



# High Holy Days

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This Booklet  
is  
Dedicated in Memory of

**Anita Wozniak**  
Hana bat Haviva, z”l  
1961-2017

*May the community she loved so much  
shine through the pages in your hands.*

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*Mahzor Hazon Yehezkel*

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## Rabbi's Message



We spend so much time in prayers on Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur. As soon as one service ends, the next is not far off. Because of this, it makes sense that at this time there is so much focus on the concept of “*kavanat ha-tefilla*,” having intention in prayer.

In Judaism, we recognize that there is a balance between the ideal state of mind when approaching God and the frenetic pace of life. Intellectually, we appreciate that we should stand before Him with a sense of childlike wonder and reverence. The holy being Whom we are addressing is none other than the King of Kings, Creator of Heaven and Earth!

Yet experientially, it is not easy to turn this feeling on and off like a switch. So many others have expectations for our time and energy, telling us what to do and demanding that we obey. Whether it is our supervisors or those to whom we owe our social loyalty, we are already asked to draw deeply on our time and respect.

Having this value of “intention in prayer” helps give us the presence of mind to create a renewed sense of awe every time we face God.

Now imagine for a moment if we applied a similar value to our relationships with those we know. We could call it “*kavanat ha-kirva*,” having intention in the way we connect with others. So much of what we must ask forgiveness for on Yom Kippur is caused by a lack of intention. We don’t mean to hurt our friends and fellows, we just didn’t take the extra step of recognizing their basic human dignity.

As we train ourselves to approach God this High Holy Day season with “*kavanat ha-tefilla*,” let us try to also work on our “*kavanat ha-kirva*” Who knows, if we stick to it we might find that there is less to atone for when next Yom Kippur rolls around.

Rabbi Raif Melhado

# President's Message



Shana Tova,

My favorite thing about the high holidays is that they offer a fresh start to the new year. We, your Board of Directors would like to offer a fresh start to our community.

When Joe and I first came to Los Angeles, we were looking for a community in which to raise our young family. At Kahal Joseph we found a community of warm, caring and energized people. We fell in love.

Since then our kids have grown up and they have kids of their own and the world has changed around us. Has Kahal Joseph evolved since then? Certainly, and it continues to evolve in order to meet the challenges of the new times.

We still have the same warm community, but our younger members are very busy working and raising families and trying to manage all of the activities that their children participate in. As I talk to some of these younger members, I see that they crave the same community that Joe and I were seeking years ago.

**We have an opportunity to reinvent Kahal Joseph. The services we provide are for you and we need to change them to make them relevant for you, but we cannot do this without you.**

Our Board of Directors have this vision in mind and we are all eager to hear from you about what you want and what you think and how this community can help you. Please take a few minutes over the holidays and introduce yourselves to myself or to any member of the Board and let us know what your thoughts are.

I am very optimistic about the future of our beautiful community and with your help, we will work very hard to engage all of you in new events and educational programs. Together we can keep our community thriving.

For their selfless dedication, I thank our Clergy: Rabbi Raif Melhado, Senior Hazan Sassoon Ezra and Hazan Saeed Jalali, and our Staff Molly Jalali, Sarah Bouchoucha, Jessica Cavanagh-Melhado, Dafna Ezran-Young, Penina Meghnagi Solomon, and our maintenance staff Jose Anguiano and Rosa Maldonado .

I wish you and your families a happy, healthy and peaceful year with an abundance of blessings.

Yvette Dabby  
President, Board of Directors

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# A Letter from the Chairperson

Dear Members and Friends,



Kahal Joseph is undergoing an important and exciting phase of renovation and remodel through which to make our spiritual and cultural experience in our building that much more uplifting and enriching. A beautiful new look for a new millennium.

I thank our new president Yvette Dabby and our synagogue's Board of Directors, each of whom possess the appropriate combination of vision, leadership experience and effective personal attributes necessary to shepherd Kahal Joseph into the future, and continue its trajectory of growth and success.

We are deeply grateful to all our members and friends for your ongoing support, devotion and encouragement that ensures our synagogue continues to operate flawlessly, strengthening our regional presence and international prominence.

Many others deserve our recognition, but I would like to particularly note Rabbi Raif Melhado, Hazan Saeed Jalali, and Senior Hazan Sassoon Ezra. They make all we do eminently worthwhile, and each day bring Kahal Joseph to our exceptional and thriving spiritual excellence.

*The Kahal Joseph story speaks of History and Lineage – our past,  
Our story tells of Hopes and Dreams – our future,  
These are the Promises one generation makes to the next.*

Shanah Tova, Tizkoo Leshanim Raboth

Ronald Einy  
Chairperson, Board of Directors

## What Kahal Joseph Means to Me *Membership that Makes Family*

For as long as I can remember, I have been a part of Kahal Joseph. My parents helped found the community, way before we even had a building. Not only is Kahal home to our extended family, but the people I grew up with and met here over the years have become family as well. Even when we joined a synagogue closer to where we lived, I missed the sense of security and belonging. We kept comparing it to Kahal, with its traditions and melodies, and the way that Kahal vibrates with the sense of being close to G-d.

I feel such a warm connection to the clergy – I know I can call at any time, and they will be there for us. They have been through all of our family's life cycle events, including our son's bar mitzvah and my grandson's naming. Rabbi Melhado is a gem. He is consistent, reliable, and generous with his time, guidance, wisdom and heart. With Senior Hazan Ezra or Hazan Jalali tuning us into our prayers, I get goosebumps.

Kahal Joseph has also inspired me to give back. Over the years, our family sponsored the stained glass windows as well as the naming gift for the Social Hall. My father dedicated several Torahs in memory of his father, my mother and brother that have been at Kahal for over 30 years. Even passing the Tree of Life in the lobby evokes memories of loved ones past and present. Each serves as an expression of our love of, and commitment to, this congregation.

While my family has had a long relationship with Kahal, I know that many members feel the same way I do about our community. Membership has made a huge difference in our lives, and I hope it will in your life too.

