

# KOL MEVASSER

## Rabbi's Message

by Rabbi Raif Melhado

"The Jewish people are about to have a nation of our own!"

Whether it's 1500 BC or 1948, there is still an electric thrill to hearing these words. In both cases, the Jews finally stood poised to claim their home and establish a new period of success after centuries of oppression and heartache. In the warm embrace of our ancestral birthright, we were ready to set up a new society in which it would finally feel acceptable to be Jewish.

We have a long experience with identity that marks us as outsiders. Whether it was our strange customs, our clothes, our living quarters, our moral beliefs, or our language, there was plenty to remind the host societies of our differences. We might share the same history and cultural context, but we often found ourselves set apart at least to some degree, never fully "us" to the "them."

Even at our greatest points of acculturation and success we didn't entirely fit the mold. Tellingly, a recent book about the Baghdadi Jews of Rangoon was entitled "*Almost Englishmen*." Not exactly English and obviously not Burmese, we could caucus with everyone without truly belonging to anyone but ourselves.



Yet now, at the banks of the Jordan River, the tables are about to be turned. Now it is we who will become the hosts, and the "them" who are to become our guests. Henceforth, if belonging will be an issue where we live, it will be *they* who must seek acceptance from *us*.

Faced with such a prospect, we have a responsibility to provide a better model of welcoming than the ones that have been offered to us. God commands us to "love the stranger, for you were strangers in the Land of Egypt" (Deut. 10:19). Hence from the outset we find that God dreamt of a homeland that would be a heterogeneous society.

What, then, does it look like to welcome someone?

It means that we should take the time to learn about their story. It means that when they settle among us, we make space for them to follow their special traditions and customs without shame, even while we invite them to learn about and respect ours. It means that we are fair, honest, kind, respectful, and generous in how we bring them to join and participate in our society. It means that we assume a shared basis of moral and ethical behavior.

We know the bitter taste of outsider status in a place where we have spent our whole lives. Let us take that knowledge and pay it forward by lowering the barriers to participation in civic culture where we already are.

*Shabbat Shalom*

**Parashat Ki Tavo**  
**Sixth Week of Consolation**  
**Bat Mitsva of Charlene Golbahari**  
 Torah: Deut. 26:1–29:8, 122 Pesukim  
 Hertz 859–873; Stone 1068–1085  
 Haftara: Is. 60:1–22  
 Hertz 874–877; Stone 1201–1202  
 Tefillot: Morid Hatal

**Reminder: Selihot**  
*Selihot take place before Shaharit each morning during the month of Elul. This week:*  
 Sun 6:45 am, Mon-Fri 5:45 am

**KJ Schedule**  
**Erev Shabbat**  
*Friday, September 8th*  
 Selihot ..... 5:45 am  
 Shaharit ..... 6:25 am  
**Candle lighting** ..... **6:51 pm**  
 Minha ..... 6:30 pm  
 Kabbalat Shabbat / Arvit ..... 7:00 pm

**Yom Shabbat**  
*Saturday, September 9th*  
**Shaharit / Morning Prayer** ..... **8:30 am**  
 Keri'at HaTorah ..... 10:15 am  
 Musaf ..... 11:40 am  
 Women's Tehillim ..... 5:15 pm  
 Minha ..... 6:15 pm  
 Se'uda Shelisheet ..... 7:00 pm  
 Arvit ..... 7:40 pm  
 Havdala ..... 7:53 pm

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## Shabbat Kiddush

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Sima & Yousef Golbahary  
to honor of  
their daughter  
Charlene's Bat Mitzva



**Mazal Tov**  
Charlene  
Golbahary  
on your  
Bat Mitzva

Besiman Tov  
to your parents  
Sima & Yousef  
Golbahary

your grandparents  
Sally Omid &  
Mohtaram Golbahary  
and both families

## Thank You

Tooraj Aghalar  
for generously contributing  
twenty-five Books of Psalms  
for community Tehillim readings

