

# KOL MEVASSER

## Rabbi's Message

This week's white supremacist rally in Charlottesville has come with striking images and video clips, several of which depict angry, torch-wielding men chanting "Jews will not replace us." If they didn't have our attention before, we are certainly listening now.



The argument against this worldview is so straightforward that it shouldn't be necessary to repeat it in 2017, but here we go: we are better off if our default view of our neighbors is to see them as fellow humans whose mere existence is not a threat. We have so much more energy available when the advancement of our tribal interests does not depend on the degradation of another group. We are so spiritually nourished when we spend that energy on constructive, positive goals. Baseless hatred should have little to offer when it deprives us of these fulfillments. This is a universal logic that should hold true for anyone.

Perhaps that is exactly why we feel so violated to hear anti-Semitism and other forms of racial hatred expressed so nakedly in the public square. It replaces our innate positivity with fear, taints our emotional and spiritual lives with negativity, and can inflict nasty, personal costs on its victims.

The desire to nip this sort of behavior in the bud before it spirals out of control is completely normal, even laudatory. The weak and vulnerable must be protected, and the Jewish community is a living witness to what happens when unchecked bigotry reaches its outer limits. Standing up for

what's right is both virtuous and selfless, so who wouldn't want to rise to the challenge?

Yet having said all this, I find myself so disappointed by a certain subset of "just" responses to the rally. Perhaps the best example is a photo of a man still holding the Nazi salute as a counter demonstrator sucker-punches him in the jaw. Beneath the image is a smarmy caption reading:

*This is \*NOT\* okay. This sets a dangerous example, and we need to talk about it. If you punch a Nazi like this, you're going to break your wrist. Remember, make contact with the two largest knuckles (index and middle finger) and keep a strong wrist. You want to hurt the Nazi, not yourself! Stay safe and keep punching Nazis.*

While I can appreciate the poetic justice, and even the humor, of this meme, I cannot endorse its message. Many types of hate speech are legal in the US unless the words are "directed to inciting imminent lawless action" (Brandenburg v. Ohio, 1969). This policy actually protects the Jews, whose own views could otherwise be outlawed. Giving a Nazi salute may be morally despicable, but it passes the imminent danger test. If our best response to being affronted is to punch people in the face, then we also have a thing or two to learn about how to be decent.

Carrying on as others express views that upend everything we hold dear is one of the hardest trials that we face. It is a lifetime project to even be able to listen to them, let alone to develop sophisticated, effective ways of responding. If this week's events call upon us to act, it is a call to harness these skills and make a strong, inspiring demonstration of what a better worldview looks like.

## Parashat Re'eh

### Third Week of Consolation

Torah: Deut. 11:26–16:17, 126 Pesukim  
Hertz 799–818; Stone 998–1023  
Haftara: Is. 54:11–55:5  
Hertz 818–819; Stone 1199  
Tefillot: Morid Hatal, Hakhrazat Elul  
(Tue/Wed)

## Reminder: Elul & Selihot

Rosh Hodesh Elul falls on  
Tuesday & Wednesday, August 22-23  
Selihot begin Thursday, August 24  
For detailed schedule, see p.2

## KJ Schedule

### Erev Shabbat

Friday, August 18th

Shaharit .....	6:25 am
<b>Candle lighting</b> .....	<b>7:18 pm</b>
Minha .....	6:30 pm
Kabbalat Shabbat / Arvit .....	7:00 pm

### Yom Shabbat

Saturday, August 19th

<b>Shaharit / Morning Prayer</b> .....	<b>8:30 am</b>
Keri'at HaTorah .....	10:15 am
Musaf .....	11:40 am
Women's Tehillim .....	5:30 pm
Minha .....	6:30 pm
Se'uda Shelisheet .....	7:15 pm
Arvit .....	8:05 pm
Havdala .....	8:20 pm

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## Shabbat Kiddush

is sponsored  
in honor of

Moselle & Michael Amron's  
72nd Wedding Anniversary



## Mazal Tov

We congratulate our dear, longtime  
members, Moselle & Michael Amron  
and their family on their  
72nd wedding anniversary!

Moselle & Michael began their  
wonderful, shared life together  
on August 19th 1945.



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*Sunday, August 20th*

Shaharit ..... 7:30 am

*Monday, August 21st*

Shaharit ..... 6:25 am

**Rosh Hodesh Elul / Tues-Wed, Aug 22-23**

Shaharit ..... 6:15 am

*Thursday-Friday, August 24th-25th*

Selihot ..... 5:45 am

Shaharit ..... 6:25 am

**Next Shabbat / Fri-Sat, August 25-26**

Shabbat Candle lighting ..... 7:09 pm

Friday Minha ..... 6:30 pm

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

Saturday Minha ..... 6:30 pm

Havdala ..... 8:11 pm

## In Memoriam

We remember these yahrzeit anniversaries August  
19-26, 2017. It is customary to light memorial can-  
dles, donate tzedaka & attend Shabbat services.