Michelle Kurtz  
Vice President, Membership

# Rosh Hashana 5778

## Erev Rosh Hashana

*Wednesday, September 20th*

Selichot 5:45 am

Shaharit & Hatarat Nedarim 6:30 am

Minha / Arvit 6:00 pm

Candle lighting 6:34 pm



## Rosh Hashana, First Day

*Thursday, September 21st*

Shaharit 8:00 am

Children's Room 10:00 am to 2:00 pm

Tashlikh (meet at Kahal) 5:00 pm

Minha / Arvit 6:00 pm

Candle lighting, 2nd day *after* 7:36 pm

## Rosh Hashana, Second Day

*Friday, September 22nd*

Shaharit 8:00 am

Children's Room 10:00 am to 2:00 pm

Minha / Arvit 6:00 pm

## Shabbat Shuva

*Friday, September 22nd*

Minha / Arvit 6:00 pm

Candle lighting for Shabbat 6:31 pm

Kiddush (earliest possible) 5:34 pm

*Use the regular Friday night kiddush*

*Saturday, September 23rd*

Shaharit 8:30 am

Women's Tehillim 4:45 pm

Minha 5:45 pm

Se'uda Shelisheet 6:30 pm

Arvit 7:20 pm

Havdala 7:33 pm

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# Hagfa!

## High Holy Day Musicale

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

**An evening not to be missed!**

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

**Refreshments will be served**

**Tickets: \$40 at the door**





## Days of Awe

### **Tsom Gedalia / Fast of Gedalia**

*Sunday, September 24th*

Fast starts 5:29 am

Selihot / Shharit 6:30 am / 7:30 am

Minha w/Birkat Kohanim 6:00 pm

Fast ends (Sephardim) 7:13 pm

Fast ends (for those who wait) 7:27 pm

### **Iraqi HAFLA Concert (at KJ) 7:30 PM**

*Monday-Friday, September 25th-29th*

Selihot 5:30 am

Shharit 6:25 am

*Tuesday, September 26th*

SEC Selihot Concert (at Em Habanim) 7:30 pm

## Yom Kippur

### **Erev Yom Kippur**

*Friday, September 29th*

Selihot 5:30 am

Shharit & Kaparot 6:25 am

Minha 2:00 pm

Children's Room 5:45 to 10:00 pm

Candlelighting 6:21 pm

### **Fast Begins 6:21 pm**

Kol Nidre 6:15 pm

### **Yom Kippur**

*Shabbat, September 30th*

Shharit 7:00 am

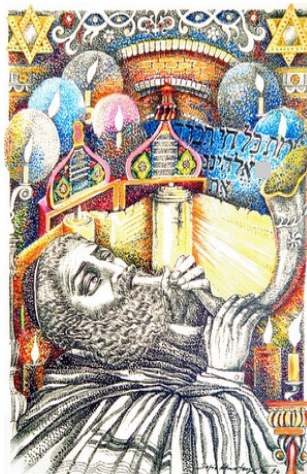
Children's Room 10:00 am to 2:00 pm

Children's Room 3:45 to 7:30 pm

Minha 3:45 pm

Neila 5:45 pm

Havdala & Fast Ends 7:23 pm



## Sukkot



### **Erev Sukkot**

*Wednesday, October 4th*

Shaharit 6:25 am

### **Lel Sukkot I**

*Wednesday, October 4th*

Candle Lighting 6:14 pm

Minha 5:45 pm

Arvit 6:15 pm

### **Sukkot I**

*Thursday, October 5th*

Shaharit 8:30 am

Hallel & Hakkafot 9:45 am

Keri'at HaTorah 10:30 am

Musaf 11:40 am

### **Lel Sukkot II**

*Thursday, October 5th*

Minha 5:45 pm

Arvit 6:15 pm

Candle Lighting *after* 7:17 pm

### **Sukkot II**

*Friday, October 6th*

Shaharit / Morning Prayer 8:30 am

Hallel & Hakkafot 9:45 am

Keri'at HaTorah 10:30 am

Musaf 11:40 am

### **Lel Shabbat Hol Ha'Moed Sukkot**

*Friday, October 6th*

Minha/Arvit 5:45 pm

Young Professionals Dinner in the Sukkah 7:30 pm

Candle lighting 6:12 pm

*Use the regular Friday night kiddush w/Leshev Basukka*

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**All sets are strictly kosher**

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**[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**

## **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)**

***Shabbat Hol Ha'Moed Sukkot***

*Saturday, October 7th*

Shaharit 8:30 am

Keriat HaTorah 10:15 am

Musaf 11:40 am

Minha 5:30 pm

Seuda Shelisheet 6:15 pm

Arvit 7:00 pm

Havdala 7:14 pm

**Hol Ha'Moed Sukkot, Weekdays**

*Sunday, October 8th*

Shaharit 7:15 am

Hallel & Hakafot 7:45 am

**Family Dinner in the Sukkah (w/RSVP) 5:30pm**

*Monday-Tuesday, October 9th -10th*

Shaharit 6:15 am

Hallel & Hakafot 6:45 am

**Hoshana Rabba**

*Tuesday, October 10th*

Nighttime readings 10:00 pm

*Wednesday, October 11th*

Shaharit 6:00 am

**Erev Shemini Atseret**

*Wednesday, October 11th*

Candle Lighting 6:05 pm

Minha 5:45 pm

Arvit 6:15 pm

**Yom Shemini Atseret**

*Thursday, October 12th*

Shaharit 8:30 am

Keri'at HaTorah 10:15 am

Musaf 11:45 am

**Simhat Torah**

**Lel Simhat Torah**

*Thursday, October 12th*

Minha 5:15 pm

Arvit 5:45 pm

***Festive Hakafot & Israeli Dinner***

Candle lighting *after* 7:07 pm

**Yom Simhat Torah**

*Friday, October 13th*

Shaharit 8:30 am

Hakafot 10:00 am

Keri'at HaTorah 10:30 am

Musaf 11:45 am

**Shabbat Beresheet**

*See 10/12 Kol Mevasser*

# 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)



# Celebrate Simhat Torah! Thursday, October 12

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

Minha - 5:15pm

Arvit - 5:45 pm

*Hakkafot followed by a light Israeli dinner*

*Sponsored by Louise Nathan, Sunny J. Sassoon & family*



## Our Clergy



### **Rabbi Raif Melhado**

I was born and raised in Urbana, Illinois, and studied History at the University of Illinois. I attended both *Yeshivat HaKibbutz HaDati* at Ein Tzurim and the *Pardes Institute* in Jerusalem before joining the world of informal Jewish education through Hillel. While in rabbinical school at *Yeshivat Chovevei Torah*, I held internships at the *Institute for Jewish Ideas and Ideals*, *Congregation Mikveh Israel* and the *Hebrew Institute of White Plains*. Along with pursuing semikha, I also earned a Master's degree in modern Jewish history from *Yeshiva University*.

