

KOL MEVASSER

President's Message

Dear Members and Friends,

The Jewish people, throughout our history, have always had the wisdom to understand that to become immortal you do not need to build monuments of stone or ephemeral empires and civilizations, all you need to do is engrave your values on the hearts of your children, and they on theirs, and so on across the centuries of time. As Jews, we build living monuments by the simple yet essential process of handing our story on to the next generation.

This is what we do on Pesach. We give the next generation the gift of the Jewish story, and this slender ritual has always turned out to be longer lasting, and more relevant to our strength and our survival as a people, than the mightiest empires and their greatest monuments.

So pause this Seder night, and as you begin, realize that we are the proof of this miracle that sees us flourish and grow. The endless and courageous story of the Jewish people, seeking freedom in the promised land.

Letizia and I extend our fondest wishes to you and your families for a wonderful and meaningful Pesach. May it be a time of Shalom in our hearts, in our homes, in the State of Israel, and in the world in which we live.

Shabbat Shalom Hag Pesach Sameach

Ronald Einy



Rabbi's Message

50 years ago, on April 18th, 1966, grim news shocked the Jewish community of New York City: the library at the Jewish Theological Seminary was on fire! As smoke billowed darkly over Morningside Heights, they bit their nails in anxiety to learn the fate of one of the most remarkable collections of Judaica in the world.

The main library tower was built with little of what we now recognize as standard fire precautions. There were no floors separating its many levels, and it had few stairways or windows through which firefighters could gain access. The flames quickly spread into a major blaze, which took 9 hours to contain at the cost of 60 injured firefighters.

70,000 books and 40 Torah scrolls were totally destroyed, and a further 30,000 books were damaged. The ruin affected fully half of the collection that chief librarian Alexander Marx had built up over an astonishing 50-year career. Somewhat mercifully, his death in 1953 spared him from witnessing the frightful devastation of his life's work.

Yet despite this terrible loss, the most priceless part of the collection was spared, including five centuries of rare books, and millenia of irreplaceable manuscripts that Marx had imported from the Old World. In a moving act of communal solidarity, legions of volunteers from across the city placed hundreds of thousands of donated paper towels between the pages of the wetted books, saving many from mold and decay.



Pesach Days 1 and 2

Shabbat Yom Tob into Regular Yom Tob

Torah P1: Ex. 12:14–51, Num. 28:16–25

Orot Sefch Pesah: 303–306 (7 aliyot)

Haftara P1: Josh. 5:2–6:1, 6:27

Orot Sefch Pesah: 308–309

Torah P2: Lev. 22:26–23:44, Num. 28:16–25

Orot Sefch Pesah: 311–314 (5 aliyot)

Haftara P2: II Kings 23:1–9, 21–25

Orot Sefch Pesah: 314–315

Tefillot: Ps. 107, Full Hallel, Tikun Hatal (on P1 only, Morid Hatal begins at Musaf that day, and Barekhenenu begins from Arvit on 1st night of Hol Hamoed).

Omer: remember to count it every night from the 2nd seder onward (in Haggadah)

Only days after celebrating Pesach, this must have been an especially meaningful experience for those who helped rescue these volumes. Of all the holidays in our tradition, this one is dominated by the message that we must recognize what made us who we are so that we can pass it on for others to cherish. How empowering must it have been to come together with a group of strangers from around New York and play a personal role in rescuing our intellectual heritage for the next generation!

While we can only lament the disaster of 1966, we can also celebrate the resolve that it took to recreate the collection that we continue to benefit from today. At 380,000 volumes, it is now double its pre-fire size, and scholars of Jewish history view it as a

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must-see pilgrimage site that is the bed-rock of their research.

The Torah commands us to make Pesah a day of remembrance (Ex. 12:14), a day to look back on our beautiful heritage and get those around us excited to call it their own. With treasures like the Seminary library and the communal goodwill that rebuilt it, we have an excellent tool kit for this important mission. Now we have the luxury to ask ourselves: "our wisdom is there – what will we do with it?"

Moadim Lesimha



Hol Hamo'ed Video Series

Enjoy the learning experience of seder?
Want a little more?

