

KOL MEVASSER

Rabbi's Message The Family Business

On March 4th, the Jewish Daily Forward ran a short series called "Kosher Kin," which focused on the US presidential candidates who have Jewish family members.



Republican frontrunner Donald Trump has a Jewish son-in-law in the form of Jared Kushner, CEO of the eponymous Kushner Companies and owner of the New York Observer. In an unprecedented twist, Democratic frontrunner Hillary Clinton also has a Jewish son-in-law, this time in the form of hedge fund manager Marc Mezvinsky. And finally, Clinton's rival Bernie Sanders is Jewish himself, bestowing the unambiguously Jewish name "Levi Noah Sanders" on his natural son.

Each of these "Kosher Kin" has a different relationship with their Jewish identities. Kushner is the product of a Modern Orthodox day school education, and his nuptials with Ivanka Trump followed a halakhic conversion overseen by Orthodox heavy-hitter Rabbi Haskel Lookstein. By contrast, Mezvinsky's openly interfaith marriage to Chelsea Clinton scandalized the Jewish world back in 2010, and as for Levi Sanders, even a Jewish newspaper like the Forward could not determine the personal status of his mother, Susan Campbell Mott.

On the campaign trail, each of these Jewish relatives has expressed different levels of support for the candidates in their families. Mezvinsky is no stranger to the spotlight and backs many Clinton initiatives, but Levi Sanders's public appearances for his Dad are among his first under the national microscope. Meanwhile, no one can quite figure out what Kushner really thinks, be it about Trump or his habit of mentioning Kushner in his speeches.

All this makes me look at the Biblical Aaron with a new eye. The sacrificial cult was a family affair, in which all of Levi's descendants were expected to do their part in the Mishkan (Tabernacle), and all of Aaron's offspring were groomed for the special duties of priesthood. Being from the tribe of Levi meant, first and foremost, that you too would become part of the Levitical machine.

For those whose heart was inspired to this calling, it must have been an intense privilege. But what tremendous pressure there must have been to conform to public and religious expectations! How tough must it have been to rise to the challenge if you weren't sure you belonged in the limelight! With sobering examples like Nadab and Abihu, the stakes could be very high indeed.

As we read of this world gone by, let us reflect on what has been "the family business" in our own extended families. How did the world of our relatives affect our own lives? What have we gained from it and what have we sacrificed? What expectations might the next generation

Parashat Shemini Shabbat Parah

Torah: Lev. 9:1–11:47, Num. 19:1-22
Hz 443-454, 652; Stn 588-607, 838
Haftarah: Ezek. 36:16–36
Hertz 999-1001; Stone 1216–1217
Tefillot: Mashib Haruah, Hakhrazat
Nissan (Sat.)

KJ Schedule

Ereb Shabbat

Friday, April 1st

Shaharit 6:15 am
Minhah..... 6:45 pm
Shabbat Candle Lighting 6:56 pm
Arbit / Kabbalat Shabbat.... 7:15 pm

Yom Shabbat

Saturday, April 2nd

Shaharit / Morning Prayer.. 8:30 am
Keri'at HaTorah 10:15 am
Musaf 11:30 am
Minhah..... 6:15 pm
Se'udah Shelisheet..... 7:00 pm
Arbit 7:45 pm
Habdalah 8:00 pm

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have for themselves? Share a story or two with someone in your family and see what comes of it!

Shabbat Shalom

Thank You Sigal and Jonathan Kelly

for providing candy
for the children at
the Megillah reading

Thank You

Judith Levy, Yvette Dabby,
Rosy Nissan & Penina Solomon
for packing KJ Purim baskets to
distribute to the community

and Thank You to Letizia Einy
for providing the lovely, colorful
bags for the Purim goodies

Abe Abraham called to thank Kahal
for the lovely Purim basket and
baked goods. He was really surprised
and asked to convey his appreciation
and thoughts to the whole Kahal
community for thinking of him.

Refuah Shelemah

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Weekdays

Sunday, April 3rd

Shaharit 7:30 am
Talmud Torah 10:00 am

Monday to Friday, April 4 to 8

Shaharit 6:25 am

Ereb Shabbat & Ereb Rosh Hodesh

Friday, April 8th

Shaharit 6:25 am
Minhah 6:45 pm
Shabbat Candle Lighting..... 7:01 pm
Arbit / Kabbalat Shabbat 7:15 pm

Passover Maot Hittim Food Donations Requested

Amude HaShalom Soup Kitchen in the Pico
/ La Cienega area provides daily hot nutri-
tious meals to Jewish needy families and
food boxes for the holidays. The Soup
Kitchen is seeking donations for Passover.
Please call Ifat at 323-449-8184 or visit their
website at www.amude-hashalom.com

Condolences

We are saddened to announce the passing in
London England of Julian Elias, z"l
cousin of Benjamin H. Elias, past president
of KJ and ex officio Board member. Our
condolences go to the entire Elias family on
their loss. May Hashem comfort them together
with all the mourners of Tzion.