Since my arrival in August 2015, it has been such a pleasure to serve our special Sephardi community in LA. In my spare time, I love translating Hebrew texts and spending time with my wife Jessica and our daughters, Penny and Ellie. I really enjoy being with people, and look forward to meeting you!



### **Sasson, Ezra, Senior Hazan**

I was born in Calcutta, India, the youngest of ten children. I met my wife, Daisy (z"l), there, and had my first daughter before we moved to Los Angeles where part of my family had moved after leaving India. Once here, I began tutoring children and helping to build up the Iraqi Jewish community. I participated in the bringing together and building of the community, both physically and spiritually. My goal, throughout those years, was to preserve and continue the unique traditions of Baghdadi Jewry. In addition to my work with Kahal, I also was a teacher and administrator for Harkham Hillel Academy for forty years.

## Our Clergy



### **Saeed Jalali, Hazan**

I was born and raised in Bombay, India. I spent four years in Israel at the Technion in Haifa and then moved to Los Angeles where I graduated from CSUN School of Engineering. I went to Kahal Joseph one cold, dark, Selihot morning and never left. Kahal Joseph is also where I met my wife who spent most of her time in shul running after our three children. I love model airplanes, building things, playing the Oud and guitar if time permits, and teaching others our beautiful Baghdadi melodies while learning along the way.

## Guest Clergy



### **Hazan Michael Ben Atar**

We are thrilled that the wonderful voice of Hazan Michael Ben Atar will once again grace us from Jerusalem for Rosh Hashana and 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 and violin, performs hazanut and at semahot, and teaches music to children and adults.

# Rosh Hashana

## What Does it Mean?

Literally, “Rosh Hashana” means “the New Year,” and we give it this name because the Jewish calendar year changes on Rosh Hashana. Last year it was 5777, and from the first day of Rosh Hashana it will be 5778.

On a deeper level, the Talmud teaches that the world was created at this season, so Rosh Hashana is also the birthday of the universe. This helps build a sense of renewal as we approach the Festival. We have a fresh, clean slate with all the same potential for new beginnings.

Our tradition explains that on this special holiday, God takes a moment to reflect on the actions of each person. How have we lived as Jews? How have we treated our fellows? Knowing that this “Day of Judgment” happens is a great opportunity for us to look over our souls and try to improve ourselves. Have we wronged someone? Perhaps now is the time to make amends.

One of the most memorable aspects of Rosh Hashana is the ceremony of blowing the Shofar. These blasts serve as a wakeup call to those among us who have become dulled to the rhythm of our lives. This “alarm” could be both an admonishment and a celebration depending on the context. If we have something in ourselves to atone for and make right, the sound of the Shofar startles us into action. At the same time, if our souls yearn to recognize God’s glory and the beauty of his world, the sound of the Shofar gives us a voice with which to proclaim it.

Our services express these themes in words of incredible poetry, but Rosh Hashana is also about spending time with family and passing on the values of Judaism to our children. The New Year is a celebration of life – let us all enjoy it together.



# Rosh Hashana Services

## What to Expect

Morning services on every Shabbat and Festival have a common structure. Each will contain...

- **Zemirot:** praises to get us in the right spiritual mood.
- **Shaharit:** the morning service, which is built around...
  - *The Shema:* the primary testament of Jewish faith, and
  - *The Amida:* pouring out our hearts to God in a manner appropriate to the day. Individuals say it silently, and the Hazan repeats it for those who do not know it.
- **Torah service:** on Shabbat, we read the weekly portion in a cycle that allows us to finish the entire Torah once a year. On Festivals, we read a special selection of the Torah with themes relevant to the day.
- **Musaf:** another Amida service describing the sacrifices we would have done in the Temple on that day if it were still standing.

The Rosh Hashana service makes some special additions to this structure:

- **Piyutim:** lyric poems that capture the themes of the day of Rosh Hashana. They are inserted into...
  - The Hazan's repetition of the Amida (both times)
  - A special Piyutim service after Shaharit, and
  - Before the first 30 Shofar blasts are sounded
- **Shofar service:** between the Torah Service and Musaf, the first group of Shofar blasts is introduced with a special set of prayers. It is expressed in the voice of the one who will blow, giving him time to take in the magnitude of his responsibility and ask for God's mercy.

**Take advantage of the prayer books:** The *Mahzor Ori Veyishi* was published by a previous Rabbi of Kahal Joseph just for us! It has English translations of the entire service from start to finish, and also includes detailed explanations of the meaning of the themes and traditions.

# Yom Kippur

## What Does it Mean?

Literally, “Yom Kippur” means “the Day of Atonement,” and we give it this name because we seek forgiveness for all of our sins.

There are two types of sins that Jews commit. One is the category of transgressions against God. We believe that God has brokered a binding covenant with us in which we express our love and obligation to Him through the practice of Judaism. When we violate that agreement, we have sinned against God. It is for this type of sin only that we seek forgiveness in our services.

The other category includes transgressions against mankind and the world we inhabit. We believe that every human being is created in the image of God, and that the world is a precious gift over which we must act as custodians. If our actions show that we do not respect these ideas, we have sinned against each other. Prayers on Yom Kippur do not absolve these sins, and it is up to us to do the hard work of mending relationships to achieve forgiveness on this front.

One of the most memorable observances of Yom Kippur is fasting. In a Jewish fast, we abstain not only from food, but also from drink and any form of ingestion. We do not wear leather or ointments, and we refrain from intimacy. Along with Tisha Be'av, Yom Kippur is one of only two days in the Jewish calendar year in which we fast for a full 25 hours. (Note: the fast does not require you to place yourself in danger. If your medical care requires you to eat, you may do so discretely.)

