

KOL MEBASSER

Rabbi's Message

As my flight to Israel finished crossing the Atlantic Ocean, an announcement crackled over the PA system. Apparently the back-up oxygen unit for the pilot had sprung a leak, and if, *bar minan*, an emergency were to happen that would force them to rely on it, they would not have enough oxygen left to make it to Ben Gurion.

While AirCanada was talking with the Irish airports to see if they had the right parts, they decided that the best place to go for repairs would be Heathrow Airport in London. We landed in England without incident, and over the next 4 hours the captain and crew kept us up to date about our status.

With plenty of delay to endure, my seatmate and I struck up a conversation that seemed idle at first but developed into something much richer. His name was Michael (101!) and he was going to Israel for the first time ever to help work on Israel's next order of fighter jets for the IDF. As a Protestant Christian who had been adopted from India as a young man, he had the perfect mix of different and similar experiences with me to make for an encounter of real depth.

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Special guest speaker this Shabbat 08/13!!

Kahal Joseph warmly welcomes Rabbi Ouriel Hazan, a Sephardi and native Angelino, to give the sermon this week!

Rabbi Hazan attended Yavneh and YULA, and has been an educator for over 8 years after graduating from Yeshiva University. He completed a masters of Jewish education at the Azrieli School of Education in 2013, and has worked in formal education at Maimonides Academy for the past 6 years. He also currently directs the drama department at the YULA high schools, and is responsible for two productions a year. For the last two years he has lead 24 high school students to the AIPAC policy conference, and has served as the faculty advisor for the YULA Israel Advocacy club. His training ground was NCSY shabatonim where he was an adviser for many years and more importantly where he met his wife Gaby. They have two children, Eliyahu and Cochava.

We look forward to hearing his unique Torah on Shabbat Debarim

Parashat Debarim Third Week of Rebuke

Torah: Deut. 1:1–3:22, 105 Pesukim
Hertz 736–749; Stone 938–957
Haftara: Is. 1:1–27
Hertz 750–754; Stone 1195–1196
Tefillot: Morid Hatal, no Tsidkatekha

KJ Schedule

Ereb Shabbat

Friday, August 12th

Shaharit 6:25 am
Shabbat Candle Lighting ... 7:24 pm
Minha 6:30 pm

Yom Shabbat

Saturday, August 13th

Shaharit / Morning Prayer 8:30 am
Keri'at HaTorah 10:15 am
Musaf 11:30 am
Minha (earliest bish'at hadehak) ... 1:00 pm
No Seu'da Shelisheet at Kahal
& Women's Tehillim Cancelled
Fast Begins 7:41 pm
Earliest Habdala (Ha'esh only) ... 8:27 pm
Arbit with Ekha 8:45 pm

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Barukh Dayan Ha'Emet, Ray Spooner, a close friend of Rabbi Melhado

Ray and the Rabbi became friends when the Rabbi tutored his son for his bar mitzvah, and taught Ray how to read the Torah and Haftarah as well.

Just 18 months ago, Ray was diagnosed with ALS, and decided to ride from San Diego to the Atlantic to raise money and awareness. Although the trip did not go as planned, he raised almost \$80,000 towards a cure.

He died on Monday 8/9, just after celebrating his 57th birthday. After his funeral on Wednesday, over 100 people rode their bicycles from the synagogue to the cemetery in honor of one of Ray's final wishes.



Ray, the Rabbi and Penny at the kickoff of "Ray's Little Ride," San Diego, October 2015.

Although the Rabbi could not attend, he was there in spirit, with a written eulogy for the family. In a fitting tribute, one of Ray's favorite Haftarat Devarim. May his memory be for a blessing.

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Tisha Be'Ab

Sunday, August 14th

Shaharit (no Tefilin).....	7:00 am
Minha (w/Tefilin, birkat kohanim).....	7:00 pm
Habdala (Gefen & Hamabdil)	8:26 pm
Fast Ends.....	8:26 pm
Birkat Halebana.....	8:26 pm

Weekdays

Monday to Friday, August 15th to 19th

Shaharit	6:25 am
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Ereb Shabbat

Friday, August 19th

Shaharit	6:25 am
Shabbat Candle Lighting	7:16 pm
Minha	6:30 pm

In Memoriam

We remember yahrzeit anniversaries from August 13 to 20, 2016. It is customary to light a memorial candle, donate tzedaka & attend Shabbat services.

