

# KOL MEVASSER

## Being True

By Rabbi Marc D. Angel

Rabbi Harold Kushner told a story of a man who stopped attending his usual synagogue and was now frequenting another minyan. One day he happened to meet the rabbi of his previous synagogue, and the rabbi asked him where he was praying these days. The man answered: "I am praying at a small minyan led by Rabbi Cohen."

The rabbi was stunned. "Why would you want to pray there with that rabbi. I am a much better orator, I am more famous, I have a much larger following."

The man replied: "Yes, but in my new synagogue the rabbi has taught me to read minds."

The rabbi was surprised. "Alright, then, read my mind."

The man said: "You are thinking of the verse in Psalms, 'I have set the Lord before me at all times.'"

"You are wrong," said the rabbi, "I was not thinking about that verse at all."

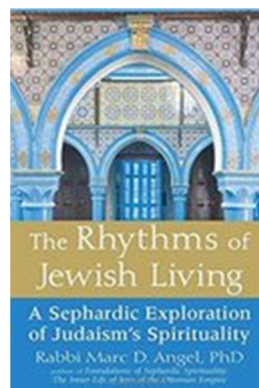


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## Book Signing with Rabbi Angel

Sunday, October 25th  
at 8:30 am

Join Rabbi Angel for brunch and 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 an invigorating weekend at Kahal Joseph with Rabbi Angel

## KJ Schedule Rabbi Angel Shabbaton Parashat Lekh Lekha

### Ereb Shabbat

Friday, October 23rd

Minha ..... 5:30 pm  
Candle Lighting ..... 5:51 pm  
Kabbalat Shabbat/Arvit ..... 6:00 pm

### Yom Shabbat / Shabbat Day

Saturday, October 24th

Shaharit / Morning Prayer ..... 8:30 am  
Keri'at HaTorah ..... 10:15 am  
Musaf w/ Rabbi Angel's Sermon  
..... 11:30 am  
Kiddush Luncheon ..... 12:00 pm  
Rabbi Angel's Talk ..... 12:30 pm  
Minhah & Women's Tehillim.... 5:30 pm  
Se'udah Shelisheet ..... 6:00 pm  
Arbit ..... 6:45 pm  
Habdallah ..... 6:54 pm

### Weekdays

Sunday, October 25th

Shaharit ..... 7:30 am  
Brunch & Book Signing with Rabbi Angel for his newest book *The Rhythms of Jewish Living* ..... 8:30 am  
Talmud Torah ..... 10:00 am

Monday to Friday, October 26 to 30  
Shaharit ..... 6:25 am

### Ereb Shabbat / Friday, October 30th

Minha ..... 5:30 pm  
Candle Lighting ..... 5:44 pm  
Arbit / Kabbalat Shabbat ..... 6:00 pm

The Kahal Joseph  
Board of Directors  
welcomes our honored  
Shabbaton Guest  
Scholar & Lecturer  
Rabbi Marc Angel

### Rabbi Angel Shabbaton Schedule

Friday, October 23rd

6:00 pm *Kabbalat Shabbat*—Rabbi Angel will join Kahal's minyan

Saturday, October 24th

11:30 am *Sermon*—During services on Shabbat morning, Rabbi Angel will share insights about the Torah portion.

12:00 noon *Kiddush Luncheon*

12:30 pm *Learn*

Rabbi Angel will talk about the topic: "We are Humans, Not Just Jews: Judaism and Social Responsibility."

Sunday, October 25th

8:30 am *Brunch & Book Signing*—Rabbi Angel will sign copies of his books, including the newest, *The Rhythms of Jewish Living*, following morning Shacharit (prayers at 7:30).

## Shabbat Kiddush Luncheon

is sponsored  
in memory of  
Hilda Sassoon, z"l

by her children  
Louise Nathan &  
Sunny J Sassoon

her grandchildren  
& great-grandchildren

## Seudah Shlisheet

is sponsored in memory of  
Malka bat Menashe, z"l

by  
Desiree & Tooraj Aghalar  
and Family

### Refuah Shlemah

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

## In Memoriam

We remember these yearzeit anniversaries October 24 to 31, 2015. It is customary to light a memorial candle, donate tzedaka, & attend Shabbat services.

### 11 Heshvan / Shabbat, October 24th

Jacob Silas Mussry *Yaacov ben Saleh*  
Naji Perry

### 12 Heshvan / Sunday, October 25th

Flora Rahamim Pinhas  
Joseph Jacob Yoseph *ben Yaacov Azoory*  
Lulu Ezra Baroukh  
Yair *ben Menashe*

### 13 Heshvan / Monday, October 26th

Isaac Ezer *Itzhak ben Shaul*  
Akhtar Sarraf *Khanom Agha bat Kokab*  
Yehuda Refael *ben Pinhas*

### 14 Heshvan / Tuesday, October 27th

Haskel Kelly  
Albert Simon *Albert Yeheskel Moshe*

### 15 Heshvan / Wednesday, October 28th

*Eliyahu ben Yaacob Benzaquen*

### 16 Heshvan / Thursday, October 29th

Reuben Jacob *Reuven Hayeem ben Yaacov*

### 17 Heshvan / Friday, October 30th

Molok Bension Aghalar *Malka bat Menashe*  
Eric Kelly *Eliyahu ben Saleh Moshe Kadoorie*  
Touba Rangcar *Tova Rangcar*  
Haim Saleh *Haim ben Aziza*  
Mida Simon *Masooda bat Ghala*

### 18 Heshvan / Shabbat, October 31st

Diana Aaron *Dina bat Masooda*  
Yeshaiiah *ben Yaacov Shalom*  
Hazan Gabriel Solomon *Gavriel ben Shlomo*

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The man replied: "Yes, I knew that, and that's why I've moved to the other synagogue. The rabbi there is always thinking of this verse."