In Sephardi communities, it is common for prayers on Yom Kippur to last for the entire day with only minimal rest. In this way we show our dedication to the value of repentance.

# Yom Kippur Services

## What to Expect

**Selihot:** For 40 days in the lead-up to Yom Kippur, we have been saying special penitential prayers each morning. Centered around the 13 Attributes of God, they emphasize that we want Him to be merciful with us. While the words express this in tender poetry, the melodies are rousing and inspire the enthusiastic participation of all present. To make it easier to participate in the five times that Selihot will be read over Yom Kippur, this booklet features the communal singing in English letters (pp. 30-35).

**Kol Nidre:** This service is built around the ritual of annulling our vows. Many transgressions could be avoided if we did not speak in terms of “swearing” to do or not do certain things. At Kol Nidre, we declare that if we have done so in the past, we did not really mean it, and we preemptively will not mean it for the future.

**Shaharit and Musaf:** The explanation of the baseline structure of Rosh Hashana services (p. 21) will serve you well here too. The main difference is that instead of blowing the Shofar, we add one set of Selihot after each Amida. Inside the Musaf Amida is the “Seder Ha’avoda,” which describes the ritual in which the High Priest would seek atonement for the whole nation in Temple times.

**Minha:** This is similar in structure to the afternoon service on Shabbat, with the main special reading being the Book of Jonah for its themes of repentance.

**Ne’ila:** This service is the final opportunity to seek forgiveness before the gates of heaven are sealed.

**Take advantage of the prayer books:** The *Mahzor Hazon Yehezkel* was published by a previous Rabbi of Kahal Joseph just for us! It has English translations of the entire service from start to finish, and also includes detailed explanations of the meaning of the themes and traditions.

# The Jews of Iraq

The first arrival of Jews in what is now Iraq is recorded in the Tanakh. The ancient Israelite kingdoms of Israel and Judea fell in battle in the 8th and 6th centuries BCE, and Jewish captives were brought to Babylon as spoils of war. This harsh beginning launched what would become more than 2500 years of continuous Jewish settlement.

When King Cyrus the Great allowed the Jews to return to Jerusalem and rebuild the Holy Temple, most of the Jewish population remained in Mesopotamia. Some of the finest Torah academies in the world were established there, and Babylon was the unquestioned leader of global Jewry for 8 centuries until the death of the last Gaon in 1038.

During the High Middle Ages, the focus of Jewish life began to shift westward to Europe and the Mediterranean Basin. Baghdad went through a corresponding decline in size and importance, struggling to compete with other rising centers while facing political instability at home.

This started to turn around in the late 18th and early 19th centuries, as new opportunities opened up in a more globalized economy. The Jewish population of Baghdad swelled to a quarter of the city, and a new generation of Torah scholars once again commanded the respect of the region. Meanwhile, its more adventurous tradesmen set up satellite posts in cities from Basra to Kobe, undertaking major civic projects that benefited Jews and locals alike.

Families from this Asian diaspora founded Kahal Joseph in the 1950s and 60s. Our earliest membership hails from Bombay, Calcutta, Rangoon, Singapore, and Surabaya, and we have been enriched by additions from Iraq, Iran, and across the Sephardic world.

# The Jews of Iran

Persian Jews can also trace the origins of their community to our Holy Scriptures. Several mentions are made of Persian kings and the Jews under their rule, and the entire Book of Esther takes place in the Achaemenid Empire of Ahashverosh.

East of Baghdad, Jews participated the wider sphere of Persian influence, which included the Caucasus Mountains and Afghanistan in addition to the area that is now Iran. This gave them a shared cultural and geographical context that also made them unique in the eyes of the rest of world Jewry.

From the Sassanian period through the Islamic conquest and into the present, Persian Jews have experienced moments of persecution and tolerance. In the best of times, they spread out across the entire Persian zone, giving them a solid base of support to carry them through the tough periods.

During and after the Islamic Revolution in 1979, some 90% of Iran's Jews left the country. Many flocked to Los Angeles to be with loved ones, and became cherished members and friends of this wonderful community.



*Baghdadi Jewish migration in Asia*

# The History of Kahal Joseph

*Edited from an article by Vera Levi*

*by her daughter and granddaughter, Judy and Margot Lurie*

This has been a year of change and growth for Kahal Joseph. We have our first female president, we began a large renovation project, as well as new programs for young professionals and families in our congregation.

Jews of Iraqi ancestry began settling in Los Angeles in the 1920s. Though they tenaciously clung to their Sephardic traditions, for many years the congregation struggled to establish itself, with unity proving elusive and material resources hard to come by. It wasn't until 1959 that Kahal Joseph officially incorporated as a synagogue.

After many years of holding services in private living rooms or rented spaces, the congregation bought and remodeled a school building at 1520 South Robertson Blvd. Kahal Joseph opened its doors there in 1968, instituting regular Shabbat services, Talmud Torah, and an ever-growing range of communal programs and events. In fact, it wasn't long before Kahal Joseph outgrew the Robertson facility, and in 1977, the congregation acquired its current building at 10505 Santa Monica Boulevard.

Kahal Joseph is notable for being one of the few congregations in the Western United States to follow the Baghdadi minhag (custom). Our first full-time spiritual leader was Rabbi Elias Levi z"l, a native of Baghdad and the first Sephardic rabbi ordained and graduated from Yeshiva University in New York.

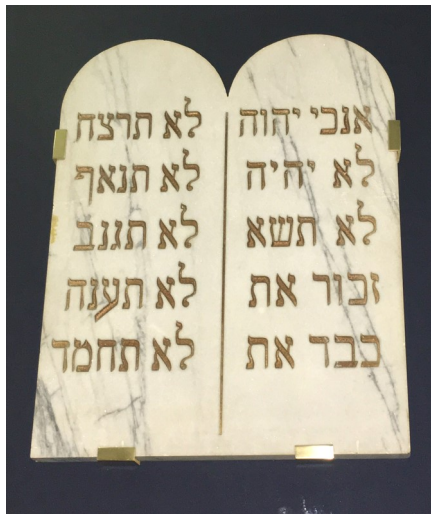
Alongside this proud Iraqi identity, Kahal Joseph has always had a broad Pan-Sephardic community. After all, large numbers of Jews of Baghdadi ancestry later found homes in India, Burma, Malaysia, Singapore, China, Indonesia, and the East Indies. In the aftermath of World

War II, and with the eclipse of the British Empire, many Jews forced out of these lands would arrive in California and find a taste of the "Old Country" at Kahal Joseph.

