

KOL MEVASSER

Rabbi's Message

One of our friends at Kahal recently returned from a trip to Israel, and was talking excitedly to me about time that he spent at some key landmarks for the Jewish people. His heart had been moved at the sacrifice that it took from regular Israelis to make our birthright accessible to him, and he effused with appreciation for what he truly felt was their selfless gift to him and others like us in the diaspora.



As we spoke, we stood on the street outside Kahal. The whole scene was darkened by the shadow of our building, and by chance I happened to be wearing a bright white shirt. Against his warm, brown eyes, the effect was that I could see a mirror image of myself directly in each of his pupils. Indeed, the only way to make eye contact with him during his story was to stare at my own reflection in his face.

At the time I already noticed how vivid a representation this was of Jewish continuity. Here I was, talking to a man who could be my father, someone for whom the miracle of Medinat Israel was so much more immediate in his life. Our homeland and he might easily be the same age, and in his youth he probably had a sense of "growing up in parallel with the Jewish state." As he stood sharing his love of this incredible gift, he was addressing someone half his age, who was born into a world where Israel's existence was already a decades-old reality. That young man is now charged with being a leader in the Jewish people, responsible in part for instilling a similarly intense love for Israel in the hearts of

our children. And as the older man poured out his passions, the younger man saw a vision of himself in his kindly, experienced features.

Parashat Pinehas is filled with similar examples of continuity of message across the generations. A new census of the Israelites counts only two people who were still alive at the time of the previous census, yet the rising generation is no less invested in their elders' mission. The laws of financial inheritance are established, assuring us in religious language that the physical blessings of *parnasa* will continue even after a soul has departed. Moses reaches his final destination outside Eretz Yisrael, and selects Joshua to succeed him and complete the journey from Egypt to the Promised Land. And finally, the sacrifices for the festivals are summarized, preserving a record of our customs in a manner in which they are still read today, more than three thousand years later.

What makes good ideas perpetuate? Why do we still care so personally about things that happened so long ago? To me the key lies in simple exposure to the passions of those with the capacity to teach and lead by example, however modestly. If our lives have been set up to be in regular contact with those who feel the living power of the Torah, we will naturally come to sense that power ourselves; to value it and take ownership over it. Moreover, we will become an integral part of a society that cherishes the lives, histories, and experiences of our elders, and seeks to receive and enhance their tools for personal and spiritual validation. When we look into their eyes and see a reflection of ourselves, we will be humbled by the knowledge that a torch has been passed to us, one that goes all the way back to the foundations of our people.

Parashat Pinehas

First week of Rebuke

Torah: Num. 25:10–30:1, 168 Pesukim
Hertz 686–698; Stone 876–899
Haftara (after 17 Tamuz): Jer. 1:1–2:3
Hertz 710–713; Stone 1192–1193
Tefillot: Morid Hatal

Reminder

Next Shabbat, July 22, 2017
Shaharit will start at 8:15 am

KJ Schedule

Erev Shabbat

Friday, July 14th

Shaharit	6:25 am
Candle lighting	7:47 pm
Minha	6:30 pm
Kabbalat Shabbat / Arvit	7:00 pm
Young Professionals Dinner	7:30 pm
<i>at Rabbi Melhado's home</i>	

Yom Shabbat

Saturday, July 15th

Shaharit / Morning Prayer	8:30 am
Keri'at HaTorah	10:15 am
Musaf	11:40 am
Women's Tehillim	6:15 pm
Minha	7:15 pm
Se'uda Shelisheet	8:00 pm
Arvit	8:35 pm
Havdala	8:50 pm

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Shabbat Kiddush

is sponsored by
Moselle and Michael Amron
 in honor of
Michael's 97th Birthday

Congratulations

Happy 97th Birthday
 to our dear member and friend
 Michael Amron
 Kahal Joseph wishes you
 good health and happiness.



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Sunday, July 16th

Shaharit 7:30 am

Monday-Friday, July 17th-21st

Shaharit 6:25 am

Next Shabbat

Friday-Saturday, July 21-22

Shabbat Candle lighting..... 7:43 pm

Friday Minha 6:30 pm

Shaharit 8:15 am

Saturday Minha 7:00 pm

Havdala 8:46 pm

Calling all superheroes!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

*Help us clean up the KJ playroom!
 Sunday, July 16th, 10 am to 2 pm
 Join us and enjoy a pizza lunch
 while helping out*



Refu'a Shelema

Moselle Amron • Sally Amron • Haskell Avrahamy
 Sylvia Cohen • Mordechai Cohen • Esther Duke
 Sassoon Ezra • Tilda Levy • Florice Newberry
 Aliza bat Rahel • Aliza bat Victoria
 Arlette bat Rashel • Chaya Chana bat Batya
 Katie bat Farha • Malka bat Rahel
 Mehry bat Miriam Hakimipour • Miriam bat Yetta
 Miryam bat Malka • Moshe Ezra ben Mazal Tov
 Yvonne Moalim • Simcha bat Rooha

In Memoriam

We remember the following yahrzeit anniversaries from
 July 15 to 22, 2017. It is customary to light a memorial
 candle, donate tzedaka & attend Shabbat services.