Rabbi Melhado will be sending out four short videos on Pesah themes, one for each day of Hol Hamo'ed.

Watch your emails for a daily tidbit of Pesah Torah

Congratulations

Joe Samuels
on his article in this week's Jewish Journal Passover edition
"The Vanished Jews of Iraq"

Two Exciting Hazanim for Pesah

Guest Hazan Jacob Israel

*Pesah Days 1 & 2
Sat 4/23 & Sun 4/24*

Hazan Jacob Israel is the scion of an established Sephardic family in LA with Turkish and Syrian roots. He has been steeped in Hazanut since his youthful days of singing with his father and brothers at the Shabbat table. In the years since, he has pushed himself to master the Maqamat and Parasha cantillation, which he now shares with others as a tutor for bene mitsva. He comes to Kahal Joseph from Yeshivat Netivot Aharon, where he is pursuing more advanced Jewish studies.



Guest Hazan Jack Hobb

*Pesah Days 7 & 8
Fri 4/29 & Sat 4/30*



Hazan Jack Hobb is an LA native from a Sephardi family with deep roots in the city. He is named after his grandfather Jack, who helped start the Maimonides / Sephardic Hebrew Academy and was a vital part of Congregation Magen David at its old location on Vista. Hazan Hobb grew up with the Yerushalmi Sephardic melodies and is having fun rediscovering his Syrian musical heritage including the Maqamat which he studied with his East Coast family and Rabbi Ariel Ovadia. He has been a reader and bar mitsvah tutor for the past decade, making the circuit around several area Sephardi synagogues for Shabbatot, semahot, and the High Holy Days.

Thank You

Kahal Joseph extends a warm thank you to the office and support staff for all their wonderful work in getting the building ready for Pesah. They were too modest to be thanked by name, but we know who they are and we appreciate it. We also extend a hazak ubarukh to the kitchen cleaning crew:
Rosa, Christina, David, and Julio

In Memoriam

We remember yahrzeit anniversaries from April 23 to 30, 2016. It is customary to light a memorial candle, donate tzedaka & attend Shabbat services.

15 Nisan / Shabbat, April 23rd

Tillie Shansky *Tillie bat Evelyn*
Naima Shashuoa *Naima bat Zvida*
Eyob Yehudah *Eyob ben Yehudah*

16 Nisan / Sunday, April 24th

Errol Levi *Ezra ben Shaul Halevi*
Sanford Norman Levine *Shlomo Nachmun ben Yaacov*

John Nahai *Homayoun Yonatan*

21 Nisan / Friday, April 29th

Ester Avrahamy *Ester bat Batia*
Hanini Horesh Suleiman

22 Nisan / Shabbat, April 30th

Edward Ezrapour *Eliyahu ben Ezra Avraham Hayim*

Refuah Shelemah

Abe Abraham • Moselle Amron
Sally Amron • Tilda Levy • Esther Duke
Mordechai Cohen • Sylvia Cohen
Doris Moshi • Lev Hakak • Maurice Ovadia
Florice Newberry • Katy bat Farha
Miriam bat Yetta • Sassoon Ezra

MEMOUNA

CELEBRATION AT KJ

SUNDAY, MAY 1ST

AT 7 O'CLOCK IN THE EVENING
IN THE ERROL LEVI SOCIAL HALL

RABBI RAIF MELHADO
RABBI DANIEL BOUSKILA &
THE SISTERHOOD OF KAHAL
invite all members and friends
to our Memouna Celebration



We invite you to celebrate springtime, renewal
and the conclusion of Passover with a delightful
evening among members and friends

Savor traditional delicacies
Relish intricate rhythms and festive music
Enjoy the warmth of community