**27 Av / Shabbat, August 19th**

*Lulu bat Shereen*

**28 Av / Sunday, August 20th**

*Goel Berookhim*

*Malka Isaac Malka bat Rivka*

**29 Av / Monday, August 21st**

*Rebecca Shamash Rivke bat Sarah*

**30 Av / Tuesday, August 22nd**

*Israel Messiah Yisrael ben Mashiach*

**1 Elul / Wednesday, August 23rd**

*Nissim Moses Nissim ben Yoshua Efraim*

**2 Elul / Thursday, August 24th**

*Saltanat Kohan*

**4 Elul / Shabbat, August 26th**

*Edward Kelly*

## Baghdadi Selihot Book

- Published at Leghorn, 1931
- Dedicated to Maghain Aboth  
synagogue, Singapore, by  
trustee David Aaron Gubbay
- Acquired with donations from  
our Iraqi Books Fund

Contribute at  
[kahaljoseph.org/donate](http://kahaljoseph.org/donate)



## Selihot start this Thursday!

Kahal Joseph welcomes you to the special selihot  
prayers before Shaharit over the next five weeks.

These unique services begin the process of spiritual  
cleansing in the lead-up to Rosh Hashana and Yom  
Kippur. We come early to synagogue in the morning  
twilight, at the time when the Talmud says that God is  
most inclined to be merciful, and pour out our hearts  
before Him. *Hatanu lefanekha, rahem alenu* - "we have  
sinned before You, have mercy upon us!"

Sephardi tradition calls for rousing melodies that are  
sung with the full devotion of our hearts. Poetic favorites  
like *Anenu*, *Im Afes*, and *Avinu Malkenu* are interspersed  
with supplications and the 13 Attributes of God, making  
a diverse palate of prayers that puts us in the best frame  
of mind for repentance.

Make this a great start to your day any morning from  
Rosh Hodesh Elul until Yom Kippur.

**Month of Elul, from 8/24**

Weekdays: 5:45 am

Sundays: 6:45 am

Labor Day (9/4): 6:15 am

**Days of Awe, from 9/24**

Fast of Gedalia: 6:30 am


Weekdays: 5:30 am

Sundays: 6:30 am

## Refua 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 • Yvonne Moalim • Katie bat Farha • Malka bat Rahel • Mehry bat Miriam Hakimipour • Miriam bat  
Yetta • Miryam bat Malka • Moshe Ezra ben Mazal Tov • Moshe Hooman ben Sara • Simcha bat Rooha





**FUN FRIENDS FOOD VALUES**

*The Sam and Norma Dabby*  
*Talmud Torah*

**FAMILY OPEN HOUSE**  
**SUN. 8/27, 10:30 TO NOON**

**KOSHER BRUNCH \* MEET THE  
 TEACHERS \* EXPLORE THE SCHOOL \*  
 REGISTER FOR CLASSES \* ART &  
 BAKING ACTIVITIES \* & YOU!**

RSVP to Molly at [Molly@kahaljoseph.org](mailto:Molly@kahaljoseph.org)



**HEBREW HOLIDAYS PARASHA**

**FORGOT YOUR HEBREW?  
 NEVER LEARNED ANY?**

**HEBREW FOR BEGINNERS  
 WITH RABBI MELHADO**

Enhance your prayer experience  
 Start from the beginning with a small group  
 Enjoy a mix of online & in-person lessons

Email Rabbi Melhado at  
[RabbiMelhado@kahaljoseph.org](mailto:RabbiMelhado@kahaljoseph.org) to join!

**YOUNG PROFESSIONALS  
 SHABBAT DINNER**

**FRIDAY, August 18 AT 7:30 PM**

Interested in....  
 a delicious dinner?  
 meeting new people?  
 invigorating 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](mailto:rabbimelhado@kahaljoseph.org).





### **Jewish Community Day at Dodger Stadium**

Kahal Joseph enjoyed a really exciting day at the ballpark. The Dodgers won 6-4 over the Padres, with three homeruns, including a 3-run homer! Everyone received a Dodgers in Hebrew ballcap, and had a great time. This yearly event is not to be missed!



