

KOL MEVASSER

President's Message

As we approach Yom Kippur 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, moments of truth and the ability to create 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.

As we look back over and evaluate this past 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. With the patience of centuries we have held fast to the hope of a better tomorrow, where no one's voice is silenced to speak and worship, to exist free from oppression, intolerance and prejudice, or to live a full, peaceful and productive life.

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

Ronald Einy



Rabbi's Message

The message of "take stock of your failures and make amends" can be challenging. Many of us think we are good people, and when we do something that creates a need to repent, this makes it easier to attribute to external causes: we comfort our consciences by saying that "it was an accident," or "my intentions were good."

When God holds up the spiritual mirror and says, "take a long look at your soul," it goes against our sense of pride to gaze deeply at our imperfections. After all, who would rush to experience the shame and guilt of knowing how flawed we really are?

Thankfully, the Torah reminds us that if we can just get past this first hurdle, the pathway to repentance and atonement opens up before us. Once we take ownership of our actions, it becomes easier for others to have faith that we will not repeat the problem in the future.

Each of the types of repentance that we undertake has its own strains. With God, it is easier to say that we were wrong because He created us with our weaknesses, but on the other hand the stakes are higher because He is the Judge of All. With our fellows, we do not usually face one placed so highly above us, but on the other hand we must describe how we wronged them while looking them directly in the eye.

May we all be blessed with courage in these meaningful processes of teshuva! May the recognition that we are all in the same boat give us the confidence to take responsibility for last year and the strength to make next year a better time!



Parashat Vayelekh Shabbat Shuva

Torah: Deut. 31:1–31:30, 30 Pesukim
Hertz 887–891; Stone 1094–1099
Haftara: Hos. 14:2–10, Mic. 7:18–20
Hertz 891–893; Stone 1204, skip middle
Tefillot: Ps. 130, Zokhreneu etc., Morid Hatal
Hamelekh Hakadosh, no Avinu Malkenu

KJ Schedule

Erev Shabbat Shuva Friday, October 7th

Selihot 5:30 am
Shaharit 6:25 am
Minha 6:00 pm
Shabbat Candle Lighting 6:10 pm
Arvit / Kabbalat Shabbat 6:30 pm

Yom Shabbat Shuva Saturday, October 8th

Shaharit / Morning Prayer 8:30 am
Keri'at HaTorah 10:15 am
Musaf 11:40 am
Women's Tehillim..... *right after kiddush*

Minha 5:30 pm
Se'uda Shelisheet 6:15 pm
Arvit 7:00 pm
Havdala..... 7:12 pm

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Shabbat Kiddush

is sponsored in loving memory of
their mother

Hilda Sassoon, z"l

by

Louise Nathan & Family
and Sunny J. Sassoon

Congratulations

Dr. David and Jessica Amron
on the birth of a baby boy

Mazal Tov to the grandparents
Moselle & Michael Amron
Nancy & Kyle Wilson

KJ Schedule (continued)

Days of Awe

Sunday, October 9th

Selihot	6:30 am
Shaharit.....	7:30 am
SEC Selihot Concert	7:00 pm

Monday, October 10th

Selihot	5:30 am
Shaharit	6:25 am

Erev Yom Kippur

Tuesday, October 11th

Selihot	5:30 am
Shaharit & Kaparot	6:25 am
Minha	2:00 pm
Children's Room	5:30 to 9:30 pm
Candle lighting & Fast Begins	6:05 pm
Kol Nidre	6:00 pm

Yom Kippur

Wednesday, October 12th

Shaharit	7:00 am
Children's Room	10:00 am to 2:00 pm
Children's Room	3:30 to 7:00 pm
Minha	3:30 pm
Neila	5:30 pm
Havdala & Fast Ends.....	7:07 pm

Next Week, Shabbat / October 14th & 15th	
Shabbat Candle lighting	6:01 pm
Friday Minha	5:45 pm
Shaharit	8:30 am
Saturday Minha	5:15 pm

In Memoriam

We remember yahrzeit anniversaries from
October 8 to 15, 2016. It is customary to light
a memorial candle, donate tzedaka & attend
Shabbat services.

8 Tishri / Monday, October 10th
David Hai Menashe Sasson

9 Tishri / Tuesday, October 11th
Rachel Cohen *Rachel bat Simha*

10 Tishri / Wednesday, October 12th
Flora Jacob *Farha bat Dina*
Hilda Sassoon *Habiba bat Toba*
Kelly Zelkha *Khadoori ben Nazem*

12 Tishri / Friday, October 14th
Ian Carlos ben Mishelle
Edna Jonah *Simha bat Ruth*
Ezekiel Ezra Judah *Yehezkel Ezra ben Meir Yehuda*
Sassoon Lelah *Sasson ben Aharon*
Moshe ben Yaacov Shalom

Preserve a Piece of Kahal Joseph Heritage

A collector of rare Judaica
recently passed away in
New York, and his family
sold his entire library. For
a limited time only, there
are about 30 unique
printings available from
**Calcutta, Bombay, and
Baghdad**, many of which
are scarce and difficult to find.



If you want to take advantage of this special,
tax-deductible opportunity to help Kahal Joseph
rescue some of these items to treasure as
part of our cultural heritage, contact Rabbi
Melhado, who can arrange a discounted rate
from the seller.

Several books have come in to Kahal since
we first advertised the sale, we have just
begun to upload them at

www.kahaljoseph.org/Iraqi-books

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
Maurice Ovadia • Grace Tizabi
Katie bat Farha • Miriam bat Yetta
Aliza bat Victoria • Devora bat Patricia

Women's Tehillim Group

right after kiddush

Join your fellow Kahal Joseph sisters for
community, **coffee & snacks** and reciting the
Book of Psalms. All women are invited and
welcome to participate.



