

# KOL MEVASSER

## Rabbi's Message

This is the first Shabbat after a dark time on the Jewish calendar. For the past three weeks, we have felt ourselves to be *ben hametsarim*, in the "spiritual straits" between the 17th of Tamuz and the 9th of Av. Our souls are afflicted by the ancient memories of the siege that breached the walls of Jerusalem and left our Temple in ashes. So much of our religious tradition has been molded by the story of that Temple, and our hearts have ached for what was lost and can never be recovered.



Now that the fast is over, in a normal year we would typically resume our regular lives, shaking off our distress and looking ahead to our spiritual cleansing on the High Holy Days. We would return to our main sanctuary, where we last sat on the floor in anguish, and reoccupy our usual seats. We would celebrate a Shabbat that is literally called the "Sabbath of Consolation," taking comfort in the words of a Haftara that declares our redemption to be near.

What better message have we to make this turnaround than that of Isaiah, who lived through some of ancient Israel's worst reverses and yet preached that we must feel comfort? How could we not be inspired by the image of an almighty God Who "sits above the circle of the earth... with the power to bring great princes to nothing and make better judgments than any human?" (Is. 40:22-23) How could we not take solace in the promise of a redemption that transcends all odds?

But this year, we cannot turn around so abruptly. This year, we will enter Shabbat Nahamu having

just lost and buried a beloved, innocent three-year-old boy. This year, no Haftara can blithely mend the terrible rift in our innermost souls.

Many of us have been fortunate in that the experience of Tisha Be'av has been a chiefly spiritual journey each year, a historical evolution devoid of personal bereavement. Yet, here we are in the midst of a very tangible tragedy that has touched us all. As we struggle to assimilate this wrenching loss and continue to live, we happen to find ourselves, this Shabbat, surrounded by religious customs and rituals that are all about expressing grief and continuing through the pain. The very language of our tradition gives us a voice with which to express and process our sorrow.

This does not make the blow any less real. It merely provides a glimmer of hope: the very idea that it is possible, somehow, to continue to exist; the historical memory that tragedy may, in some inconceivable way, be survived. It offers us a set of tools and coping mechanisms. It makes us be with others when we feel alone. It gives us actions and words with which to articulate our emotions when we don't know what to do or say. And it connects us to all the past generations of mourners when we feel that we are going through this by ourselves.

In that sense, perhaps, we may still experience this Shabbat and its message of comfort. Perhaps we might be consoled by knowing that our tradition tries to help us through losses that affect us personally, individually. Perhaps we just might be consoled by knowing that a community is here to support each other at a raw time. *Nahamu Nahamu Ami*, says the Lord; "comfort ye, my people."

## Parashat Va'et'hanan Shabbat Nahamu; Decalogue

Torah: Deut. 3:23–7:11, 122 Pesukim  
Hertz 755–776; Stone 958–979  
Haftara: Is. 40:1–26  
Hertz 776–779; Stone 1196–1197  
Tefillot: Morid Hatal

*The Sephardic divisions of the aliyot in the Hertz are for a different minhag*

## KJ Schedule

### Erev Shabbat

Friday, August 4th

Shaharit .....	6:25 am
<b>Candle lighting</b> .....	<b>7:33 pm</b>
Minha .....	6:30 pm
Kabbalat Shabbat / Arvit .....	7:00 pm

### Yom Shabbat

Saturday, August 5th

<b>Shaharit / Morning Prayer</b> .....	<b>8:30 am</b>
Keri'at HaTorah .....	10:15 am
Musaf .....	11:40 am

Women's Tehillim .....	5:45 pm
Minha .....	6:45 pm
Se'uda Shelisheet .....	7:30 pm
Arvit .....	8:20 pm
Havdala .....	8:35 pm

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## Shabbat Kiddush

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in memory of

Mazal bat Rahel, z"l &  
Moshe ben Yehezkiel, z"l

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The Hagooli Family

## Condolences

We extend our deepest condolences  
to the family of

**Emilio Yarden Nassim Hay  
ben Rut (David), z"l**

Emilio is survived by his parents Anthony David & Ruth Eliza (Mussry) Molinari, his older brothers Lorenzo David and Matteo Moses Molinari, his grandparents Majdoline Rachel Mussry, and William Richard & Grace Anne Molinari, uncles Jacob (Adele Yael) Mussry, Sol (Natalie Sarah) Mussry, & William Richard (Brigette Catherine) Molinari, aunts Grace Lenora (Kayvan Haim) Nahai, Christina Marie (James) Nester, and a loving extended family. He was predeceased by his maternal grandfather, Nassim Hay Mussry, z"l.