### **Reunion of Baghdadi Jewish Schools**

Kahal Members Joe & Yvette Dabby, Albert Nissan and Joe Samuels joined 170 people for a joyful reunion of students from the four Jewish high schools of Baghdad. Participants came to Montreal from the US, Canada, Israel & England for a dinner gala on Aug. 13, 2017 at the Spanish & Portuguese synagogue. Everyone reconnected with old friends, shared memories of what once was, & celebrated the lives that the former students have built in their new homes. Truly a special event!





# Hajla!

## High Holy Day Musicale

An evening of Israeli & Arabic songs  
featuring Hazan Ben Atar and his band

**Sunday, Sept. 24 at 7:30PM**

Refreshments will be served

Tickets: \$40 in advance, \$50 at the door  
RSVP by Sept. 20 to the office or online at  
[www.kahaljoseph.org/events.html](http://www.kahaljoseph.org/events.html)



## Find your way through the High Holy Days

Join Rabbi Melhado online as we explore  
the meaning of the High Holy Days  
and prepare spiritually

**Monday, Sept. 11 at 8PM**

Reflect on Rosh Hashanah

**Wednesday, Sept. 27 at 8PM**

Prepare for Yom Kippur

RSVP to [RabbiMelhado@kahaljoseph.org](mailto:RabbiMelhado@kahaljoseph.org)



## Membership Benefits Everyone!

**You get...**

- \*To be a part of the Kahal family
- \*High Holy Days tickets
- \*Rabbi for lifecycle events
- \*Pastoral counseling
- \*Preferential rates for space rentals, Talmud Torah tuition and children's programs

**You support...**

- \*Educational programs
- \*Social events
- \*Prayer minyanim
- \*Keeping Kahal here for you when you need it!

Contact the office at 310-474-0559  
or speak to Rabbi Melhado to join!

## Honor a loved one or celebrate a milestone this High Holy Day season!

Make a donation to place  
their name in the High Holy  
Days booklet distributed at  
Rosh Hashanah &  
Yom Kippur services

Donate online at  
[www.kahaljoseph.org/hhd-booklet](http://www.kahaljoseph.org/hhd-booklet)  
or in the office at 310-474-0559

# CELEBRATE HIGH HOLY DAYS WITH KAHAL!

## High Holy Day Tickets

**Members** - look for your tickets in the mail soon!

**Guests** - order your tickets now!

Order online at [www.kahaljoseph.org/high-holy-days.html](http://www.kahaljoseph.org/high-holy-days.html),  
call 310-474-0559 or stop by in person!

### MEMBERS RECEIVE:

- \* Two adult tickets with family membership OR one single ticket with single membership
- \* Free tickets for preregistered teens
- \* Free playroom wristbands for preregistered children
- \* Favorable rates for members' children in college

### GUEST TICKET RATES:

*Remember, your ticket package can be applied to  
the cost of a new membership!*

\* \$300 for adults

\* \$150 for teens from bar mitzva through college

\* \$50 for children under bar mitzva age



## Children's Program



Join us for our exciting High Holy Days children's programming. We'll have engaging activities, lively entertainment, nutritious snacks, and an age-appropriate exploration of the holidays.

**Registration required!** Registration forms are in the mailing, or register online at [www.kahaljoseph.org/hhd-kids](http://www.kahaljoseph.org/hhd-kids). Free for members, \$25 per holiday for non-members.

### ROSH HASHANAH

Thursday, Sept. 21 - 10AM - 2PM

Friday, Sept. 22 - 10AM - 2PM

### YOM KIPPUR

Friday, Sept. 29 - 5:45 - 10PM

Saturday, Sept. 30 -  
10AM - 2PM, 3:45PM - 7:30PM

## Welcome Back Hazan Ben Atar

We are thrilled that the wonderful voice of Hazan Michael Ben Atar will once again grace us from Jerusalem for Rosh Hashanah & Yom Kippur. He will join our beloved Hazanim Sassoon Ezra and Saeed Jalali, so that our prayers will be as beautiful to our own ears as they are to God.

Born into two Iraqi families, the Hazan avidly follows Mizrahi cantors Moshe Habusha, David Halabi, and Gourgy Yair. After studying at Yeshivat Oz Meir, he made music the centerpiece of his professional life. He plays the oud & violin, performs hazanut and at semahot, and teaches music to children and adults.



### FALL HOLIDAY CALENDAR

Rosh Hashanah  
September 20-22

Yom Kippur  
September 29-30

Sukkot  
October 4 - 11  
Shemini Atzeret/  
Simhat Torah  
October 11-13

### Mitsvot

Make a donation to reserve your  
mitsva for the High Holy Days!

Call the office at 310-474-0559