22 Tamuz / Sunday, July 16th

Abraham Shamash *Abraham ben Eliyahu*

23 Tamuz / Monday, July 17th

Shalom Jacob Yaacov *Shalom ben Yeshaiah*
 Lulu Farha *Zekaria*

24 Tamuz / Tuesday, July 18th

Aaron David *Aharon David ben Avraham Haim*
 Elias Joseph *Eliyahu ben Yitzhak*

25 Tamuz / Wednesday, July 19th

Heskel Dabby *Haskel ben Yoseph*
 Moshe ben *Simcha*

26 Tamuz / Thursday, July 20th

Flossie David Solomon *Farha bat Roza*
 David Hattanian *David ben Itzhak*

28 Tamuz / Shabbat, July 22nd

Ezra Said Goury *Ezra Said ben Simcha*



Join Kahal Joseph *Still a few seats left!*
 with Rabbi & Jessica
 Melhado on Dodgers Day
 for the Jewish Community

1:10 pm, Sunday, August 13th

\$34 ticket includes a Dodgers hat in Hebrew

Call Sarah to reserve at 310.474.0559

Shabbat Matters: Rules, Rituals and Meaning Mondays at 8PM live on YouTube!

Join Rabbi Melhado for an interactive,
online series on all aspects of Shabbat

Email rabbimelhado@kahaljoseph.org for the direct link

Final Two Sessions!

July 17: Bend Me, Break Me: Shabbat & Other Values

July 24: Crescent & Cross: Shabbat & Non-Jewish Society

Find all the sessions online at

www.kahaljoseph.org/shabbat-matters.html

FEEDBACK WANTED!

We're sure you have lots to say!



Parents, grandparents, friends, kids!

*We're looking to improve the
children's programming at Kahal.*

*What do you like now? What would you like to see us do
differently? What new things do you think we should do?
How do you want to be involved in the future?*

*Email Jessica at jessica@kahaljoseph.org with your
thoughts. I'm looking forward to hearing from you!*



Register now for fall!

The Sam and Norma Dabby Talmud Torah

* Hebrew * Fun * Parasha * History *
* Friends * Values * Holidays * Food *
* Mitzvot * and you!

Contact Molly Jalali at molly@emetek.com or Rabbi Melhado at
rabbimelhado@kahaljoseph.org for more information!

Registration forms at www.kahaljoseph.org/talmudtorah.html

YOUNG PROFESSIONALS SHABBAT DINNER FRIDAY, JULY 14 AT 7:30 PM

Interested in....

a delicious dinner?
meeting new people?
an interesting discussion?



Join Rabbi Melhado and his family at home for a
relaxed, joyful Shabbat dinner with good people.

Open to members and friends in their 20s and 30s.
Register now by emailing Rabbi at rabbimelhado@kahaljoseph.org.

Kahal Joseph's Annual Giving Days

Sunday, July 16 and 23, 2017

To all the members and friends of Kahal Joseph:

Sunday July 16 & July 23 will be our Annual Giving Days, days to give what you can to help our synagogue continue serving our community and enhance its programs for our members and their families.

As you know, we rely on the generosity of our members and friends to supplement our general fund and to continue improving our programs and enhancing our synagogue.

Thanks to an earmarked donation to our Building Fund, renovation is in progress to improve and beautify the building. The lobby will be partially widened and remodeled, the sanctuary will be given a fresh look, the social hall will be modernized and the restrooms remodeled.

Many members of our community have volunteered to take time on our first Annual Giving Day to call you. When you receive the call, please keep in mind that no amount is too small and that any donation you make will be greatly appreciated. If you contribute \$1,000 or more, your name will be listed on the Benefactors' wall in the lobby of the synagogue.

Kahal Joseph has succeeded and flourished due to the generous support of our members throughout the years. I look forward to your support, may Hashem bless you and your families.

Sincerely,

Vette Dabby,
President



Beat the rush! Donate online at www.kahaljoseph.org/donate.html or call at 310-474-0559