

# KOL MEVASSER

## Exciting Shabbaton with Rabbi Angel

*Dear members and friends of Kahal Joseph,*

*I would like to personally invite you to the Shabbaton with Rabbi Angel next week for Shabbat Lekh-Lekha (10/23-25). Besides his many achievements which I have summarized below, he served as a mentor and guide to me throughout my years in yeshivah as I prepared to enter the rabbinate.*

*I find him to be an inspiring man on a personal level, with one of his most endearing traits being that he is accessible and available to regular people despite his status as a public personality. He is an open, sincere thinker whom you will enjoy being exposed to, and I am honored at the opportunity to host him with us next week.*

*For more information about him and about his upcoming visit, please read on in the Rabbi's message.*

*Shabbat Shalom,*

*Rabbi Melhado*



## Rabbi's Message

We are honored and privileged to have Rabbi Marc Angel next week.

Rabbi Angel is a leading force in the American Sephardic world. After growing up in Seattle's Rhodesli community, he worked among the Western Sephardim of New York for over 40 years. He is the emeritus rabbi of the Spanish and Portuguese synagogue in Manhattan (also the first Jewish community established in North America), and

has been involved in Sephardic institution building and publishing since the 1970s.

In addition, Rabbi Angel has garnered acclaim as an accomplished and recognized presence in the leadership of Modern Orthodoxy. He served as the president of the Rabbinical Council of America, and as a member of the editorial board of its journal, **Tradition**.

In 2007, he established the Institute for Jewish Ideas and Ideals a think tank that fosters an intellectually vibrant, compassionate and inclusive Orthodox Judaism.

You won't want to miss a great opportunity to see him at Kahal Joseph!

## KJ Schedule Parashat Noah

### Ereb Shabbat

*Friday, October 16th*

Shaharit / Morning Prayer ... 6:25 am  
**Minha** ..... **5:45 pm**  
 Candle Lighting ..... 6:00 pm  
 Arbit / Kabbalat Shabbat ..... 6:15 pm

### Yom Shabbat / Shabbat Day

*Saturday, October 17th*

Shaharit / Morning Prayer ... 8:30 am  
 Keri'at HaTorah ..... 10:15 am  
 Musaf ..... 11:30 am  
 Minhah ..... 5:45 pm  
 Women's Tehillim ..... 5:45 pm  
 Se'udah Shelisheet ..... 6:15 pm  
 Arbit ..... 7:50 pm  
 Habdallah ..... 7:02 pm

### Weekdays

*Sunday, October 18th*

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

*Monday to Friday, October 19 to 23*

Shaharit ..... 6:25 am

### Ereb Shabbat

*Friday, October 23rd*

Shaharit / Morning Prayer ... 6:25 am  
**Minha** ..... **5:45 pm**  
 Candle Lighting ..... 5:52 pm  
 Arbit / Kabbalat Shabbat ..... 6:15 pm

## Torah & Haftarah Readings

Parashat Noah pp 26 to 40  
 Haftarah pp 41 to 44

## In Search of Inner Calm: Thoughts on Parashat Noah

By Rabbi Marc D. Angel

The Torah describes Noah in glowing terms, as "tsaddik tamim", righteous and pure. Of all the people in his generation, only Noah is singled out for being a good, upright person who walked in the ways of God. The rest of society had become horribly corrupt, evil beyond salvation.

How did Noah feel living in such a society?  
How did others relate to him?

I imagine that Noah was universally despised by the members of his society. They must have been irked by Noah's refusal to follow in the idolatrous and sinful behaviors that were the norms for everyone else. Noah must have been ostracized as a self-righteous, arrogant man who thought himself too good to mingle with others. People don't like a "goody goody" who shuns their way of life.

Did Noah have any real friends? Could Noah trust anyone? Perhaps his family members provided "safe space" for him; but everywhere else he was a pariah, a non-conformist, a righteous and pure person in a world of evil and impurity. Such isolation can surely be devastating. How did Noah find the inner strength to cope? How did he remain righteous and pure, when it would have been so much easier and so much more comfortable to go along with the corrupt and sinful patterns that prevailed in his world?

Our hearts & prayers  
are with the victims  
and families of the terror  
attacks in Israel, and we  
pray for peace upon  
the land

### Refuah Shlemah

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

One answer is suggested in the opening verse of this week's Parasha: "Noah walked with God." Noah stayed focused on his relationship with God. This single-minded spiritual sense allowed him not to be shaken or troubled by what humans say or do. Noah was not seeking popularity or comradery with people; he was seeking to be righteous and pure in the eyes of God. By keeping focused on the eternal, he was able to transcend the ugliness and evil of everyday life in his society. As the Talmudic sage Akabia ben Mahalalel taught: it is better to be deemed a fool in the eyes of humans, rather than to be a fool in the eyes of God for even an instant. Ultimately, we are not answerable to our fellow human beings, especially not to the evil ones: we are answerable to God, and must live with that

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## Shabbat Kiddush

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Jacob Levy, z"l

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### In Memoriam

We remember these yahrzeit anniversaries October 17 to 24, 2015. It is customary to light a memorial candle, donate tzedaka, & attend Shabbat services.