May the family be comforted together with  
all the mourners of Tsion.

## In Memoriam

We remember the following yearzeit anniversaries  
from August 5 to 12, 2017. It is customary to light a  
memorial candle, donate tzedaka & attend Shabbat  
services.

**13 Av / Shabbat, August 5th**  
*Meir ben Simcha*

**14 Av / Sunday, August 6th**  
Moshe Hagani  
Moshi Hagooli *Moshe ben Yehezkel*  
Eliyahu Mordechai Mizrahie *Eliyahu ben Mordechai*  
*Pinchas ben Channah*

**17 Av / Wednesday, August 9th**  
Jacob Jonah *Yaacov Yonah ben Yonah Yitzhak*  
Sabiha Kattan *Sabiha bat Gurjiya Horesh*  
Matilda Levi *Massoodah bat Tirkie*

**18 Av / Thursday, August 10th**  
Khadoori Sasson *Kadoori ben Sasson*

**19 Av / Friday, August 11th**  
Esther Shapiro *Ester bat Rivka*

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*Sunday, August 6th*

Shaharit ..... 7:30 am

**Tu Be'Av / Monday, August 7th**  
No Tahanun

*Monday-Friday, August 7th-11th*

Shaharit ..... 6:25 am

### Next Shabbat

*Friday-Saturday, August 11-12*

Shabbat Candle lighting ..... 7:26 pm

Friday Minha ..... 6:30 pm

**Shaharit ..... 8:30 am**

Saturday Minha ..... 6:45 pm

Havdala ..... 8:28 pm

## Refua Shelema

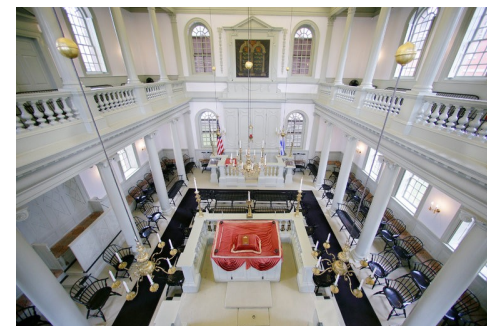
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Miriam bat Yetta • Miryam bat Malka  
Moshe Ezra ben Mazal Tov • Simcha bat Rooha  
Moshe Hooman ben Sara



## Shabbat Nahamu and the Sephardim

This week is a very special Shabbat in the history of Sephardic synagogues. It was on Shabbat Nahamu in 1675 that the Portuguese Esnoga was consecrated in Amsterdam. More than 350 years later, it remains one of the largest synagogues in Europe, whose beauty is attested to by the replication of its Ekhal at LA's Nessah Synagogue.

Much more recently, on the week of Nahamu 2017, the First Circuit of the US Court of Appeals ruled that the Sephardic heritage of the oldest synagogue building in America should be returned to the custody of the oldest Sephardi community of America. May Newport's Touro Synagogue enjoy renewed life of Sephardic landmark status!



# 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](mailto:jessica@kahaljoseph.org) with your thoughts. I'm looking forward to hearing from you!*

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**Sunday, August 27**

**10:30 - 12 noon**

A morning for parents & children to  
experience Talmud Torah together.

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**EXPLORE THE SCHOOL!**

**REGISTER FOR CLASSES!**

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for school registration forms

**CLASSES BEGIN**

**Sunday, Sept. 10**

**All enrolled students welcome!**

**9:45am drop off - 10:00am classes**

**12:30pm pick up**