Later, the synagogue would welcome members from Israel, Morocco, and especially Iran, with an influx of Persian Jews enriching our congregation.

Our current spiritual leader, Rabbi Raif Melhado, brings his scholarship, good cheer, and passion for all things Sephardic to a range of new religious and social activities, from free online learning to Young Professional Shabbat dinners and starting-from-aleph Hebrew classes.

We welcome you to admire our collection of over 40 Sifrei Torah from around the world, to bask in our beautiful melodies, to read our weekly Kol Mevasser publication, and to join the over 300 families who comprise our Kahal Joseph membership, making our unique community their religious home.



*Tablet of the 10 Commandments, recovered from 1520  
Robertson Blvd., home of Kahal Joseph 1968-1977.  
Dedicated in memory of founding members  
**Saul and Rebecca Mizrahie.***

## Preserving Iraqi Heritage

The leading lights of the Baghdadi Jewish diaspora published reams of books and pamphlets from Italy to China. The major centers of activity included Baghdad itself as well as Jerusalem, Calcutta, Bombay, and Shanghai, and a large amount of Iraqi Jewish publications were sent to the Sephardi presses at Leghorn.

With the help of several of our members, Kahal Joseph has begun to acquire a small selection of these Baghdadi Jewish prints to serve as a cherished cultural resource. Several times Rabbi Melhado has resolved questions about our rituals and traditions by consulting these rare items.

Help us acquire more of our heritage at the click of a button: [www.kahaljoseph.org/donate](http://www.kahaljoseph.org/donate)

We have scanned a few of the shorter ones for public use: [www.kahaljoseph.org/iraqi-books](http://www.kahaljoseph.org/iraqi-books)



Mi Khamokha: *Hebrew with Judeo-Arabic translation Calcutta, 1897*



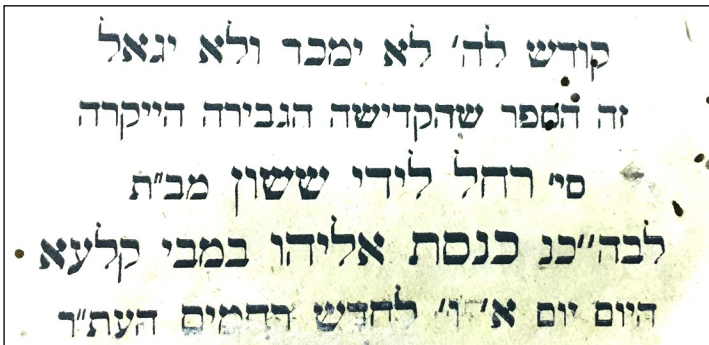
# Scholar Researches Iraqi Jews

Marcus E. Smith, a PhD candidate in History at Purdue University, specializes in the modern Middle East. Born and raised in Ohio, his deployment to Iraq in 2005 with the U.S. Army sparked an interest in the history and cultures of the region.

He is drawn to the history of Jews in Iraq because it is a history largely unknown to Americans and it is indicative of both a defining characteristic of the Middle East—diverse ethnic and religious communities with a long history of coexistence—and the current crises facing the region that are bringing so many of these communities to an end.

His research explores how people think of themselves as belonging to multiple groups-- often overlapping and occasionally opposing. He is particularly interested in the ways notions of self and community can change over time and what these changes say about the broader society. He is drawn to study minority communities such as Muslim Americans and Iraqi Jews. They share in common the experience of having elements of their identity such as Muslim and American or Jewish and Iraqi declared to be contradictory by others despite their insistence to the contrary.

**If you would like to participate in his research, contact him through his website at [marcusesmith.weebly.com](http://marcusesmith.weebly.com)**



*Dedication plate from Lady Rachel Sassoon to Knesset Eliyahoo synagogue in Bombay, 1915*

# The Selihot Prayers in English Transliteration

Selihat is the main section where we ask God for mercy all together, so it is important that each person be able to participate. If the Hebrew alphabet makes it harder for you to follow along, feel free to read these prayers in English letters here.

We have tried to make the spelling feel natural to English speakers. For consistency and simplicity...

*A single "e" always rhymes with the vowel in the word "red."*

*A single "o" always rhymes with the vowel in the word "go."*

*The bold indicates where to place the emphasis in the word*

There are no page numbers because these prayers are used five times throughout Yom Kippur. However, they do appear in the order that we will say them.

## Thirteen Attributes

**el** me-lekh yo-shev **al** ki-**se** ra-ha-mim oo-mit-na-**heg**  
ba-ha-si-**doot**, mo-**hel** a-vo-**not** a-**mo** ma-a-**vir** ri-**shon**  
ri-**shon**, mar-**be** me-hi-**la** la-ha-ta-**im** oos-li-**ha** la-po-she-**im**,  
o-**se** tse-da-**kot** **im kol** ba-sar ve-roo-ah **lo** ke-ra-a-**tam**  
la-**hem** go-mel, **el** ho-re-**ta**-noo lo-**mar** mi-**dot** she-**losh**  
es-re, ze-**khor** la-noo ha-**yom** be-**rit** she-**losh** es-re,  
ke-**mo** she-ho-**da**-ta le-a-**nav** mi-**ke**-dem ve-**khen** ka-**toov**  
be-to-ra-**takh**, va-**ye**-red a-do-**nai** be-a-**nan** va-yit-ya-**tsev**  
ee-**mo** **sham**, va-yi-**kra** be-**shem** a-do-**nai** ve-**sham**  
ne-e-**mar**.

va-ya-a-**vor** a-do-**nai** **al** pa-**nav** va-yi-**kra**: a-do-**nai**  
a-do-**nai** **el** ra-**hoom** ve-ha-**noon** e-rekh a-**pa**-yim  
ve-**rav** he-sed ve-e-**met** no-**tser** he-sed la-a-la-**fim**  
no-**se** a-**von** va-**fe**-sha ve-ha-ta-**a** ve-na-**ke**.

ve-sa-lah-**ta** la-a-vo-**ne**-noo ool-ha-ta-**te**-noo oon-hal-**ta**-noo.  
**ki** ba-**yōm** ha-**ze** ye-kha-**per** a-le-**khem** le-ta-**her** et-**khem**  
mi-**kol** ha-to-te-**khem** lif-**ney** a-do-**nai** teet-**ha**-roo.