#### 4 Heshvan / Shabbat, October 17th

Sam Bekhor *Shmuel ben Yaacob*

Hilda Gillis *Haviva bat Gillis*

Grace Saltoon *Garziee bat Masouda*

#### 5 Heshvan / Sunday, October 18th

Ruby Cohen *Rivka bat Salha Khatoun*

Salha Hoory *Salha bat Noona*

Jacob Izaac *Itzhak ben Yaacob Itzhak*

Menashe Levi *Menashe Hai ben Yoseph Halevi*

#### 6 Heshvan / Monday, October 19th

Meyer J. Jonah *Meir ben Yaacov Yonah*

Saul Sopher *Shaoul ben Avraham Shalom*

#### 9 Heshvan / Thursday, October 22nd

Ezekiel Ezra

Farha Joseph *Farha bat Haviva*

#### 10 Heshvan / Friday, October 23rd

Jacob Ezekiel Azoory *Yaacov Yehezkel*

Nissim Elie *Nissim Elie ben Dona*

Edward E. Sassoon *Yehezkel ben Aharon*

#### 11 Heshvan / Shabbat, October 24th

Jacob Silas Mussyry *Yaacov ben Saleh*

Naji Perry



## Join KJ on a day trip to visit the Iraqi Jewish Archive Exhibit



*Nixon Library & Museum, Yorba Linda*

**Sunday, November 8, 2015**

Bus departs Kahal at 11:30 am & returns at 4:30 pm

***Transportation is Free for Members, Limited Seating***  
*Reservations processed as received; priority to members.*  
*Non-members will be placed on a waiting list for available*  
*seats. Call the office to reserve at 310.474.0559*

### **The Iraqi Jewish Archives**

Jews have lived in Iraq for thousands of years, but when coalition forces entered Baghdad in May 2003, very few remained. A U.S. Army team searching for weapons of mass destruction in the flooded basement of the Mukhabarat, the headquarters of Saddam Hussein's intelligence services, discovered over 2,700 Jewish books and tens of thousands of documents. The remarkable survival of this written record of Iraqi Jewish life provides an unexpected opportunity to better understand this community. The National Archives is preserving these books and documents and making them accessible worldwide.



## **A Conversation Between**

**AMBASSADOR JOHN BOLTON**

Former U.S. Permanent Representative to the United Nations, and  
Under-Secretary of State for arms control and international security

&

**BRIGADIER GENERAL ISRAEL (RELIK) SHAFIR**

Legendary Israeli flying ace who participated in the mission  
to destroy Iraq's nuclear reactor in 1981

## **The Future of the Strategic Alliance**

**America, Israel, and The Middle East in Turmoil**

Moderator

**SIMCHA SALACH**

*Executive Director, Israel Air Force Center Foundation*

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2015**

Beth Jacob Congregation

9030 W. Olympic Blvd., Beverly Hills

**Dessert Reception – 7:00 p.m.**

**Program – 7:30 p.m.**

**Tickets: \$36.00**

**Special VIP Dinner with our distinguished speakers – 6:00 p.m.**

**Tickets: \$126**

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# KJ Shabbaton Schedule

with Rabbi Marc D. Angel  
at Kahal Joseph from October 23 to 25, 2015

## Friday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>

Rabbi Angel will join Kahal's Kabbalat Shabbat minyan, uplifting our spiritual welcome of the Shabbat on Friday evening.

## Saturday, October 24<sup>th</sup>

### *Shabbat Morning Sermon*

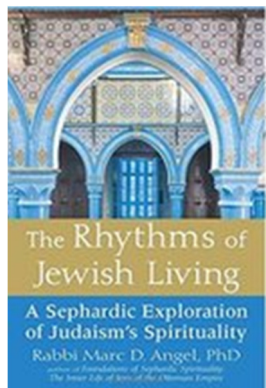
During services on Shabbat morning, Rabbi Angel will give the sermon and share his unique insights into the Torah Portion, Lekh Lekha, which addresses Abraham's voyage toward God.

### *Shabbat Lunch & Learn*

Following Shabbat morning services, there will be a Kiddush luncheon in Rabbi Angel's honor where he will talk on the topic: "We are Humans, Not Just Jews: Judaism and Social Responsibility."

## Book Signing--Sunday, October 25<sup>th</sup>

On Sunday morning, Rabbi Angel will be available for book signing after the morning prayers of Shaharit. Prayers will take place at 7:30 am, with the book signing at 8:30 am. Congregants and friends are invited to bring Rabbi Angel's works to the signing. In addition, copies of his most recent book, *The Rhythms of Jewish Living* will be available for purchase.



From *The Rhythms of Jewish Living*"

*Jewish spirituality is organically linked to the natural rhythms of the universe. To a great extent, Jewish religious traditions serve to bring Jews into a sensitive relationship with the natural world. Many commandments and customs lead in this direction, drawing out the love and reverence that emerge from the contemplation of God's creations."*

—Chapter 1, "The Rhythms of Nature"

We invite you to join us for a spiritually relevant, uplifting and invigorating weekend at Kahal Joseph with Rabbi Angel.

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idea clearly in mind.

The last verse in Parashat Bereishith states that "Noah found favor in the eyes of God". The great 16th century sage, Rabbi Elazar Azikri--drawing on a classic rabbinic interpretation--notes that the name Noah is also a Hebrew word meaning "calm", "serene". The verse can be understood as follows: one who is calm and serene finds favor in the eyes of God. The way to maintain inner strength, balance and righteousness is to maintain a spiritual equilibrium, a deep inner calm that is not shaken by external events or words. This is very difficult to achieve. It is not easy to ignore insults, mean words, vicious behavior, sinfulness. It is not easy to feel isolated from fellow human beings in order "to walk with God". It is far from simple to maintain inner calm and serenity when the world around is so filled with corruption, lies and cruelty.

Now perhaps we can better understand the greatness of Noah.

Now perhaps we can better understand the greatness that is demanded from each of us.

Shabbat Shalom