Indeed, an authentically religious person is always thinking of this verse, either directly or in the back of his mind. Such an individual lives in the presence of God, conducts himself with modesty and propriety. The Rabbi Cohen of the story was genuine; he was a spiritual person seeking to live a godly life.

The other rabbi in the story was "successful." He had a large congregation and external signs of prestige. But he lacked the essential ingredient of being authentically religious: he did not have the Lord before him at all times. He was busy trying to make himself popular, get his name into the newspapers, rub elbows with celebrities. Even when he prayed, his mind was not on God, but on how he could advance himself in the world.

In this week's parasha, we read about the early career of Abraham. The Torah does not describe Abraham as a great orator or statesman. Rather, Abraham is one who walks before God, in the presence of God. God refers to Abraham as "ohavi," My friend (Isaiah 41:8). Friendship implies a loving mutual relationship, loyalty, trustworthiness. Jewish tradition identifies Abraham with the quality of compassion (hesed), meaning that he really cared not

only for God but for people. He took the time to speak with—not at—others. More importantly, he took the time to listen to others. He was not a self-aggrandizing politician or a back-slapping smooth salesman.

Others in Abraham's time may have been mightier, more popular, and wealthier. But God chose Abraham because Abraham was true. Abraham was the one who would become "father of a multitude of nations." Abraham was the one who would ultimately prevail in bringing the world closer to God and closer to godliness.

Our goal should be to set the Lord before us at all times and to associate with others who strive to do likewise. Life is too important to waste by clinging to falsehood and vanity.

Shabbat Shalom

### **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 new website, the Children's Room, Simhat Torah Celebration or Sukkot Dinner with the Rabbi? Consider joining us with an annual membership. Go to [kahaljoeph.org](http://kahaljoeph.org) or call Sarah at 310.474.0559*

### **Torah & Haftarah Readings**

Parashat Lekh Lekha in Hertz edition  
From Beresheet/ Genesis pp 45 to 60  
Haftarah Isaiah/Yeshayahu pp 60 to 62

### **Parsha Summary: Lekh Lekha**

**1st Aliya:** Avram is instructed to leave Charan and travel 400 miles to the Land of Canaan. (Charan was 600 miles from Ur Casdim) Upon arriving, they are forced to leave Canaan, due to a local famine, and travel to Mitzrayim in search of food.

**2nd Aliya:** Avram plans for his encounter with the amorality of Egypt. His and Sarah's confrontation with Pharaoh is detailed. Avram and Sarah return home.

**3rd Aliya:** Avram separates from his nephew Lot, due to Lot's defection from the teachings of Avram. Hashem reassures Avram that he will have children, "like the dust of the earth", who will inherit the Land and carry on his work.

**4th Aliya:** Avram is forced to rescue Lot from captivity. In so doing, he adjusts the balance of power in Canaan and is recognized by the other political leaders for his military and moral strength. His encounter with Malki Tzedek (Shem) is in stark contrast to his confrontation with the King of Sodom.

**5th Aliya:** Hashem again reassures Avram that he will have children (not just students) who would be as numerous as the stars in the sky.

**6th Aliya:** The monumental "Covenant Between the Halves" takes place during which the next 430 years of Jewish history is revealed. Avram is 70 years old. Yishmael is born. Avram's name is changed to Avraham.

**7th Aliya:** Avraham is presented with the Mitzvah of Circumcision. Sarai's name is changed to Sarah, and Hashem assures Avraham he and Sarah will have a son called Yitzchak and that this son will be his spiritual heir. Avraham circumcises himself, Yishmael, and the entire household.

## Dinner with the Rabbi

Friday, October 30th

Join us for the second in a series of very special monthly meals where the community can get to know the Rabbi, his family and other individuals who attend Kahal Joseph in a more intimate and relaxed setting.

This month, the Shabbat evening meal will take place at the Rabbi's apartment on Friday, October 30th at 7:00 pm. Our maximum capacity is 20, and seats are first-come-first-serve.

*Reserve online at [kahaljoseph.org](http://kahaljoseph.org)*



## 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Rabbi's Bar Mitzvah

Saturday, October 31st

We are celebrating the 20th anniversary of the Rabbi's Bar Mitzvah. He has read the parashah almost every year since 1995, and he is excited by the opportunity to read it for the first time in the community that has welcomed him so warmly as its new Rabbi. Everyone is invited to join him in marking this milestone with kiddush sponsored by Rabbi, Jessica, and Penny Melhado

Shabbat Shalom U'Mevorach

*Wishing you a peaceful & joyful Shabbat*

## 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

## 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

Thursday, October 29th at Beth Jacob Congregation

Call 310-274-2314 or register at [www.iafc\\_foundation.org](http://www.iafc_foundation.org)