## **Merciful One**

*Response to every line:*

be-**dil** va-ya-a-**vor**

## **To the Lord Our God**

*Call and Response:*

la-do-**nai** e-lo-**he**-noo ha-ra-ha-**mim** ve-ha-se-li-**hot**  
**ki** ha-**ta**-noo **lo**

la-do-**nai** e-lo-**he**-noo ha-ra-ha-**mim** ve-ha-se-li-**hot**  
**ki** ma-**rad**-noo **bo**

**al na** ta-**shev** a-**le**-noo ha-**tat**  
a-**sher** no-**al**-noo va-a-**sher** ha-**ta**-noo

*Call and Repeat:*

ha-**ta**-noo tsoo-**re**-noo se-**lah** la-nu yo-tse-**re**-noo  
she-**ma** yis-ra-**el** a-do-**nai** e-lo-**he**-noo a-do-**nai** e-**had**  
ba-**rookh** **shem** ke-**vod** mal-khoo-**to** le-o-**lam** va-**ed**  
a-do-**nai** **hoo** ha-e-lo-**heem** a-do-**nai** **hoo** ha-e-lo-**heem**

*Response 1:* a-do-**nai** **me**-lekh

*Response 2:* a-do-**nai** ma-**lakh**

*Response 3:* a-do-**nai** yim-**lokh** le-o-**lam** va-**ed**

## **Answer Us... Answer Us**

*Response to every line:*

a-**ne**-noo

**Answer Us... Answer Us** *(continued)*

a- <b>ne</b> -noo	e-lo- <b>hey</b> av-ra- <b>ham</b>	a- <b>ne</b> -noo
a- <b>ne</b> -noo	oo- <b>fa</b> -had yits- <b>hak</b>	a- <b>ne</b> -noo
a- <b>ne</b> -noo	a- <b>vir</b> ya-a- <b>kov</b>	a- <b>ne</b> -noo
a- <b>ne</b> -noo	ma- <b>gen</b> da- <b>vid</b>	a- <b>ne</b> -noo
a- <b>ne</b> -noo	ha-o- <b>ne</b> be- <b>et</b> ra- <b>tson</b>	a- <b>ne</b> -noo
a- <b>ne</b> -noo	ha-o- <b>ne</b> be- <b>et</b> tsa- <b>ra</b>	a- <b>ne</b> -noo
a- <b>ne</b> -noo	ha-o- <b>ne</b> be- <b>et</b> ra-ha- <b>mim</b>	a- <b>ne</b> -noo
a- <b>ne</b> -noo	e-lo- <b>hey</b> ha-mer-ka- <b>va</b>	a- <b>ne</b> -noo
a- <b>ne</b> -noo	e-la- <b>ha</b> de-ri- <b>bi</b> me- <b>ir</b>	a- <b>ne</b> -noo
a- <b>ne</b> -noo	biz-khoo- <b>teh</b> de- <b>var</b> yo- <b>hai</b>	a- <b>ne</b> -noo
a- <b>ne</b> -noo	mis- <b>gav</b> ha-i-ma- <b>hot</b>	a- <b>ne</b> -noo
a- <b>ne</b> -noo	ez- <b>rat</b> ha-she-va- <b>tim</b>	a- <b>ne</b> -noo
a- <b>ne</b> -noo	ra- <b>hoom</b> ve-ha- <b>noon</b>	a- <b>ne</b> -noo

**Lord of Forgiveness**

a-**don** ha-se-li-**hot**, bo-**hen** le-va-**vot**  
go-**le** a-moo-**kot**, do-**ver** tse-da-**kot**  
ha-**ta**-noo le-fa-**ne**-kha ra-**hem** a-**le**-noo

ha-**door** be-nif-la-**ot**, va-**tik** be-ne-ha-**mot**  
zo-**kher** be-**rit** a-**vot**, ho-**ker** ke-la-**yot**  
ha-**ta**-noo le-fa-**ne**-kha ra-**hem** a-**le**-noo

**tov** oo-me-**tiv** la-be-ri-**yot**, yo-**de**-a **kol** nis-ta-**rot**  
ko-**vesh** a-vo-**not**, lo-**vesh** tse-da-**kot**  
ha-**ta**-noo le-fa-**ne**-kha ra-**hem** a-**le**-noo

ma-**le** za-ki-**yot**, no-**ra** te-hi-**lot**  
so-**le**-ah a-vo-**not**, o-**ne** be-**et** tsa-**rot**  
ha-**ta**-noo le-fa-**ne**-kha ra-**hem** a-**le**-noo

po-**el** ye-shoo-**ot**, tso-**fe** a-ti-**dot**  
ko-**re** ha-do-**rot**, ro-**khev** a-ra-**vot**  
sho-**me**-a te-fi-**lot**, te-**mim** de-**ot**  
ha-**ta**-noo le-fa-**ne**-kha ra-**hem** a-**le**-noo

## **Merciful God is Your Name**

**el ra-hoom she-makh, el ha-noon she-makh**  
**re-e be-o-ni a-makh, ra-hem al o-la-makh**

**el a-dir she-makh, el ba-rookh she-makh**  
**el ga-dol she-makh, el da-gool she-makh**  
**re-e be-o-ni a-makh, ra-hem al o-la-makh**

**el ha-door she-makh, el va-tik she-makh**  
**el za-kai she-makh, el ho-nen she-makh**  
**re-e be-o-ni a-makh, ra-hem al o-la-makh**

**el ta-hor she-makh, el ya-hid she-makh**  
**el ka-bir she-makh, el la-ad she-makh**  
**re-e be-o-ni a-makh, ra-hem al o-la-makh**

**el me-lekh she-makh, el no-ra she-makh**  
**el so-mekh she-makh, el o-zer she-makh**  
**re-e be-o-ni a-makh, ra-hem al o-la-makh**

