

28 Elul 5776

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# KOL MEVASSER

## President's Message

As we enter our New Year 5777, may each of us write the next chapter in a way that speaks to the best of our values and traditions and to our highest ideals. We carry in us seeds of inspiration, truth and of a "light unto the nations."

Our High Holy Days provide not just an opportunity for individual reflection and reconciliation, but for our families and our community to heal old divisions, seek better understandings and come together to build a more meaningful and safer world for our children and grandchildren.

At the dawn of our New Year, let us recognize ourselves in each other as we join in humble prayer and joyful celebration, and look ahead to a new and bright beginning.

Through an abiding commitment to our faith, family and justice, we have overcome extraordinary adversity, yet with the patience of centuries we have always held fast to the hope of a better tomorrow, where no one's voice is silenced to speak and worship freely, to live free from oppression, intolerance and prejudice, so we are able to make of our lives what we will.

To our members of Kahal Joseph and our friends throughout the world, Letizia and I want to extend our warmest wishes for this New Year--L'Shanah Tovah Tikatevu--May you enjoy a good year, a prosperous and healthy year and may each day be contented, peaceful and sweet.



## Rabbi's Message

Much has been made of the first Rosh Hashana in North America in 1654.

It was in that year that a group of 23 Sephardim landed in the Dutch colonial town of New Amsterdam, then just a cluster of houses on the tip of a sleepy island with the exotic-sounding name of "Manhattan." As the High Holy Days fell, city officials bent on expelling them did not exactly measure up to the culture of welcoming that has become cherished in our communal memory.

But look what has been built on these meager beginnings! Since that stark Rosh Hashana 362 years ago, the greater US has become home to half the Jews on the planet, including cities like LA which has about the same number of Jews as Jerusalem! Now our biggest challenge is not persecution, but how to take responsibility for our tradition in a society that accepts us. With such a reputation, it's no small wonder that our founders – and many others after them – chose to come here when seeking a good place for a fresh start.

May this Rosh Hashana carry on the spirit of charging through long odds to achieve success. May this year be a source of strength to pass on our traditions to the next generation. May the roots we plant now prove worthy enough to be written about over the next three centuries and more!

From myself, Jessica, and Penny, we extend our gratitude and blessings to the Hazanim, office staff, Board, volunteers, and everyone who has



## Parashat Nitsavim

### Seventh Week of Consolation

Torah: Deut. 29:9–30:20, 40 Pesukim

Hertz 878–883; Stone 1086–1093

Haftara: Is. 61:10–63:9

Hertz 883–886; Stone 1202–1204

Tefillot: Morid Hatal, no Hakhrizat  
Hahodesh

## KJ Schedule

### Erev Shabbat

Friday, September 30th

Selichot ..... 5:45 am

Shaharit ..... 6:25 am

**Shabbat Candle Lighting ..... 6:20 pm**

Minha ..... 6:15 pm

### Yom Shabbat

Saturday, October 1st

Shaharit / Morning Prayer ..... 8:30 am

Keri'at HaTorah ..... 10:15 am

Musaf ..... 11:40 am

Women's Tehillim..... *right after kiddush*

Minha ..... 5:45 pm

Se'uda Shelisheet ..... 6:30 pm

Arvit..... 7:10 pm

Havdala..... 7:22 pm

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contributed of themselves to make this congregation a special place to be. And we further wish upon our entire community the traditional greeting of *tizkoo leshanim rabot*: may you merit many pleasant, good years!

## Shabbat Kiddush

is sponsored in memory of

**David Kelly, z"l**

by

**Hannie Kelly and  
Sigal & Jonathan Kelly**

## Congratulations

Vera Levi on the birth of a great-grandson,  
Ezra, who is the second son of  
Dan & Karen Levi, and grandson of  
Ariel & Miriam Levi. Mazal Tov!

## Shana Tova from Mrs. Vera Levi

Another year, another lira...Just let's hope that in  
5777 humans' constant drive for more complex  
computer marvels will be outdone only by our  
own humble expression of profound gratitude,  
adoration, and love of our eternal G-d! My  
heartfelt wishes to you all dear ones; may you  
all be blessed with good health and energy, with  
joyous news and SHALOM!



*Talmud Torah students making round challah*

## KJ Schedule

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### Erev Rosh Hashana

*Sunday, October 2nd*

Selihot ..... 6:30 am  
Shaharit & Hatarat Nedarim ..... 7:30 am  
Minha/Arvit ..... 5:45 pm  
Candle lighting ..... 6:17 pm

### Rosh Hashana, First Day

*Monday, October 3rd*

Shaharit ..... 8:00 am  
Children's Room ..... 10 am to 2 pm  
Tashlikh ..... 5:00 pm  
Minha / Arvit ..... 5:45 pm  
Candle lighting for 2nd day ..... after 7:19 pm

### Rosh Hashana, Second Day

*Tuesday, October 4th*

Shaharit ..... 8:00 am  
Children's Room ..... 10 am to 2 pm  
Minha ..... 5:45 pm  
Rabbi's Class ..... 6:15 pm  
Arvit ..... 7:00 pm  
Havdala ..... 7:18 pm

### Tsom Gedalia / Wednesday, October 5th

Fast Begins ..... 5:37 am  
Selihot ..... 5:30 am  
Shaharit ..... 6:25 am  
Minha / Arvit ..... 6:00 pm  
Fast Ends (Sephardim) ..... 7:00 pm

### Days of Awe / Thurs & Fri, Oct. 6th & 7th

Selihot ..... 5:30 am  
Shaharit ..... 6:25 am

### Next Week, Shabbat Shuva

*October 7th & 8th*

**Shabbat Candle lighting** ..... 6:10 pm  
Friday Minha ..... 6:00 pm  
Shaharit ..... 8:30 am  
Saturday Minha ..... 5:30 pm

## In Memoriam

We remember yahrzeit anniversaries from  
October 1 to 8, 2016. It is customary to light  
a memorial candle, donate tzedaka & attend  
Shabbat services.

