

28 Elul 5775

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President's Message: High Holy Days 5776

Dear Members and Friends,

As we look forward to the beginning of our High Holy Days beginning this Sunday evening, I want to extend my warmest wishes to the entire Kahal Joseph family.

Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur are wonderful opportunities for reflection. They represent a chance to take stock of our lives and look ahead to the coming year with a clear vision and renewed purpose.

When society too often focuses on what divides us instead of what unites us, I hope that each of us can recognize ourselves in one another, and renew the unbreakable bond we share with our families and friends.

Let's look forward to all that lies ahead for Kahal Joseph. I am so grateful for the love and support of our many members, the

continued commitment of our Board of Directors, our administrative staff, and our teaching staff who work so hard throughout the year making all we do so worthwhile.

I am expressly grateful for the devotion of our clergy, Hazan Sassoon Ezra, Hazan Saeed Jalali, and our wonderful Rabbi Raif Melhado. Their voices lift us and enlighten our spirit, they inspire us each and every day of the year. I want to thank my dear friend, Rabbi Daniel Bouskila, for all his love and support of our community as it has grown and developed over the past year. We are so blessed.

May our New Year 5776 bring peace to our homes and to our world, and may we always see a strong and secure State of Israel. In that spirit, Letizia and I wish you and your families a sweet year ripe with good health, happiness and contentment.

L'Shanah Tovah

Ronald Einy

Shana Tova U'Metukah

Have a Happy & Sweet New Year

Tizkoo L'Shanim Rabot Ne'imot V'tovot

May You Enjoy Many Pleasant & Good Years

KJ Schedule Parashat Nitzavim ROSH HASHANAH

Erev Shabbat

Friday, September 11th

Selihot 5:45 am
Shaharit / Morning Prayer ... 6:30 am
Minha / Arvit 6:30 pm
Candle Lighting 6:47 pm

Shabbat

Saturday, September 12th

Shaharit / Morning Prayer ... 8:30 am
Women's Tehillim 6:30 pm
Minha & Arvit..... 6:30 pm
Havdallah 7:53 pm

Erev Rosh Hashanah

Sunday, September 13th

Selihot 6:30 am
Shaharit / Hatarat Nedarim . 7:30 am
Minha..... 6:15 pm
Candle Lighting 6:44 pm

Rosh Hashanah, First Day

Monday, September 14th

Shaharit / Morning Prayer .. 8:00 am
Children's Room..... 10 am to 2 pm
Minha/Arbit 6:15 pm
Candle Lighting after 7:46 pm

Rosh Hashanah, Second Day

Tuesday, September 15th

Shaharit / Morning Prayer .. 8:00 am
Children's Room..... 10 am to 2 pm
Minha/Arbit 6:15 pm
Habdalah 7:45 pm

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Shabbat Kiddush

is sponsored
in memory of

David Kelly, z"l

by
Hannie Kelly & Family

Congratulations

Board member, Nadine Dabby
& husband, Peter Beller
on the birth of a son

Mazal Tov

to the grandparents
Yvette & Joseph Dabby
Julie & Robert Beller
and both families

In Memoriam

We remember these yahrzeit anniversaries
September 12 to 19, 2015. It is customary to
light a memorial candle, donate tzedaka, &
attend Shabbat services.

28 Elul / Shabbat, September 12th

Samuel Hallegua *Shmuel ben Haim*
David Kelly *David Shalom ben Silas*
Moondani bat Bonjan
Moshe ben Moondani

29 Elul / Sunday, September 13th

Berdye Glass *Berindal bat Riba Rahel*
Eric Hanin *Ezra ben Aharon*
Isaac Solomon *Itzhak ben Shlomo*

1 Tishri / Monday, September 14th

Hannah Cohen *Chana bat Rahel*
Mozelle Elisha
Julian Raymond Kelly *Yacob Rahamim ben*
Saleh Moshe Kadoorie
Edward Sassoon
Farha Sassoon *Farha bat Aziza*

5 Tishri / Friday, September 18th

Seemah Menasseh *Simha bat Salha Ekaireb*
Naim Mizrahie *Naim ben Ephraim*
Ester Sarne *Ester bat Toba*

Refuah Shlemah

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

Shabbat Torah & Haftara Portions

Parashat Nitzavim, Deuteronomy p. 878
Haftara in Prophets, Yeshayahu/Isaiah p. 883

Rosh Hashanah Celebration@KJ Talmud Torah



Standing Before the Lord: Thoughts for Parashat Nitsavim

By Rabbi Marc D. Angel

"You are all standing today before the Lord your God..." (Devarim 29:9)

Moses reminds the entire people of Israel that they are each standing before God. Whether one is the head of a tribe or a water-carrier, all are ultimately judged by God.