**el po-de she-makh, el tsa-dik she-makh**  
**el ka-dosh she-makh, el ra-ha-man she-makh**  
**re-e be-o-ni a-makh, ra-hem al o-la-makh**

**el sha-dai she-makh, el sho-mer she-makh**  
**el to-mekh she-makh, el ta-mim she-makh**  
**re-e be-o-ni a-makh, ra-hem al o-la-makh**

**el ra-hoom shim-kha, el ha-noon shim-kha**  
**el e-rekh a-pa-yim shim-kha, ma-le ra-ha-mim shim-kha**  
**ba-noo ni-kra shim-kha a-do-nai a-se le-ma-an**  
**she-me-kha.**

### **O Lord be Gracious**

*Response to every line:*

oov-**se**-fer ha-**yim** zokh-**re**-noo ve-khot-**ve**-noo

*At Ne'ila:*

oov-**se**-fer ha-**yim** zokh-**re**-noo ve-hot-**me**-noo

### **For the Sake of Your Name**

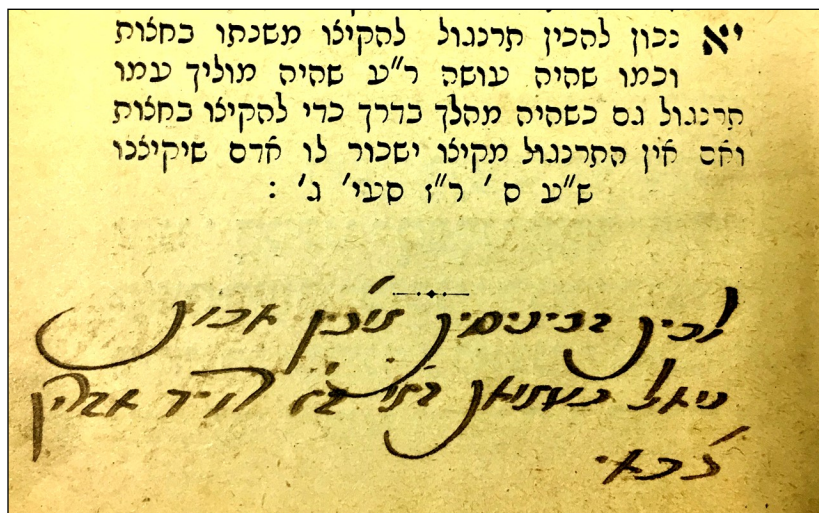
*Response to every line:*

ve-**hoo**-sa al yis-ra-**el** a-**me**-kha

### **Act For the Sake of Your Name**

*Response to every line:*

a-**se** le-**ma**-an



*Baghdadi Selihot Book published at Leghorn, 1931 and  
dedicated to Maghain Aboth synagogue, Singapore,  
in honor of trustee David Aaron Gubbay*

## **Majestic and Glorious**

a-**dir** ve-na-**or**, bo-**re dok** va-**he**-led  
**mi el** ka-**mo**-kha

go-**le** a-moo-**kot**, do-**ver** tse-da-**kot**  
**mi el** ka-**mo**-kha

ha-**door** bil-voo-**sho**, ve-**en** zoo-la-**to**  
**mi el** ka-**mo**-kha

zo-**kher** ha-be-**rit**, ho-**nen** she-e-**rit**  
**mi el** ka-**mo**-kha

te-**hor** e-**na**-yim, yo-**shev** sha-**ma**-yim  
**mi el** ka-**mo**-kha

ko-**vesh** a-vo-**not**, lo-**vesh** tse-da-**kot**  
**mi el** ka-**mo**-kha

me-**lekh** me-la-**khim**, no-**ra** ve-nis-**gav**  
**mi el** ka-**mo**-kha

so-**mekh** no-fe-**lim**, o-**ne** a-shoo-**kim**  
**mi el** ka-**mo**-kha

po-**de** oo-ma-**tsil**, tso-**e** be-**rav** ko-ah  
**mi el** ka-**mo**-kha

ka-**rov** le-ko-re-**av**, ra-**hoom** ve-ha-**noon**  
**mi el** ka-**mo**-kha

sho-**khen** she-ha-**kim**, to-**mekh** te-mi-**mim**  
**mi el** ka-**mo**-kha



## A Letter from our Talmud Torah Director

"Shana tova umetukah" is being heard all around us: every stop at the market, every text and phone call ends with those sweet words. This year at Kahal Joseph's Talmud Torah is going to be an amazingly sweet year!

How can it not be with those precious faces arriving eagerly every Sunday morning?

At the Norma and Sam Dabby Talmud Torah, we strive to live our values, and our incredible team of teachers facilitates that with a unique set of experiences each week. Judaism needs to be more than just a list of do's and don'ts – that's why, from the moment our children say Modeh Ani in the morning, we focus on learning to read Hebrew and understand the meaning of our tefillot. We also believe that each story in the Torah has something to teach us – that's why we discuss the Torah portion every week, especially focusing on the meaning and message of the parasha. This includes a hands-on activity directly related to a midah (Jewish value) or special moment from the text. These projects move us out of our workbooks and textbooks into tangible experiences that not only make an impact on the children, but can be shared with family and friends.

Our school is only as good as the amazing families that learn with us! We are truly blessed to take part in the nurturing of our students' Jewish identities. As the school year continues, we invite you to join us. We take students from 4 years old through bar and bat mitzvah age, with a special tuition discount for members of Kahal Joseph.

If you would like more information about our program or would like to visit our school during class time, please don't hesitate to call me at 310.474.0559 or email me at [molly@emetek.com](mailto:molly@emetek.com).

Shana Tova Umetukah,

Molly Jalali





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## From our Program Director

As we usher in a brand new year, join me in reflecting on the wonderful year past. The two previous pages hold just a sampling of pictures from our amazing events this year.



Some things, of course, can't have pictures, including our new kids holiday programming on Sukkot & Simhat Torah, and the new Young Professionals Shabbat dinner program which now has a dedicated following.

Looking forward, I'm excited about our new initiative for children's Shabbat programming. Each week, we have wonderful Shabbat services with our Rabbi and Hazzanim. Although children are welcome in the sanctuary, there has not been a formal Shabbat program for children in our beautiful playroom upstairs.

