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25 March 2017

KOL MEVASSER

President's Message

Dear Members,

When my husband and I arrived to Los Angeles 45 years ago, we were fortunate to meet members of this beautiful community who welcomed us with open arms and made us feel at home. I was moved by seeing all of the customs, traditions and way of prayers that I had known as a child, and I felt as if I was still in my native Baghdad. I was amazed that this community, several generations removed from Iraq, had kept our minhag and traditions intact.

That was it... I was hooked.

Kahal Joseph is unique, and we should all be very proud that it is ours.

I feel very privileged to serve as your President, and I am humbled by your confidence in me and by the support you have shown me. I hope and pray that I can live up to the standards of all our past presidents, and look forward to working with all of you to see to it that Kahal Joseph continues to flourish.

My goal is to see our synagogue also become our community center where the community can socialize, learn, network and celebrate, and where our children can learn about and thrive in our Jewish culture.



In these changing times, together with our dynamic Board of Directors and Clergy, we will be thinking of creative ways to engage our young adults and families to continue enjoying our beautiful heritage and traditions.

Together, with your help and support, we will go from strength to strength.

To quote Luciano De Crescenzo, the Italian writer: "We are, each of us angels with only one wing, and we can only fly by embracing one another."

Shabbat Shalom

Welcome KJ Board of Directors

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Parashat Vayak'hel / Pekude Shabbat Hahodesh / End of Shemot

Torah: Ex. 35:1–40:38, Ex. 12:1-20

Hertz 373, 253; Stone 516, 348

Haftara (§) : Ezekiel 45:18–46:15

Hertz 1002–1004; Stone 1218–1219

Tefillot: Mashiv Haruah, Hakhrazat

Nisan (Tue)

KJ Schedule

Erev Shabbat

Friday, March 24th

Shaharit 6:25 am
Candle lighting **6:49 pm**
Minha 6:30 pm
Kabbalat Shabbat / Arvit 7:00 pm
Young Professionals Shabbat 7:30 pm
at Rabbi Melhado's home

Yom Shabbat

Saturday, March 25th

Shaharit / Morning Prayer **8:15 am**
Keri'at HaTorah 10:15 am
Musaf 11:40 am

Men's Tehillim 5:15 pm
Minha 6:00 pm
Se'uda Shelisheet 6:45 pm
Arvit 7:40 pm
Havdala 7:54 pm

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Se'uda Shelisheet

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Weekdays / Sunday, March 26th

Shaharit 7:30 am
Talmud Torah 9:45 am

Mon, Wed to Fri, March 27, 29 to 31

Shaharit 6:25 am

Rosh Hodesh Nisan / Tues, March 28th

Shaharit 6:15 am

Next Shabbat / Fri-Sat, March 31-April 1

Shabbat Candle lighting 6:55 pm
Friday Minha 6:30 pm
Shaharit 8:30 am
Saturday Minha 6:15 pm
Havdala 7:59 pm

A Poem for Shabbat Hahodesh: Melekh Goel Umoshia

פזמון לשבת החודש

מֶלֶךְ גּוֹאֵל וּמוֹשִׁיעַ. אֵל נֶעְרָץ בְּסוֹד קְדוּשִׁים. וְלֹאִין אוֹנִים עֲצָמָה יִרְבֶּה. מִחֲזִיק רַפְיוֹן יְדֵי רָשִׁים.

כִּי הוֹצִיא בְּחֹדֶשׁ אֲבִיב. בְּנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל חֲמוּשִׁים. הוֹדוּ לֵאלֹהֵי כִּי הַחֹדֶשׁ הַזֶּה. לָכֵם רֹאשׁ חֲדָשִׁים:

נִשְׁמָו יַחְדָּו נְרוֹמְמָה. עָלֵי נֶבֶל וְעָלֵי עֶשׂוֹר. כִּי זָכַר אֶת־דְּבַר קִדְשׁוֹ. וַיּוֹצִיא עָמּוֹ מִמִּצְרָיִם.

וְהוּא צָוָה אֶלֵּי עָמּוֹ. קָחוּ לָכֵם שָׂה בְּעֶשׂוֹר. לְהוֹדִיעַ כִּי הוּא יְשׁוּר. עַל אֱלֹהִים וְאֲנָשִׁים: הוֹדוּ...

הָעַם עָשׂוֹ אֶת־פִּסְחִיהֶם. בְּלִילִי פֶחַד מִמִּצְרַיִם. בְּשִׁירֵי זִמְרָה וּתְהִלָּה. בְּשָׁלֹשׁ פְּתוֹת מִחֲנִים.

אָכְלוּ אוֹתוֹ עָלֵי מִצּוֹת. וּמְרוֹרִים בְּהַעֲרֵבֵים. בְּלִילִי מִבְּשָׁל בְּמִים. וְנָא כִּי אִם צָלִי אִישׁוֹ: הוֹדוּ...

חֹסֶן יִשְׁעוֹ יְמִינוֹ אֶל. הִרְאָה לְהוֹשִׁיעַ לָמוֹ. כִּי הִשְׁקִיף מִמַּעַן קִדְשׁוֹ. הָעַם מִתְבּוֹסֵס בְּדָמוֹ.

דָּם פִּסַּח וְדָם הִמָּלָה. אֲזִי עֶבֶר הוּא בְּעֶצְמוֹ. לְמִצְרַיִם וְאֶת־עָמּוֹ. הוֹצִיא מִעֲבָדוֹת לְחֻפְשִׁים: הוֹדוּ...

