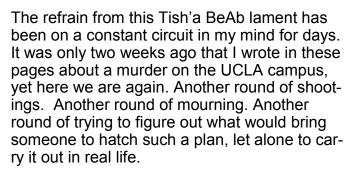
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Rabbi's Message

Libi, libi, al halelehem, me'ai me'ai, al harugehem!

"My heart! My heart is grieved for those who perished. My gut! My gut yearns for their slain."



Many of my rabbinic colleagues wrote on Tuesday of their pain at learning of the Orlando massacre when they opened their computers Motsa'e Shabuot. Yet at Kahal Joseph our security personnel are connected to the news, and so we knew enough of what happened on the very day it occurred to read a special *mi sheberakh* and *hashkaba* for the victims. By the time Yom Tob ended, we were already a few steps into the process of trying to make sense of it.

No, for me was reserved a different terror when I opened my computer after Shabuot. A normal post-Yom Tob check-in on Facebook would be fairly low-key: perhaps I would encounter new conversations in the Sephardi interest groups



that I follow, or perhaps I might be treated to a notable article, witticism, or simha from a friend in my news feed. But not this time.

Instead, my feed was clogged with outpourings of grief from dozens of people from my hometown. The pictures from my high school days flashed before my eyes, and my heart sank. One of them was gone – the younger brother of someone I've known since I was 5 or 6 years old. Fatally shot in the chest by their father in a drunken rage after an ironic fight over parenting.

Ad matai Hashem yom zeh le'umatekha?

"For how long, O Lord, is this day to exist before you?"

I thirst for a way to address the culture of violence and intolerance that produces such terrible events. I yearn for civil discourse to evolve beyond the point where the mere existence of an opposing view can be attacked as a moral crime. I pray that God will help us figure out a way to have a meaningful discussion of public safety.

This Shabbat Naso, let our broken hearts turn especially to the message of the last three aliyot. The special consecration ceremony that they describe is only possible through the creative processes of people who work together and make sacrifices towards a common goal. It is so easy to destroy something but so difficult to (re)create it, a lesson we well remember as we read this same text at Hanukkah, when we won back at tremendous effort what had been taken away in such a short time.

Parashat Naso

Torah: Num. 4:21–7:89, 176 Pesukim Hertz 586–601; Stone 748–773 Haftarah: Judg. 13:2–25 Hertz 602–604; Stone 1181-1182 Tefillot: Morid Hatal, no Tsidkatekha at Minha, Birkat Halebana

KJ Schedule Ereb Shabbat

Friday, June 17th

Shaha	rit	6:25 am
Shabb	at Candle Lighting	7:48 pm
Minha	6:30	pm SHARP

Yom Shabbat

Saturday, June 18th

Shaharit / Morning Prayer	8:30 am
Keri'at HaTorah	10:15 am
Musaf	11:30 am
Minha	7:00 pm
Se'uda Shelisheet	7:45 pm
Arbit	8:35 pm
Habdala	8:52 pm
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In the coming weeks, as our politicians debate the best response to yet another mass shooting in a trigger-happy world, let the vision of the priestly blessing resonate in their minds: "May God bless and protect you. May God shine His face on you and be gracious to you. May God lift up His countenance to you and show you peace."



KJ Welcomes Guest Hazan Rabbi Hay Haim Benesty

Parashat Naso June 17th-18th, 2016

Hazan Rabbi Benesty was born and trained in Israel, where he enjoyed counting the Iraqi synagogue of Mekor Haim in Rishon Letzion as one of the places he worshiped.

Since moving to Las Vegas four years ago, he has worked in a variety of positions in the for-profit and non-profit sectors, and has been an enthusiastic participant in the local Jewish community. His passion for hazanut is but one of a broad array of interests, including his recent completion of a pilot training program. He is also the adoring husband of Sarit, with whom he has five children, of whom the eldest will also join us at Kahal!

Don't miss the chance to meet Rabbi Benesty on his upcoming visit to LA!



Thank You

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Shabuot program for children last week!