### 28 Elul / Shabbat, October 1st

Samuel Hallegua *Shmuel ben Haim*  
David Kelly *David Shalom ben Silas*  
Moshe ben Moondani

### 29 Elul / Sunday, October 2nd

Berdye Glass *Berindal bat Riba Rahel*  
Eric Hanin *Ezra ben Aharon*  
Isaac Solomon *Itzhak ben Shlomo*

### 1 Tishri / Monday, October 3rd

Hannah Cohen *Chana bat Rachel*  
Mozelle Elisha  
Julian Raymond Kelly *Yacob Rahamim ben*

*Saleh Moshe Kadoorie*

Edward Sassoon

Farha Sassoon *Farha bat Aziza*

### 4 Tishri / Thursday, October 6th

Naima Atraghji

### 5 Tishri / Friday, October 7th

Seemah Manasseh *Simhah bat Salhah Ekaireb*  
Naim Mezrahi  
Ester Sarne *Ester bat Toba*

## Refua Shelema

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





# High Holy Day Kids' Programming

## Rosh Hashana

Monday, Oct. 2 and Tuesday, Oct. 3, 10AM to 2PM

## Yom Kippur

Tuesday, Oct. 11, 5:30 - 9:30

Wednesday, Oct. 12, 10AM - 2PM, 3:30PM - 7:00PM

Join us this year as your children explore the meaning of Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur with creative programming and engaging children's services. Fun snacks and a holiday-themed class from mini yogi round out the new offerings.

**Torah Tots** (1 to 4 yrs) *Parents welcome, but babysitting also provided*

**Yeladenu** (Pre-K to 2nd) *Activities, children's service, and snacks*

**Club Noar** (3rd to 6th) *Activities, children's service, and snacks*

Every child must be pre-registered and have a wristband to enter the synagogue. Registration for Rosh Hashana has closed, but registration is still available for Yom Kippur and Sukkot. You can register your child(ren) online at [www.kahaljoseph.org/hhd-kids.html](http://www.kahaljoseph.org/hhd-kids.html)

Questions? Email Jessica at [jessica@kahaljoseph.org](mailto:jessica@kahaljoseph.org).



## Volunteer with the Kids Program!

Parents, grandparents, younger adults, older adults! Take a break from praying to do another kind of mitzva - helping out with the children's programming. Shifts are as short as 45 minutes, allowing you to both help out and still get to pray. All materials/activities provided, just bring yourself and your enthusiasm.

Please contact Jessica ASAP to volunteer ([jessica@kahaljoseph.org](mailto:jessica@kahaljoseph.org)) or if you'd like to get involved in a more substantial way (planning, coordinating volunteers, etc).

Sephardic Educational Center  
presents our annual



# Selihot Concert

Sunday, October 9th, 2016

Doors open at 6:00 pm

Program begins at 7:00 pm

Kahal Joseph Congregation  
10505 West Santa Monica Blvd.  
Los Angeles, CA 90025

\$15 per person

Refreshments will be served

Valet parking provided

For more information or to make reservations,  
please call the SEC office at (323) 272-4574  
or email [info@secjerusalem.org](mailto:info@secjerusalem.org)

## *Our High Holy Days Special Guest Hazan Michael Ben Atar*



Kahal Joseph is thrilled to announce that the wonderful voice of Hazan Michael Ben Atar will be joining us from Jerusalem for this Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur!

He will be an exciting addition to our beloved Hazanim Saeed Jalali and Sassoon Ezra, whom we are all truly blessed with. With a great team like that, our prayers will hopefully be as pleasant before God as they sound in our own ears!

Hazan Ben Atar is the scion of Iraqi families on both his father's and his mother's side, and his grandfather was born in Baghdad. The melodies of Iraqi hazanim were a constant companion growing up in his native Jerusalem, where he avidly followed voices like Moshe Habusha, David Halabi, and Gourgy Yair.

The music that surrounded him in his family life stayed with him through his religious education at Yeshivat Oz Meir. At home, he compliments his vocal talents by playing the violin and the oud.

He has now made music a centerpiece of his professional life, which revolves around hazanut, choral performances, semahot, and educational work with bene mitsva students. Along with his wife Batel, we feel fortunate to have Hazan Ben Atar at Kahal Joseph for our upcoming High Holy Day services.

We look forward to seeing all our members and friends attend our inspiring tefilot!

## Tickets for the High Holy Days

Kahal Joseph welcomes you to celebrate Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur in our beautiful High Holy Day services!

Tickets for Yom Kippur are still available, as are Yom Kippur wristbands for the special kids' programming.

### Membership comes with...

- ♦ Two tickets for families
- ♦ One ticket for singles
- ♦ Free tickets (if preregistered) for teens through high school
- ♦ Free wristbands (if preregistered) for children under bar mitsva
- ♦ Favorable rates for members' children in college.

### Non-member tickets for Yom Kippur are available too!

- ♦ \$150 for adults
- ♦ \$75 for children, bar mitsva through college
- ♦ \$25 for children under bar mitsva
- ♦ The cost of non-member tickets can also be applied towards a new membership!

To reserve your tickets, you can either visit [www.kahaljoseph.org/high-holy-days](http://www.kahaljoseph.org/high-holy-days) or call the office at **310-474-0559**. If you'd rather stop by in person, we'd love to see you!