חֲזֹק חוֹשֶׁה שְׁלַח זָרִים. לְבָנֵי אָדָם וּפִילָגְשִׁים. שִׁימָם כְּמִהְפֶּכֶת עָרִים. עָרֵי אֲשׁוּרִים וּלְטוֹשִׁים.

וּתְכַנִּיעַ גֵּאוֹן זָרִים. וְשְׁלַח לָעַם לֶחֶם דּוֹרָשִׁים. הֶאֱדוֹן אֲשֶׁר מִבְּקָשִׁים. בְּנִסָּן רֹאשׁ הַחֲדָשִׁים: הוֹדוּ...

In Memoriam

We remember these yahrzeit anniversaries from March 25 to April 1, 2017. It is customary to light a memorial candle, donate tzedaka & attend Shabbat services.

27 Adar / Shabbat, March 25th

Elias M. Judah *Eliyahu Hayim ben Meir Yehuda*
Achajal Aghalar *Nisim ben Jacob*
Saul K. Masliah *Shaul ben Hacham Moshe Yakob*

28 Adar / Sunday, March 26th

Moshe Haim Navid
Tefaha Perry *Tefaha bat Salima*
Rahmatollah Rahamim

29 Adar / Monday, March 27th

Tefara Menashe *Tefara bat Ezra*
Lulu Raymond *Lulu bat Matooka*
Mordechai Sarraf *Mordechai ben Yehudah*

1 Nisan / Tuesday, March 28th

Lotfollah Nassi
Clara Saltoon *Gazala bat Ester*
Sydique Charlie Zakoo *Sadik Salah ben Ezra Halevi*

2 Nisan / Wednesday, March 29th

Sharlo Benbeniste *Shlomo ben Moshe*
Aaron Eliyahu *Aharon Yosef Eliyahu ben Amouma*
Sarina Levy *Sara bat Khatoon*

3 Nisan / Thursday, March 30th

Hilwa Farha Ezair *Hilwa Farha bat Tiffahah*
Jalal Kohan
Naim Sassoon *Naim ben Sasson*

4 Nisan / Friday, March 31st

Sammy Dallal

Refu'a Shelema

Moselle Amron • Sally Amron • Haskell
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Bracha Simha bat Louisa • Miryam bat Malka
Malka bat Rahel • Moshe Ezra ben Mazal Tov

Stop on By

Wednesdays at 8PM ONLINE



Rabbi Melhado pulls out all the stops for a three-part, ONLINE mini-series about Pesah.

Email RabbiMelhado@kahaljoseph.org to get the link to the YouTube stream, or go to Kahal Joseph's Facebook page at www.facebook.com/kahaljoseph.congregation

March 22 - Stop the Insanity!

Get to Pesah in one piece, and on budget! Learn what and how to kasher, what needs a special hekhsher and what doesn't, and how to remain grounded in the spirit of the holiday throughout

March 29 - Stop Me if You've Heard this One

How do we keep the story of the Seder fresh, year after year? Gather new insights, interesting customs, and ways to liven up your Seder, whether hosting or as a guest.

April 5 - Stop and Smell the Roses

Learn about a less well known custom of Pesah, Birkat Ha'Ilanot. This special blessing on seeing fruit trees in bloom can only be made once a year, helping us to appreciate the blessings of nature anew each spring.

**Guest Speaker
Arjang Zendehtdel**

April 1, 2017



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For over 23 years, Arjang Zendehtdel has been training and researching to master the secrets of success & fulfillment. In the process, he received his Bachelor's in Communications from UCLA, earned a Masters in Business Administration and became a Certified Mediator at Pepperdine University. Arjang is also a certified Master Coach and Master Practitioner of Neuro Linguistic Programming. After 10 years as the host of a successful coaching radio program, he founded Dreamality Education & Coaching to teach people how to reach their potential and live their dreams.



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Seder Matching

On your own for the seders?

We can help!

Do you have an extra seat at your seder table?

We can fill it!

Simply email Jessica at jessica@kahaljoseph.org by April 3 to be matched!

Memouna!



Wednesday, April 19 at 7:00pm

Kahal Joseph Congregation
& The Sephardic Educational Center
invite all our members & friends!

Savor traditional delicacies! * Enjoy festive music!
Relish the warmth of community!

\$18 per person

Register online at www.kahaljoseph.org/memouna.html or
call Sarah at 310.474.0559

Important Dates for Pesah

Sunday, April 9

Noon - Form to Sell your Hamets due
www.kahaljoseph.org/Pesah.html
After 8:05 PM - Search for Hamets

Monday, April 10

6:25 AM - Shaharit
7:30 AM - Siyum with Rabbi Melhado
10:22 AM - Stop eating Hamets
Burn Hamets before 11:35 AM
5:45 PM - Early Mincha, Arvit & Hallel
7:02 PM - Candlelighting
Begin seder after 8:05 PM

Tuesday, April 11

8:30 AM - Shaharit
6:45 PM - Early Mincha, Arvit & Hallel
8:06 PM - Second Seder begins

Wednesday, April 12

8:30 AM - Shaharit
6:45 PM - Mincha, Discussion & Arvit

Thursday, April 13

6:15 AM - Shaharit

Friday, April 14

6:15 AM - Shaharit
6:30 PM - Mincha & Arvit

Saturday, April 15

8:30 AM - Shaharit
6:30 PM - Mincha, Seuda, Arvit
8:10 PM Havdala

Sunday, April 16

7:30 AM - Shaharit
6:30 PM - Mincha & Arvit

Monday, April 17

8:30 AM - Shaharit
6:30 PM - Mincha & Arvit

Tuesday, April 18

8:30 AM Shaharit
6:30 PM - Mincha & Arvit



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