Rabbi Moshe Alsheikh, the great 16th century mystic and commentator, notes that we humans do not know how to evaluate each other properly--this is only known by God. There are people who may seem important to us--but who are deficient in the eyes of God. There are people who may seem insignificant to us--but who are highly regarded by the Almighty.

Not only may we be deceived in our evaluation of others, we also may be deceived in our evaluation of our own selves. We may either over exaggerate our virtues or underestimate our good qualities. If we remind ourselves that we are standing before God, we can hope to come to a truer understanding of ourselves and others.

Rabbi Haim David Halevy, late Sephardic Chief Rabbi of Tel Aviv, offered a poignant insight into the season of holy days we are about to observe. A dominant symbol of Rosh HaShana is the Shofar. The law is that a Shofar must be bent. The moral lesson is that we, too, should bow ourselves in penitence and contrition. We come before the Almighty, humbly asking forgiveness for our sins and shortcomings. Indeed, the theme of the period between Rosh HaShana

and Yom Kippur is repentance.

Shortly after Yom Kippur, we observe the Festival of Succoth. A dominant symbol of that holiday is the Lulav. According to halakha, a Lulav must have a straight spine--if it is bent over, then it is not valid for the performance of the mitzvah. The Lulav reminds us that we must stand tall, that there are times when contrition and meekness are not appropriate. We must conduct ourselves with principled commitment to our ideas and ideals, being straight and upright in our words and deeds.

Rabbi Halevy notes that we each need to learn from the Shofar and the Lulav. We need the humility symbolized by the Shofar, and the strength symbolized by the Lulav. We need to balance these qualities to reach a realistic and proper approach to life.

As we enter the holy day season, it is important for us to remember that we each stand before the Almighty, who Alone knows the essence of who we are. The ultimate Arbiter of the value of our lives is the One to whom we are answerable. There is no point in pretending to be what we aren't, or in posturing to make ourselves more important in the eyes of others--God always knows the Truth about who we are.

So let us come before the Almighty with honesty and humility, bent over like the Shofar. Let us note our errors and weaknesses, and let us resolve to do better with our lives. But let us also come before the Almighty as a Lulav--upright and straight, strong in our commitment to the teachings of Torah. Let us neither over-estimate--nor under-estimate--who we are, and what our lives mean.

Yamim Noraim / Days of Awe

Tsom Gedalia / Fast of Gedalia

Wednesday, September 16th

Fast Begins 5:22 am
Selihot 5:30 am
Shaharit / Morning Prayer .. 6:25 am
Minha / Arbit TBA
Fast Ends 7:39 pm

Weekdays

Thursday & Friday, Sept. 17th & 18th

Selihot 5:45 am
Shaharit / Morning Prayer .. 6:25 am
Minha / Arbit TBA
Fast Ends 7:39 pm

Shabbat Shuvah

Friday, September 18th

Selihot 5:45 am
Shaharit / Morning Prayer ... 6:25 am
Minha / Arvit 6:00 pm
Candle Lighting 6:37 pm

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Discovery and Recovery:

Preserving Iraqi Jewish Heritage

*An exhibit of rescued & restored artifacts
from the Iraqi Jewish Archive will be at
Nixon Presidential Library & Museum
September 4 to November 15, 2015*

Save these Dates!

Sunday, October 11, 2014

KJ Tour of the Exhibit

Call the Kahal Joseph office at 310.474.0559 to
register for this group tour of the archive.

Wednesday, October 7, 2015

Maurice Shohet, President WOJI

presents the film "Forgotten Refugees"
Maurice Shohet, President of "World Organization
of Jews from Iraq" (WOJI) will be at the library to
present the documentary film: "Forgotten Refu-
gees" which recounts the mass exodus of Jews
from Arab lands. Following the showing one of the
documentary producers will be available on Skype
from New York for a Q & A session.