

KOL MEBASSER

Rabbi's Message

The stirring theme that runs throughout Ekeb is God's covenantal promise about Erets Yisrael: if we follow His mitzvot humbly and with a full heart, we will be rewarded with the land whose current residents are about to be banished for their haughty, unethical conduct. If we become like those nations, we too could follow their fate, but if we rise to a higher standard, we will merit a homeland in a very special place.

How powerful it was to reflect on this message a few weeks ago from the very land that God was talking about! To read these words knowing that our people had been banished more than once, but had also returned and recreated a Jewish society so recently that my beloved elders still remember this national triumph. To visit the ruins of a Temple still not rebuilt, but at the same time be able to pray there amid thousands of worshippers whose Jewish life is thriving as never before.

Part of my trip with the Sephardic Education Center involved a walking tour of the old city of Jerusalem, in which I became aware perhaps for the first time of how much the story of the Jewish quarter reflects the broader development of the Israeli state. This beloved little corner of the city is simultaneously ancient and modern, both a treasured archaeological site of major historical importance and a contemporary invention that was built only as recently as the 1960s through 1980s.



Walking through its streets, one is struck by the authenticity of an area in which Jews have lived in a nearly uninterrupted presence for millennia. Ironically, the degradation of the old city during the War of Independence and its subsequent neglect under Jordanian rule was instrumental in exposing the ruins to archaeological excavations that proved this point time and time again: you simply can't tell the story of Jerusalem in almost any period without saying something about the Jews.

Yet at the same time, the neatly ordered dwellings, the paving stones that match one another so exactly, the perfect, ninety degree corners and window boxes of many residences, reveal just how much of old Jerusalem is actually new construction. The same open square that offers a view of the "Broad Wall" of the city as it existed in the time of the Biblical King Hezekia is surrounded by buildings that are not much older than me.

But after all, isn't that the real beauty of Jerusalem, and of Medinat Yisrael in general? If you look at the foundations, it's all the genuine article, as rock solid as the ancient fortresses from Scripture whose authenticated ruins can still be seen and touched to this day. Yes, bitter losses may have destroyed what was built on top over the centuries, but we are not the kind of people to be stopped by that. If something gets destroyed, we just rebuild out of the rubble in a way that honors the past and prevents it from being forgotten. While the result may be indeed be a mixture of reality and fantasy, it is a lasting testament to the never-give-up spirit of the Jews!

Parashat Ekeb

Second Week of Consolation

Torah: Deut. 7:12–11:25, 111 Pesukim

Hertz 780–793; Stone 980–997

Haftara: Is. 49:14–51:3

Hertz 794–798; Stone 1197–1199

Tefillot: Morid Hatal, Hakhrazat Elul
(Sat & Sun)

KJ Schedule

Ereb Shabbat

Friday, August 26th

Shaharit 6:25 am

Shabbat Candle Lighting 7:08 pm

Minha 6:30 pm

Yom Shabbat

Saturday, August 27th

Shaharit / Morning Prayer 8:30 am

Keri'at HaTorah 10:15 am

Musaf 11:30 am

Women's Tehillim 5:00 pm

Minha 6:30 pm

Se'uda Shelisheet 7:15 pm

Arbit 7:55 pm

Habdala 8:10 pm

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Shabbat Kiddush

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KJ Schedule (continued)

Weekdays

Sunday, August 28th

Shaharit 7:30 am

Monday to Friday, August 29th to Sept. 2nd

Shaharit 6:25 am

Ereb Shabbat & Ereb Rosh Hodesh

Friday, September 2nd

Shaharit 6:25 am

Shabbat Candle Lighting..... 6:59 pm

Minha..... 6:30 pm

In Memoriam

We remember yahrzeit anniversaries from August 27 to September 3, 2016. It is customary to light a memorial candle, donate tzedaka & attend Shabbat services.