Yom Kippur Kids' Programming

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

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

Registration Deadline -- Monday, October 10th at noon

Join us this year as your children explore the meaning of 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 is still available for Yom Kippur through Monday, October 10th at noon. There will also be a kids programs on Sukkot. You can register your child(ren) online at www.kahaljoseph.org/hhd-kids. Questions? Email Jessica at 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) 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

*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.

**Ticket must be purchased before
Monday, October 10th at 12 noon**

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 or call the office at [310-474-0559](tel:310-474-0559). If you'd rather stop by in person, we'd love to see you!



Dinner in the Sukkah with the Rabbi

Sunday, October 16 at 7:00PM
Kahal Joseph Sukkah, upstairs

Come together with your Kahal Joseph family to celebrate the first night of Sukkot in the special Kahal Joseph sukkah! There's a Jewish tradition to welcome guests on Sukkot, making this an ideal time to be with friends new and old.

Space is limited, please RSVP by Friday, October 14 at noon
 at **www.kahaljoseph.org/sukkot-dinner**
 or by calling 310.474.0559

Tickets are:

- adults 12 and older, \$18
- ages 5 to 12, \$10
- kids under 5 free

Arba Minim

Order your lulav and etrog at the touch of a button! This year, we have two options available for purchase.

Both levels are strictly kosher and include hoshanot.

Regular: \$36 for a standard set
"Plus": \$54 includes a finer Etrog

The deadline to order is Monday, October 10 at noon.

Call (310) 474-0559 or visit
www.kahaljoseph.org/arba-minim



Berakhot in the Sukkah

Community members who do not have access to a sukkah at home on the first two days are welcome to use the Kahal Joseph sukkah, located upstairs. Since it is a mitsva to say blessings in a sukkah during Sukkot, we invite you to say Kiddush, Hamotsi and Birkat Hamazon following prayer services.



SUKKOT CALENDAR

EREV SUKKOT

Dinner in the Sukkah with the Rabbi
 Sunday, October 16, 2016

SUKKOT DAYS I & II

Monday & Tuesday, October 17 to 18, 2016

HOL HAMO'ED

Wednesday, October 19 to Sunday, October 23, 2016

SHABBAT HOL HAMO'ED

Saturday, October 22, 2016

HOSHANA RABBA

Motsa'e Shabbat, October 22, 2016 & day of October 23, 2016

SHEMINI ATSERET

Monday, Oct 24, 2016

SIMHAT TORAH

Eve of Monday, October 24, 2016
 & Day of Tuesday, October 25, 2016

For a complete schedule visit www.kahaljoseph.org/sukkot



Celebrate Shabbat at Kahal

One of the best ways to sustain our relationships with friends and loved ones is to celebrate Shabbat together. Uniting to worship God and reconnect after a full week is just the thing to recharge our batteries!

You can personally nourish the joy, peace, and spirit of Shabbat at Kahal by supporting these activities.

- ♦ You can dedicate a se'uda (meal) in honor of a happy life event or in memory of a cherished family member or friend. Kiddushim can usually be arranged between \$350-\$700 and Se'uda Shelisheet for \$180-360.
- ♦ Aliyot to the Torah may also be requested in honor or memory of someone special. The rabbi will read a personal blessing for them, and your contribution will associate their name with the core work of our community.

Just call the office at 310.474.0559 by the Wednesday before the Shabbat you wish to celebrate and make arrangements with Sarah.

We can't wait to see you in synagogue!



Kahal Joseph Talmud Torah

Norma & Sam Dabby
Jewish Education Center

ENROLL NOW!

Ages 4 to 13

Create Celebrate Explore
Inspire Share

Classes Just Starting for the Year

EXTENDED HOURS 9:45 am to 12:30 pm

**Call 310.474.0559 for registration
or for more information go to
www.kahaljoseph.org/talmud-torah**

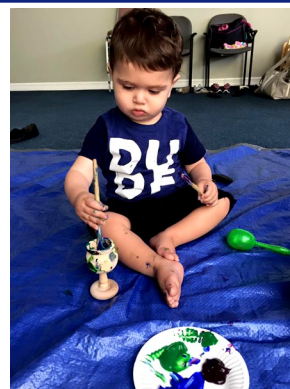
Mommy & Me

**Heard great things
about our Mommy &
Me programs?**

**Missed out on the
last ones?**

**We will start registering for a new
set of courses soon!**

Registration at
www.kahaljoseph.org/mommy-and-me
For additional information, contact
Jessica@kahaljoseph.org



Hope4Adam

***A Bone Marrow Drive
for Adam Krief***

**Thursday, Oct. 13th
at Kahal Joseph**

Adam Krief, a 31 year old husband and father of three, has contracted a rare cancer that requires a bone marrow transplant for his survival. To date, thousands of people have tested but a match is yet to be found.

Adam is hoping for a miracle. "For me, chemotherapy is simply a means to buy time until I can find a well-matched donor. Should my transplant be successful, and I pray that it will, I can go on to watch my kids grow well into my salt-and-pepper-haired years."

Adam's Sephardic background makes it more likely that he will find a match with someone from our community than in the general population. **Come to Kahal Joseph throughout the day, 10 am to 6 pm, on Thursday, October 13th to see if you are a match.** Checking is a simple process of swabbing saliva. If a match is actually found, donating is itself very non-invasive.

Krief has encouraged thousands to register and become donors, and his fundraiser has also raised over \$100,000 to fund bone marrow swab kits across the globe. "Finding out that you have cancer can be a terribly isolating experience, but the overwhelming support I've felt from complete strangers continues to fuel me on a daily basis," he says. "It has helped me feel less alone in all this."