

# KOL MEVASSER

## Rabbi's Message The Things that Make us Tick

After I graduated from high school 16 years ago, I attended a lovely program of full-time yeshiva studies for 10 months at Yeshivat HaKibbutz HaDati at En Tzurim. This was a spiritually intense time as I enjoyed the opportunity to learn classical rabbinic texts in the land that gave birth to our people.

Out one window was the Shefelah – the Coastal Plain – where Jonah first entered his ship to Tarshish, and where rabbinic Judaism rebuilt itself after the destruction of the Temple. Out the other window were the Judean Hills, where Jerusalem sat tucked among the mountaintops and called with magnetic allure.

This was a year in which I met many new people, forming ongoing connections that I still enjoy today. Just last week I had lunch with my roommate from that time, who also became a rabbi and now works in the Sephardi community in Seattle.

But even some of those whom I haven't seen in the meantime remain ingrained upon my memory. As we read through the story of the Mishkan, how could I possibly forget Ariel, a truck driver from the Deep South who was inspired by the message of Judaism to make a lifelong commitment to Erets Yisrael?



He was a sweet, openhearted man who saved up his extra income from trucking to buy old industrial parts made from precious metals. In his spare time, he would melt them down in a forge, creating stunningly beautiful implements in the style of the Holy Temple. Once a year, he would make a pilgrimage to Erets Yisrael to donate these items to an organization that dreams of seeing the Mikdash up and running again.

I was awestruck by the genuineness of his vision, and the self-sacrifice that it took for him to do this work. His craftsmanship and religiosity dominated his time and finances, but he did it with a twinkle, a smile, and his charming southern drawl. I can only imagine what he gave up to be able to make this trip once a year, and I was amazed at what this outwardly "regular guy" could do when he put his mind to it.

As we bring Sefer Shemot to a close, may the power of Ariel's example linger in our minds. If you can imagine one thing that could claim your heart in this way, what would it be?

Shabbat Shalom

## Parashat Pekude End of Shemot

*Torah:* Ex. 38:21–40:38, 92 Pesukim  
Hertz 385–391; Stone 530-541

*Haftarah:* I Kings 7:40–50

Hertz 382–383, Stone 1163–1164

*Tefillot:* Mashib Haruah

**Daylight Savings begins on Sunday**

## KJ Schedule

### Rosh Hodesh Adar II & Ereb Shabbat

*Friday, March 11th*

Shaharit ..... 6:15 am

Minhah..... 5:30 pm

**Shabbat Candle Lighting 5:39 pm**

Arbit / Kabbalat Shabbat.... 5:30 pm

### Yom Shabbat

*Saturday, March 12th*

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 ..... 6:30 pm

Habdalah ..... 6:44 pm

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**Kahal Joseph Talmud Torah**  
 Friends Creativity Jewish Learning  
 For information contact Mrs. Hanna  
 Elkouby, Director at 424-283-0893



## Mommy & 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](mailto:jessica@kahaljoseph.org) or 217.972.8993

## Events at KJ

### Ta'anit Esther/Fast of Esther

Wednesday, March 23  
 5:37 am Fast Begins / 7:30 pm Fast Ends  
 6:15 am Prayer Services with Torah Reading  
 6:45 pm Minhah with Birkat Kohanim

### Lel Purim / Purim Night

Wednesday, March 23  
 7:30 pm Arbit with **Megillah Reading**  
 8:35 pm Light Dinner with Hamantashen

### Yom Purim / Purim Day

Thursday, March 24  
 6:00 am Shaharit with Megillah Reading

### Coffee & Backgammon



Sunday, March 27  
 Join us for an evening of coffee, conversation & 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](mailto:Jessica@kahaljoseph.org)  
 for more information or to RSVP.



### Mimouna

Sunday, May 1  
 Traditional celebration & community gathering after Passover

## KJ Schedule (continued)

### Weekdays

Sunday, March 13th

Shaharit ..... 7:30 am  
 Talmud Torah ..... 10:00 am  
 KJ Purim Baking ..... 10:00 am  
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Monday to Friday, March 14 to 18

Shaharit ..... 6:25 am

### Ereb Shabbat

Friday, March 18th

Shaharit ..... 6:25 am  
 Minhah ..... 6:45 pm SHARP  
**Shabbat Candle Lighting..... 6:45 pm**  
 Arbit / Kabbalat Shabbat ..... 5:40 pm

## In Memoriam

We remember yahrzeit anniversaries from March 12 to 19, 2016. It is customary to light a memorial candle, donate tzedaka & attend Shabbat services.

### 7 Adar II / Thursday, March 17th

Farha Atraghji Farha bat Hanina

### 8 Adar II / Friday, March 18th

Isaac Jacob Jonah Itzhak ben Yaacov Yonah  
 Abraham Naji Joseph Avraham Shalom Naji  
 ben Itzhak Yoseph

Jacques Litvac Yoachim David ben Micha Ha-Cohen

### 9 Adar II / Shabbat, March 19th

Victoria Levy Victoria bat Hanina

## 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

# President's Message

Dear Members & Friends of Kahal Joseph,

We are so happy that the Installation of Rabbi Melhado was a successful and beautiful evening.

Over 100 people came to celebrate, from the newest members of the Kahal Joseph family all the way back to the founding generation. We were also delighted to welcome Rabbi Melhado's colleagues and mentors, including nine Rabbis from New York and Los Angeles and a warm letter of approbation from Rabbi Marc D. Angel.



Speakers included Rabbi Asher Lopatin, President of Yeshivat Chovevei Torah; Rabbi Chaim Marder, a former VP of the Rabbinical Council of America who was one of Rabbi Melhado's teachers; and of course Rabbi Melhado himself. There was

also a rousing invocation from Rabbi Devin Maimon Villareal, Chair of Jewish Studies at de Toledo High School, and an original Debar Torah from Rebbetzin Jessica Melhado. I was honored to serve as master of ceremonies, leading into a surprise musical finale from Rabbi Melhado.

After the formal program, we celebrated with a sumptuous dinner reception from Simon's Caterers that also included Diana Gazal's famous Singaporean curry. Beautiful live music was played by the Bazaar Ensemble, drawing on traditional Sephardi table melodies that reminded us of home. The Errol Levi Social Hall shone with lovely décor from Elsa Singman and the smiling faces of all who attended.



We all wish Rabbi Melhado a fulfilling and fruitful tenure as spiritual leader of Kahal Joseph

Ron Einy  
President

## RIDES & GAMES

BEST Prizes, Prizes, PRIZES!

Hot Dogs! FALAFEL! Hamburgers!

Snowcones, Candy & MORE!

## Kahal Joseph Congregation



# Purim Carnival

Sunday, March 20th

11 am to 4 pm



\$20 Game & Ride Wristbands ♦ \$1 Tickets

*Wristbands are good for games and rides only.*

*Tickets for food and special services must be purchased separately.*

*For more information call 310.474.0559*

Shabbat Shalom U'Meborakh



*Remember Daylight Savings Time Change!*

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# Purim

## Baking for Community Gift Baskets



Sunday, March 13th

10:00 am

Do a Mitzvah, Help Others &  
Give to the Community  
on Purim!

Have fun & bake traditional Iraqi treats for KJ's Purim gift baskets. Purim baskets are delivered to many individuals who live at a distance from our community or may be homebound and recovering on this festive holiday.

Donations in support of KJ Purim Baskets are greatly appreciated. Please send to:

**Kahal Joseph Congregation—Purim Baskets**  
10505 Santa Monica Blvd., L.A. CA 90025

For more information call the office at 310.474.0559  
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