23 Ab / Shabbat, August 27th

Gloria Levi *Gloria Mazal bat Rahel*

Rachel Moses *Rachel bat Moshe*

24 Ab / Sunday, August 28th

Isaac Ezra *Itzhak ben Abdullah Ezra*

25 Ab / Monday, August 29th

Matty Yaqub *Simha bat Sulha Mitana*

27 Ab / Wednesday, August 31st

Lulu bat Shereen

28 Ab / Thursday, September 1st

Goel Berookhim *Goel ben Yitzhak*

Malka Isaac *Malka bat Rivka*

29 Ab / Friday, September 2nd

Rebecca Shamash *Rivke bat Sarah*

30 Ab / Shabbat, September 3rd

Israel Messiah *Yisrael ben Mashiach*

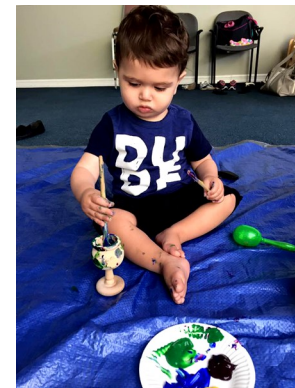


Rabbi Melbado, Rabbi Bouskila, Rabbi Benzaquen with SEC Metivta Program participants in Jerusalem's Old City.

Refua Shelema

Abe Abraham • Moselle Amron • Sally Amron • Haskell Avrahami • Sylvia Cohen
Mordechai Cohen • Esther Duke • Sassoon Ezra • Lev Hakak • Yoel Iny • Tilda Levy
Florice Newberry • Albert Nissan • Maurice Ovadia • Gracie Tizabi
Katie bat Farha
Miriam bat Yetta • Aliza bat Victoria

Shabbat Shalom Umeborakh



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!

Mixed Ages Sensory Class, starting September 6th

Tuesdays, 10 - 11AM

In this class, the babies will interact with a wide variety of ages through sensory play, music and art activities. All activities are geared towards playful sensory and motor skill development.

Music and Sensory Play Class, starting September 8th

Thursdays, 11:30AM - 12:30PM, 12 to 18 months

Thursdays, 1:15PM to 2:15PM, 6 to 12 months

Explore and engage your baby's five senses through new and unique sensory and art activities each week. We will engage in music, instruments, crafts, and more in this creative class!

Shabbat Mommy & Me, starting September 9th

Fridays, 10:00 AM - 11:15 AM, 18 months to 2.5 years

Fridays, 11:30 AM - 12:45 PM, 12 to 18 months

Join the Shabbat fun with your favorite songs and some new ones. The kids will get creative with a variety of media plus a holiday art project for Rosh Hashanah! Each class ends with candle lighting, challah, grape juice & a special blessing for the kids!

All classes are \$215 per session per child, special arrangements for multiple classes per week or multiple children.
Registration at www.kahaljoseph.org/mommy-and-me.html. For additional information, contact Jessica@kahaljoseph.org



Kahal Joseph Talmud Torah

Norma & Sam Dabby Jewish Education Center

August 2016 / Av 5776

Meet Ziva! KJ's New Talmud Torah Director

Ziva Zeharya was born in Israel and raised in countries around the world. As the daughter of a Head Consul in the Israeli Consulate, she lived in Iran as a baby and moved to Los Angeles at the age of 10 where she attended Beverly Vista and Beverly Hills High School. At 16, she moved back to Israel, earned her high school diploma and proudly served in the IDF. She married and then returned to Los Angeles to continue her education, graduating with a BA from CSUN in Child Development and Jewish Education and an MA in Education & Administration from the University of Judaism.



Ziva's work experience includes twenty years of teaching Hebrew and directing many Jewish-education programs. Ziva has served as a Hebrew teacher at Milken Community High School, Director of Temple B'nai Hayim Religious School, and Director of Hebrew and Judaic Studies at Heschel West Day School. She currently works as Academic Registrar and Hebrew Department Chair for YULA Boys High School. She has four boys and is very excited to be the Talmud Torah Director at Kahal Joseph.

ENROLL NOW!

Kahal Joseph Talmud Torah

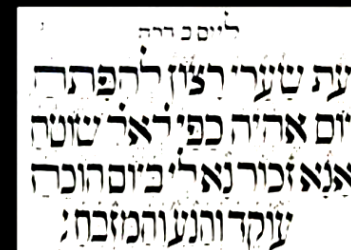
Create Celebrate Explore Inspire Share

Classes Begin on Sunday, August 28th

EXTENDED HOURS 9:45 am to 12:30 pm

Call 310.474.0559 for registration information

For more information including a special video go to
<http://www.kahaljoseph.org/talmud-torah.html>



RABBI MELHADO'S NEW CLASS

YOU'VE GOT THE "RITE" STUFF, BABY

PRAYERS OF THE HIGH HOLY DAYS

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.

This deepens the spiritual force of our tefilla, but it is a lot to handle for worshipers who only see these special texts once a year.

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

Classes meet at 7:00 pm

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