## Mazal Tov

to Amit Yehudayan  
and Dror Ironi  
on their engagement

Besiman Tov  
to their parents  
Dror and Meirav Yehudayan  
Doron Ironi, z"l and Merna Ironi

## Mazal Tov

Jaimie and Joey Rubin  
on the birth of a baby girl

**Sophia Rose**  
Besiman Tov  
to older brother Gabriel  
grandparents, Rosie and Albert Nissan  
Marilyn and Howard Rubin

## Hurricane Harvey Relief Fund

As you may know, 6 months worth of rain fell on Houston just one week ago. Along with millions of others, it's estimated that 71% of the Houston Jewish community lives in areas with massive flooding. This includes 12,000 elderly residents. As the flood water recedes, the rebuilding will begin.

From a distance, donations of money to help those on the ground can be the most useful. The Houston Jewish Federation is already in the midst of recovery efforts. See what they are doing and donate here:

[www.facebook.com/HoustonJewish](http://www.facebook.com/HoustonJewish)

## Refua Shelema

Moselle Amron • Sally Amron • Haskell Avrahamy • Sylvia Cohen • Mordechai Cohen • Esther Duke  
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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

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*Sunday, September 10th*

Selihot / Shaharit ..... 6:45 am / 7:30 am  
**Talmud Torah First Day ..... 9:45 am**

*Monday, September 11th*

**Rabbi's Class: High Holy Days.... 8:00 pm**

*Monday-Friday, September 11-15*

Selihot / Shaharit ..... 5:45 am / 6:30 am

**Next Shabbat / Fri-Sat, Sept 15-16**

Shabbat Candle lighting ..... 6:41 pm  
Friday Minha ..... 6:30 pm  
**Shaharit ..... 8:30 am**  
Saturday Minha ..... 6:00 pm  
Havdala ..... 7:43 pm

## In Memoriam

We remember these yahrzeit anniversaries September 9 to 16, 2017. It is customary to light memorial candles, donate tzedaka & attend Shabbat services.

**18 Elul / Shabbat, September 9th**

*Rahel bat Rahma Khatoon*

**19 Elul / Sunday, September 10th**

*Malek Yehuda Malek bat Yehuda*

**22 Elul / Wednesday, September 13th**

*Violet Ezra*

*Moselle Jacob Muzli bat Nuna*

**24 Elul / Wednesday, September 15th**

*Daisy Ezra Khazam bat Farha*

**25 Elul / Shabbat, September 16th**

*Yosef Acoca Yosef ben Nissim*

*Sidney Jonah Sasson Ephraim Yonah*

*Marsel Kemareh Marsel bat Shaul v'Gazala Levi*

*Esmat Khalili Naghdi Rahel bat Yonah*

# 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: \$30 in advance, \$40 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)

**Honor a  
loved one.**

**Celebrate a  
milestone.**

**Place an ad  
in the  
High Holy Day  
Booklet!**

**Donate \$18 or  
more to Kahal to  
put a 140  
character greeting,  
milestone or  
memorial in the  
booklet**

Visit  
[www.kahaljoseph.org/hhd-booklet](http://www.kahaljoseph.org/hhd-booklet)  
by Wednesday,  
September 13



## 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...

\*Adult Education programs

\*Social events

\*Children's education & programs

\*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!



## 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](mailto:molly@emetek.com) or Rabbi Melhado at [rabbimelhado@kahaljoseph.org](mailto:rabbimelhado@kahaljoseph.org) for more information!

Registration forms at [www.kahaljoseph.org/talmudtorah.html](http://www.kahaljoseph.org/talmudtorah.html)

## FREE Jewish Children's Books!



### Do you know or love a Jewish child?

They can get a FREE Jewish-themed book in the mail every month - award-winning, amazing and FREE!