In Memoriam

We remember yearzeit anniversaries from
April 2 to 9, 2016. It is customary to light a
memorial candle, donate tzedaka & attend
Shabbat services.

23 Adar II / Shabbat, April 2nd

Rachel Jonah

Moshe Ezra Raphael Moses *Moshe Ezra ben Rafael*

25 Adar II / Monday, April 4th

Sarah bat Gurjiyee

26 Adar II / Tuesday, April 5th

Salomon Emquies *Shlomo ben Messod*

27 Adar II / Wednesday, April 6th

Achajal Aghalar *Nisim ben Jacob*

Saul K. Masliah *Shaul ben Hacham Moshe Yakob*

28 Adar II / Thursday, April 7th

Moshehaim Navid

Tefaha Perry *Tefaha bat Salima*

Rahmatollah Rahamim

29 Adar II / Wednesday, April 6th

Lulu Raymond *Lulu bat Matooka*

Mordechai Sarraf *Mordechai ben Yehudah*

1 Nisan / Shabbat, April 7th

Lotfollah Nassi

Clara Saltoon *Gazala bat Ester*

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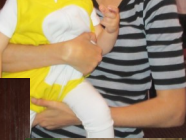
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Purim Megillah & Carnival at Kahal Joseph





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

Mommy and Me



starting Thursday, April 14!

Kahal Joseph and PlayCreations Kids are thrilled to announce *Mommy and Me* classes starting in two weeks on Thursday, April 14 in the Kahal Joseph playroom.

Each class will start with 30 minutes of music, instruments, scarves, and parachute time, followed by a sensory art project, like finger painting or edible sand. Each class is divided into age groups, and is carefully thought out to engage all five senses, and encourage development of motor and 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

Each class is limited in size, so register early! To register or for more information, contact Jessica at jessica@kahaljoseph.org or 217.972.8993

Information about PlayCreation Kids is available at www.playcreationkids.com

FIDF Event for Yom Hazikaron

Tuesday, May 10th 2016
Saban Theatre

FIDF (Friends of Israel Defense Forces) in partnership with Temple of the Arts, the Wiesenthal Center and Moriah Films will be hosting the 2nd annual Yom Hazikaron Community Wide Night of Remembrance at the Saban Theatre. Kahal Joseph Congregation, along with dozens of different schools, shuls and organizations will be as joining together as community partners for this event. We encourage you to attend in honor of those who have defended the Jewish people throughout the ages.



Kahal Joseph Mimouna Celebration Sunday, May 1st

in the Errol Levi Social Hall

Come enjoy a delightful evening of music, food, friendship and fun with your community.

Please RSVP to Sarah at 310.474.0559

Seder Matching :)

Hosting?

If you are planning on hosting a seder, please consider offering even just one space at the meal.

Email Jessica@kahaljoseph.org to let Jessica know you'd like some guests!



Ready to be Hosted?

If you would like to be hosted for a seder, please email Jessica at Jessica@kahaljoseph.org.

Class with the Rabbi Pesah in the Modern Kitchen

Thursday, April 7th at 7:30 pm

*Kahal Joseph Congregation
with desserts and fruit*



All are welcome, from singles and professionals to young families to those with many Passovers under their belts.

The rituals and restrictions of Pesah developed in a pre-industrialized world where the pace of life was slower, food spoiled faster, and the level of property ownership that is normal today was outside the reach of common people. As we map the traditions of Pesah onto our glistening modern lives, there is much more to know but also many new conveniences that our ancestors might only have dreamed of.



Join Rabbi Melhado for a discussion of some of the main issues that come up in experience of Pesah in modern life. Come to to learn something new, ask your own questions, and hear how this resonates with your peers.

RSVPs will help us order the right amount of dessert email to say that you're coming.
rabbimelhado@kahaljoseph.org

Have questions now? Email Rabbi Melhado at the same address and he'll try to work it into the discussion

Kashering and Seder Planning

Kashering your house and need some advice?

Specific question about a food?

Need some seder tips?

Rabbi Melhado would love to answer your questions and give you resources. Contact him at rabbimelhado@kahaljoseph.org or 310.474.0559.