

KOL MEVASSER

Rabbi's Message: Rising to the Challenge

“Let every wise-hearted man among you come and make all that the Lord has commanded in the Holy Tabernacle” (Ex. 35:10). This incredible invitation comes from God at the height of the Mishkan narrative, when we have just been forgiven for our first national sin and told anew to make the beautiful finery of the priestly cult.

God has devoted so much ink to explaining how sacred the Tabernacle and its many vessels are, yet here is an open call for anyone with talent to step up to the plate to be the actual people to make these items in real life. In their use, only the best of society can handle these vessels, but in their creation, even the most humble person can rise through a meritocracy of artistic sensibility to create the masterpieces that our ancient elites depended on. This bestows lasting glory to the artisans, whose chief, Betsalel ben Ori, is congratulated by name in the Torah itself (Ex. 35:30).

In a sense, this can be seen as the first time that Bene Yisrael created an institution of higher culture, and it is so poetic that in the recreation of the modern state of Israel, a school of art would again be the first national



institution of higher learning. Appropriately named The Betzalel Academy of Arts and Design, it was founded by Boris Schatz in 1908, and remains the oldest secular cultural academy of our beloved Medinat Yisrael.

Though Schatz himself led a somewhat frustrated life across historical Ashkenaz, Sepharad, the New World, and Erets Yisrael, his dream ultimately became a backbone of the Israeli arts scene for over a century. We might not point to him as the embodiment of all the ideals and demands of the Torah in the same way that we do with Moshe, but just as we depended on the Biblical Betsalel for the wonders of the Mishkan, so too did we depend on the modern Betzalel Academy to put Israel on the center of the world stage.

May we all rise to the challenge of Betzalel, and put our best foot forward where our skills and interests are strongest, even if we might feel that we are not the world's “great men”!

Shabbat Shalom

Parashat Vayak'hel Shabbat Shekalim

Torah: Ex. 35:1–38:20, Ex. 30:11–16
Hz 373–381, 352; Stn 516-529,484
Haftarah: II Kings 11:17–12:17
Hertz 992–995, Stone 1212–1214
Tefillot: Mashib Haruah, Hakhrizat
Adar II (Th, Fr)

KJ Schedule

Ereb Shabbat

Friday, March 4th

Shaharit 6:25 am
Minhah..... 5:30 pm
Shabbat Candle Lighting 5:34 pm
Arbit / Kabbalat Shabbat.... 5:40 pm

Yom Shabbat

Saturday, March 5th

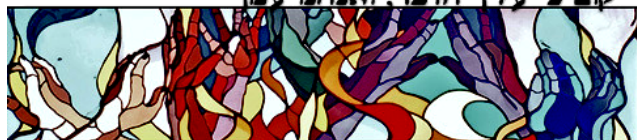
Shaharit / Morning Prayer.. 8:30 am
Keri'at HaTorah 10:15 am
Musaf 11:30 am

Minhah..... 5:00 pm
Se'udah Shelisheet..... 5:45 pm

Arbit 6:20 pm
Habdalah 6:38 pm

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קום כי עליד הדבר, ואנחנו עמך



Arise, for this is your task, and we are with you

Kahal Joseph Congregation

JOYOUSLY INVITES YOU
TO CELEBRATE WITH US AT
THE INSTALLATION OF

Rabbi Raif S. Melhado

KEYNOTE SPEAKER: RABBI ASHER LOPATIN
PRESIDENT, YESHIVAT CHOVEVEI TORAH

SUNDAY, MARCH 6 - 26 ADAR I
INSTALLATION AT 5:30PM
CELEBRATORY DINNER TO FOLLOW

10505 SANTA MONICA BLVD, LOS ANGELES, CA



Mommy and Me at KJ

Kahal Joseph and PlayCreations Kids are thrilled to announce Mommy and Me classes starting Thursday, April 14 in Kahal Joseph's playroom. Each class starts with 30 minutes of music, instruments, scarves, & parachute time followed by a sensory art project, like finger painting or edible sand. Classes are by age group, and are planned to engage all five senses, and encourage development of motor & language skills.

Eight sessions, starting Thursday, April 14

10:00 AM - 11:00 AM - 6 months to 1 year

11:30 AM - 12:30 PM - 1 year to 18 months

Cost: \$215 for 8 weeks

For information, contact Jessica at
jessica@kahaljoseph.org or 217.972.8993

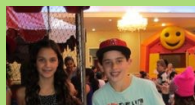
Events at KJ



Purim Baking

Sunday, March 13

Join the fun & bake traditional Iraqi sweets for KJ's Community Gift Baskets.



Purim Carnival

Sunday, March 20

KJ's celebration with amazing games, fun rides, delicious food & BBQ

Coffee & Backgammon



Sunday, March 27

Join us for an evening of coffee, conversation and backgammon for adults.

Interactive Family Haggadah



Sunday, April 17 @ 12 pm

Kids, parents & grandparents, join us for an interactive presentation of the Passover story with something for toddlers through grade schoolers. Enjoy a delicious lunch, and make a craft to use at your seder! Email Jessica at Jessica@kahaljoseph.org for more information or to RSVP.



Mimouna

Sunday, May 1st

Traditional celebration & community gathering after Passover

KJ Schedule (continued)

Weekdays

Sunday, March 6th

Shaharit 7:30 am

Talmud Torah 10:00 am

Monday to Wednesday, March 7 to 9

Shaharit 6:25 am

Rosh Hodesh Adar II

Thursday and Friday, March 10 & 11

Shaharit 6:15 am

Ereb Shabbat / Friday, March 11th

Shaharit 6:25 am

Minhah 5:30 pm

Shabbat Candle Lighting..... 5:39 pm

Arbit / Kabbalat Shabbat 5:40 pm

In Memoriam

We remember yahrzeit anniversaries from March 5 to 12, 2016. It is customary to light a memorial candle, donate tzedaka & attend Shabbat services.

25 Adar I / Shabbat, March 5th

Rivka Blank Rivka bat Sarah Hannah

26 Adar I / Sunday, March 6th

Moses Solomon Noah Moshe ben Shlomo Noah
Yaghoub Partiyeli

27 Adar I / Monday, March 7th

Elias M. Judah Eliyahu Hayim ben Meir Yehuda

29 Adar I / Wednesday, March 9th

Tefara Menashe Tefara bat Ezra

Refuah Shelemah

Abe Abraham • Moselle Amron

Sally Amron • Tilda Levy • Esther Duke

Mordechai Cohen • Sylvia Cohen • Lev Hakak

Maurice Ovadia • Florice Newberry

Doris Moshi • Miriam bat Yetta • Sassoon Ezra