had been scribbled onto one of the large advertisement posters on the wall of the subway platform. That sentence, by Alan Watts, had a profound impact on me then, and still resonates strongly with me fifty years later. “For when a man no longer confuses himself with the definition of himself that others have given him, he is at once universal and unique.” (Psychotherapy East and West, p. 9)

People are inauthentic when they strive to live according to the values and standards of others, and in the process forfeit their own values and standards. They know in themselves that they want to live happy

and meaningful lives; yet they find themselves drawn into a rat race in which they fear to fall behind. They compete; they see others as antagonists; they adopt external standards of success and want to live in a big house, drive an expensive car, be important and have important friends. And when they have become “successful” they realize that the success is hollow. They’ve lost themselves in the process.

In his novel, *Babbitt*, Sinclair Lewis describes a highly successful businessman who seems to have everything he could have wanted. Yet, Babbitt felt a tremendous lack within himself. He had a beautiful house with appropriate furnishings. Yes, he had a house...but he felt he did not have a home. He was living someone else’s life, someone else’s dream.

If we spend our lives allowing others to define us, we will always feel a hollowness within, a sense of betrayal of our real selves. If we find that we are successful, and yet feel that our lives are vanity and striving after wind, then we know—perhaps too late—that we’ve taken the wrong path.

The war within ourselves is a war we cannot afford to lose. If we betray our ideals and our values, we end up betraying others, betraying our faith; and worst of all, we end up betraying ourselves.

Shabbat Shalom

Sephardic Educational Center

presents our 4th annual



Selihot Concert

Sunday, September 20, 2015

Doors open at 6:00 pm

Program begins at 7:00 pm

Kahal Joseph Congregation
10505 West Santa Monica Blvd.
Los Angeles, CA 90025

\$15 per person

Refreshments will be served

Valet parking provided

For more information or to make reservations,
please call the SEC office at (323) 272-4574

Discovery and Recovery: Preserving Iraqi Jewish Heritage

Nixon Presidential Library & Museum
September 4 to November 15, 2015

On September 4, 2015, the Richard Nixon Presidential Library and Museum will open a new exhibition, *Discovery and Recovery: Preserving Iraqi Jewish Heritage*. The exhibit details the dramatic re-



covery of historic materials relating to the Jewish community in Iraq from a flooded basement in Saddam Hussein's intelligence headquarters, and the National Archives' ongoing work in support of U.S. Government efforts to preserve these materials. In both English and Arabic, the 2,000 square foot

exhibit features 23 recovered original items and a "behind the scenes" video of the fascinating yet painstaking preservation process. More information is available at



www.ija.archives.gov. This exhibition was created by the National Archives and Records Administration, Washington, DC, with generous support from the U.S. Department of State.