9 Ab / Shabbat, August 13th

Alice Acoca *Alice bat Esther*
Aziza Jacob *Aziza bat Farha*
Amalia Mussry *Amalia bat Rahel*
Mary Nathan *Mariam bat Bolisa*

10 Ab / Sunday, August 14th

Ramon Zakoo *Yehyah Ramon ben Ezra Halevy*

12 Ab / Tuesday, August 16th

Aziza Elias *Aziza bat Rachel*
Hacham Moshe ben Yaacob *Maliah*
Hayat Sarraf *Hayat ben David*

14 Ab / Thursday, August 18th

Moshe Hagani
Moshi Hagooli *Moshe ben Yehezkel*
Eliyahu Mordechai Mizrahie *Eliyahu ben Mordehai*
Pinchas ben Channah

Condolences

We offer our deepest condolences to the family of Nazem Zelkha, z"l, especially to his wife, Majdoline and his daughters, Rita and Cindy. May Hashem comfort them together with all the mourners of Tzion.

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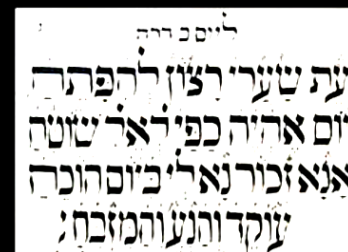
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Once we felt close, he revealed to me that his Christianity had helped him through a tough time in his spiritual development. A few years back, he led a hedonistic lifestyle that concentrated on the here and now without a care for what happens tomorrow or who he hurt. "Why should I take responsibility for the failings of my character if God made me flawed?" he thought. Eventually he had a challenging experience that woke him up to the error of this perspective, and it really turned him around. He realized that God had also given him the skills to take control of his weaknesses, and it made him feel so fulfilled when the hard work that this took started to pay off.

I was struck by this, not only because of its honest presentation of mature growth, but because our flight path was such a perfect metaphor for his pathway of teshuva. Here the plane had to stray from its initial destination because the person in the pilot's seat recognized that there was a problem. The seriousness of the issue not only directed the plane off course, but also forced it to ground as the problem became unsupportable. Then it had to be fixed using only the tools and materials on hand, and we had to test and confirm the new unit was working before taking off again.

"What a delightful manifestation of Rambam's Hilkhos Teshuva!" I thought later as I read Shacharit in the aisle of a locked plane on the tarmac. "And what a perfect story for the Shabbat on which the 9th of Av falls!" The ancient hachamim understood that the Mikdash was destroyed because of *sin'at hinam* – pointless hatred – and the perfect antidote for that is *teshuvah shelema* – true repentance.

May the *zechut* of Michael's metaphor and the story it embodies help us take responsibility for ourselves, and banish *sin'at hinam* from the world. And may Michael keep developing into the wonderful man he is becoming, guiding the Jewish nation to defend itself with the best technology in a hostile world! May we all rise to his high bar of what it means to be a *tsadik*.



RABBI MELHADO'S NEW CLASS

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Our daily prayers are a beautiful ceremony on their own, but for 40 days a year we really bump them up to the next level for the High Holy Days.

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Want to know the meaning of the prayers? Have questions? Join Rabbi Melhado for a 5-session mini series on Wednesday evenings in September!

Aug 31: Structure of the Daily Tefillot
Sep 07: The Sephardic Selihot
Sep 14: Rosh Hashana
Sep 21: Yom Kippur
Sep 28: Comparison to Ashkenazim

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New Round of Mommy & Me starts in September

Heard great things about our Mommy & Me programs?

Missed out on the last ones?

Don't worry - we are now accepting registration for a new set of courses starting in September!

There is regular Mommy & Me on Thursdays and Shabbat-themed Mommy & Me on Fridays. For both, there are separate groups for babies (12-18 mo) and toddlers (18 mo - 2.5 yr). The price is \$225 for an 8 week course, and members get \$10 off the Shabbat course. To register, contact Jessica@kahaljoseph.org



Tell Your Story for the History Books

Did you grow up in North Africa or the Middle East? Do you remember going to a French school called the Alliance Israélite Universelle?

If the answer to both of these questions is "yes," then this is your chance to leave your personal mark on the history books! Dr. Nadia Malinovich, a professional historian of French Jewry, wants to interview people who were educated in the Alliance school system in Arab lands. To volunteer, or to recommend your friends and colleagues from these schools, you can email her directly at nmalinovich@gmail.com

For more information on the Alliance, see Aaron Rodrigue's *French Jews, Turkish Jews: The Alliance Israélite Universelle and the Politics of Jewish Schooling in Turkey 1860-1925* or Michael Laskier's *The Alliance Israélite Universelle and the Jewish Communities of Morocco, 1862-1962*.