### SIGN UP HERE

PJ Library - 6 months to 8 years - [www.pjlibrary.org](http://www.pjlibrary.org)

PJ Our Way - 9 to 11 years old - [www.pjourway.org](http://www.pjourway.org)

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The Shabbat Project  
Los Angeles  
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# SAVE THE DATE

## 26/27 OCTOBER 2017

### Stay tuned for more information about events and programs around LA

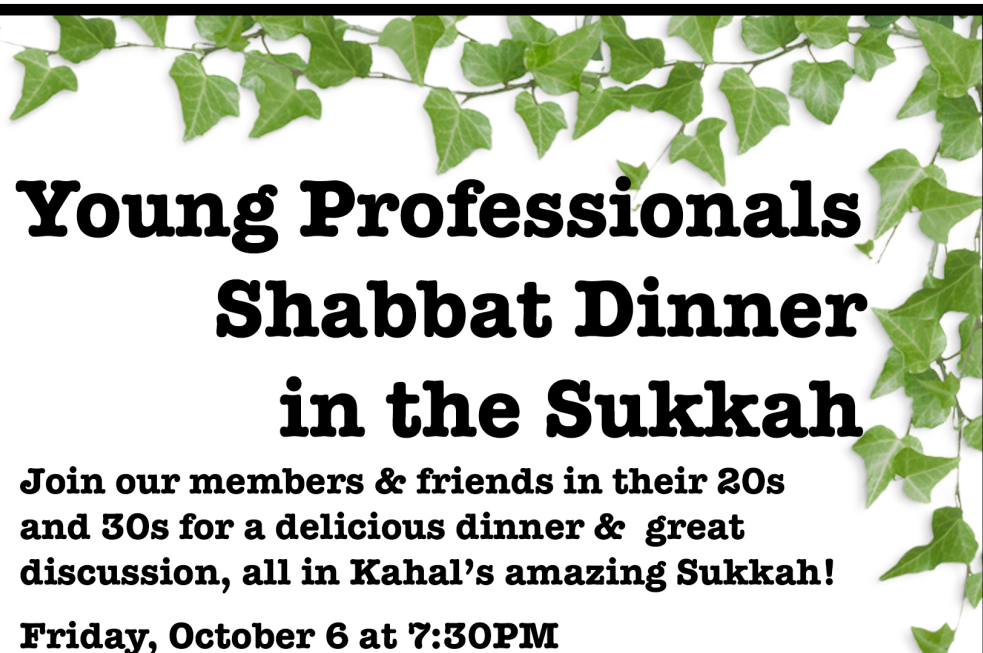


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## Young Professionals Shabbat Dinner in the Sukkah

Join our members & friends in their 20s  
and 30s for a delicious dinner & great  
discussion, all in Kahal's amazing Sukkah!

Friday, October 6 at 7:30PM

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

## Sukkot Family Dinner

Bring the kids and enjoy a delicious dinner  
in Kahal's Sukkah, inside the playroom!

Sunday, October 8, 5:30 PM

Adults \$15 - Kids 5 to 12 \$10 - Under 5 free

RSVP at [www.kahaljoseph.org/sukkot](http://www.kahaljoseph.org/sukkot)



## Order your Arba Minim!

With a click of a button, order your  
lulav and etrog through Kahal Joseph!

All sets are strictly kosher

Regular - \$36    Fancy - \$54 - higher grade etrog

\$3 extra for hoshanot

[www.kahaljoseph.org/arbaminim](http://www.kahaljoseph.org/arbaminim)

by Friday, September 29 at noon

Pick up on Wednesday, October 4 at Shaharit  
or that evening at Arvit

## Celebrate Simhat Torah! Thursday, October 12

\* Joy \* Friendship \* Family \* Torah \* Dancing \* Singing \*

Minha - 5:15pm

Arvit - 5:45 pm

Hakafot followed by a light Israeli dinner

Sponsored by Louise Nathan, Sunny J. Sassoon & family



# 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