With over 25 kids in attendance, it was a rousing success. Look out for more information about ongoing Shabbat programming, coming in late summer. If you're interested in helping out, contact Jessica at jessica@kahaljoseph.com.

Special thanks to Farah Reiz, Shayna, Sarah and Sapir Mongoli, Jessica Melhado and Rosa.

KJ Schedule

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Weekdays

Sunday, June 19th
Shaharit......7:30 am
Talmud Torah on Summer Break

Monday to Friday, June 20th-24th Shaharit 6:25 am

Ereb Shabbat

Friday, June 24th

Shaharit 6:25 am Shabbat Candle Lighting 7:50 pm Minha 6:30 pm SHARP

In Memoriam

We remember yahrzeit anniversaries from June 18 to 25, 2016. It is customary to light a memorial candle, donate tzedaka & attend Shabbat services.

12 Sivan / Shabbat, June 18thAbraham Lurie *Avraham Lurie*Abdullah Zekaria *Sion Abdullah Zekaria*

13 Sivan / Sunday, June 19th Florence Amron Farha Hanah bat Garzi Sulman Soffer Sulman Sion

15 Sivan / Tuesday, June 21stDr. Issaac Bekhor *Itzhak ben Yaacov*

Refuah Shelemah

Abe Abraham • Moselle Amron Sylvia Cohen • Maurice Ovadia Sally Amron • Tilda Levy • Esther Duke Mordechai Cohen • Lev Hakak Gracie Tizabi • Florice Newberry Katie bat Farha • Miriam bat Yetta Sassoon Ezra • Doris Moshi Aliza bat Rahel • Aliza bat Victoria



Tree of Life Milestones Dedications Available

What a great opportunity to commemorate a happy occasion—an anniversary, wedding, birth, or bar or bat mitzvah! Engrave a Milestone for a donation of \$1800.

Contact Sarah at 310.474.0559



17th Annual Jewish Community Day at Dodger Stadium

Los Angeles Dodgers v. Chicago Cubs Sunday, August 28, 2016 Game time 1:10 PM

Seats are limited and may be purchased through Sarah at the Kahal Joseph office by calling 310.474.0559.

Tickets are in the Infield Reserve @ \$34 each and include a commemorative Dodgers T-Shirt

The last day to purchase tickets is Monday. June 20th 2016.



What a fun day for the KJ family to enjoy the great American pastime!



Tip of the Hat

Ets Haim - Livraria Montezinos

As we emerge from Shabuot and our celebration of the gift of God's Torah, let us also give a nod of praise to those who have devoted their lives to preserving the works of Torah scholarship.

The Ets Haim library was founded by the Sephardim of Amsterdam in 1639, making it the oldest still functioning Jewish library in the world. Its collection of nearly 30,000 volumes of rabbinic and poetic literature miraculously survived the Holocaust, including 560 stunning manuscripts which in some cases are the only copies left on earth. Thanks to the tireless efforts of curators and well-wishers, these amazing resources are now being made available to the public!

Kahal Joseph joins Ets Haim in celebrating the digitization of 16,000 pages of gorgeous handwritten texts, the first third of an astonishing collection. Hazakim Ubrukhim Tiyhu!

View the fruits of their labors online at http://etshaimmanuscripts.nl/



Join our next session of Mommy & Me in partnership with PlayCreations Kids! For questions or to register contact Jessica@kahaljoseph.org.

Regular Class, 8 Thursdays starting June 23 at \$215

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activities each week! We will also engage in music, instrument play, scarves, parachute time We will spend time exploring our 5 senses through new and unique sensory play and art and more! For the older kids, we add in science projects!

Toddlers (18m - 2.5 years) - 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM

Babies (12m - 18m) - 11:30 AM to 12:30 PM

at \$215/\$225 Shabbat Class, 8 Fridays, starting June 24

project such as decorating Shabbat candle holders, making Shabbat dinner with play dough, Kids explore the miracles of Shabbat! Each week we will sing, play and create a sensory/art baking fresh and delicious Challah and much more! We will end each class with our weekly Shabbat blessings, challah, juice and snack! Connect your little ones with their Jewish roots through this fun, interactive class!

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