\$18 per person RSVP online at
<http://www.kahaljoseph.org/memouna.html>

KJ Pesah Schedule 5776

Checking for Hamets

Thursday, April 21

Shaharit 6:25 am

Hamets form due by 11:00 am

Bedikat Hametz / Search for hamets
after 8:14 pm

Fourteenth of Nisan

Ta'anit Bekhorim/Fast of Firstborn

Friday, April 22

Shaharit 6:25 am

Siyum w/Rabbi Melhado 7:30 am

Stop Eating Hamets before 10:14 am

Burn Hamets before 11:33 pm

Passover Second Day

Sunday, April 24

Shaharit 8:30 am

Guest Hazan Jacob Israel

Minha, Discussion & Arbit

(no seuda) 7:00 pm

2nd night of the Omer

Habdala: Yom Tob becomes Hol

Hamo'ed 8:17 pm

Hol Hamo'ed I to IV

Third to Sixth Days of Pesah

Monday to Thursday, April 25 to 28

Shaharit 6:15 am

3rd to 6th nights of the Omer

Ereb Passover, First Seder Night & Ereb Shabbat

Friday, April 22

Early Minha, Arbit & Hallel 6:00 pm

Candle lighting 7:12 pm

First Seder begins after 8:15 pm

Ereb Yom Tob

Thursday, April 28

Shaharit 6:15 am

Erub Tabshilin before 7:16 pm

Minha and Arbit 6:30 pm

Candle Lighting 7:16 pm

6th night of the Omer

Shabbat & Passover First Day

Saturday, April 23

Shaharit 8:30 AM

Guest Hazan Jacob Israel for Shaharit

& Torah Reading

Minha, Arbit and Hallel (no seuda)

7:00 pm

Yom Tob, Passover Seventh Day

Friday, April 29

Shaharit 8:30 am

Guest Hazan, Jack Hobb

Minha and Arbit 6:30 pm

Candle Lighting 7:17 pm

7th night of the Omer

Second Seder Night

Saturday, April 23

Candlelighting after 8:16 pm

Prep for Second Seder after 8:16 pm

Second Seder begins after 8:16 pm

1st night counting the Omer (at seder)

Shabbat & Yom Tob, Eighth Day

Saturday, April 30

Shaharit 8:30 am

Guest Hazan, Jack Hobb

Minha, Seudah, Arbit 6:30 pm

Habdala 8:17 pm

8th night of the Omer

WE CARRY WITH US THE MEMORY OF ISRAEL'S FALLEN.
HELP US HONOR THESE HEROES.



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FIDF, Temple of the Arts, Simon Wiesenthal Center and Moriah Films Present

YOM HAZIKARON COMMUNITY WIDE NIGHT OF REMEMBRANCE

Join us for the second annual Night of Remembrance as we stand together
to commemorate Israel's fallen soldiers and victims of terror

TUESDAY
MAY 10, 2016

6:30pm Doors Open | 7:30pm Program Begins

Free admission. No RSVP necessary.

Beverly Hills TEMPLE OF THE ARTS | STEVE TISCH CINEMA CENTER
at the SABAN THEATRE

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Featuring a Screening of Moriah Films Production,
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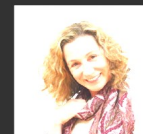
The Sephardic Educational Center invites you to our annual Yom HaShoah Holocaust Memorial Program



featuring the premiere screening of
"Yadja: Maybe She Was Never Here at All"

Based on a true story, this one-woman performance illuminates the
depth of a Holocaust survivor's struggle to live in the present while still
experiencing vivid and painful memories of her past.

Starring Efrat Lavie, winner of Israel's best actress award
for her performance in *My Michael*, co-star of *Kazablan*,
and accomplished stage, film and TV actress.



A discussion with Efrat Lavie and
Rabbi Daniel Bouskila will follow the film.

Wednesday, May 4, 2016

Doors open at 7:00 pm - Film Screening begins at 7:30 pm sharp

The Jewish Federation Building 6505 Wilshire Blvd., LA, CA 90048

No Charge, but RSVPs are a must

To reserve, email info@secjerusalem.org or call Katie at (323) 272-4574



The Sephardic Educational Center presents the Los Angeles

Premiere screening of *Mekonen* (by the makers of *Beneath the Helmet*)

Yom Ha'Atzmaut - Thursday May 12th

7:30pm (doors open at 7pm)

Laemmle Music Hall

9036 Wilshire Blvd., Beverly Hills CA 90211