Starting Saturday, November 11, Parashat Haya Sarah, we will be offering monthly events, including Tot Shabbat, Torah and Me and more. In addition to this monthly program, we'll have enhanced activities on the "off" weeks.

**Bring your kids! Bring your grandkids! It's going to be lots of fun!** Interested in partnering with us, either to help with developing this new program, or to sponsor?

Contact me at [Jessica@kahaljoseph.org](mailto:Jessica@kahaljoseph.org)

Jessica Melhado

### Kahal Joseph Shabbat Children's Program!



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**Tot Shabbat**  
**0 to 5**



**Torah & Me**  
**6 to 12**



**To sponsor or help out - email [Jessica@kahaljoseph.org](mailto:Jessica@kahaljoseph.org)**

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### ROSH HASAHANAH

THUR. SEPT. 21 - 10AM - 2:30PM

FRI. SEPT. 22 - 10AM - 1:30PM

### YOM KIPPUR

FRI. SEPT. 29 - 5:30PM - 10PM

SAT. SEPT. 30 - 10AM - 2PM  
3:45PM - 7:30PM



## FALL HOLIDAYS



### SUKKOT

THUR. OCT. 5 - 10 AM - 12:30PM

FRI. OCT. 6 - 10AM - 12:30PM

### SHEMINI ATZERET

THUR. OCT. 12 - 10AM - 12:30PM

### SIMCHAT TORAH

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## YOUNG PROFESSIONALS HANUKKAH DINNER

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17  
6PM AT THE RABBI'S HOUSE

JOIN THE RABBI AND HIS FAMILY FOR AN INTIMATE  
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\* HANUKKAH CANDLELIGHTING \* LIGHT DAIRY DINNER \*  
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## *Tu Bshevat Community Hike*

*Sunday, January 28*



## *Purim Baking*

*for KJ Gifts Baskets*  
*Sunday, February 18*



## *Purim Carnival*

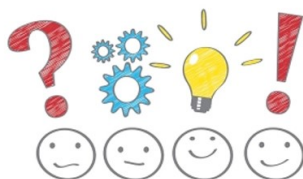
*Sunday, February 25*



## *Memouna*

*Sunday, April 8*

# Living Room Learning



**Got a pressing Jewish question?  
Something on your mind? A topic of interest?**

Host Rabbi Melhado in your home for a class to explore a topic of your choice, or work with the rabbi to find something that interests you. Invite your friends, and learn together with the rabbi in a relaxed environment.

Interested? Questions?  
Email the rabbi at [RabbiMelhado@kahaljoseph.org](mailto:RabbiMelhado@kahaljoseph.org).

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# Young Professionals Dinners

**Members and friends in their 20s and 30s are invited to join the rabbi and his family for a delicious meal and a lively, warm discussion on a current topic.**

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

**October 6  
November 3  
December 17  
January 12**

**February 16  
March 16  
April 20  
May 11**

**June 8**

## Announcing Kahal Joseph's 5778 Speaker Series

Kahal Joseph is proud to welcome speakers from across the country, around the city and in our community.



### Rabbi Asher Lopatin

**Monday, November 13 at 7PM**

Currently the President of YCT Rabbinical School in New York City, Rabbi Lopatin served as the spiritual leader of Anshe Sholom B'nai Israel in Chicago for 18 years.

He was ordained by Rabbi Aharon Soloveichik and Yeshivas Brisk. A Rhodes Scholar, he has an M.Phil in Medieval Arabic Thought from Oxford and has authored many articles.

Our thanks  
and appreciation to  
**Mr. Abe Kamara**

for his selfless dedication  
and for donating  
his time and resources  
towards the renovation  
of our Synagogue

We are very grateful

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Our thanks and  
appreciation to  
**Michael &  
Moselle Amron**

for their generous  
donation to dedicate  
the social hall on  
the second floor

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## **Never had a Bat Mitzvah? It's not too late!**

**Join a NEW class for women  
starting after the holidays  
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**All levels of Hebrew &  
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**Contact Yvette Dabby at  
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## Milestones

Dear friends and Kahal members, may this Rosh Hashana herald in a year of good wishes fulfilled, promises of peace realized, and, most of all, enjoyment of boundless energy!

Tizkoo leshanim rabot! Shalom rav, ube'ahava rabba,

— *Vera Levi*

May the Almighty shower us all with his blessings, and my daughter Fiona in particular for all her kindness.

— *Mordecai Cohen*

In honor of our grandchildren Ethan, Zachary and Madeline Dabby Joyce with our love,

— *Nana and Baba (Yvette and Joe Dabby)*

In honor of our grandson Joel C. Dabby Beller with our love,

— *Nana and Baba (Yvette and Joe Dabby)*

In honor of Dr. Naomi Dabby with love

— *Mom and Dad (Yvette and Joe Dabby)*

Wishing you all a happy, healthy, and prosperous new year

— *Dr. Eva Dloomy*

Happy Birthday to you Nava Irani. Special Wishes!

— *Mitra and Moshe Irani, Grandparents.*

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.

— *Ironi Family*

To Saul Levi with Gratitude for the wonderful friendship, filled with laughter and inspiration. May G-d Bless you always.

— *Georgette Joffe*

Wishing all our family and friends a Healthy and Sweet New Year.

— *Love, Michelle and Stan Kurtz*

Mazal tov to Rabbi Raif Melhado and Rebbetzin Jessica Cavanagh-Melhado on their 10th anniversary.

— *Lee and Evan Melhado*

Mazal tov to Bill and Annette Cavanagh on their 44th anniversary.  
— *Lee and Evan Melhado*

We are profoundly grateful that Bill and Annette Cavanagh came through Hurricane Irma safely, in good health, and with minimal property damage

— *Lee, Evan, Jessica, and Rabbi Raif Melhado*

We thank Almighty God for gracing us with the miracle of our little Ellie. Sukkot will always have extra special meaning for us: "tobim hashenayim min ha'ehad!"

— *Jessica and Rabbi Raif Melhado*

Our thanks to Hashem for blessing us with the birth of our granddaughter, Sophia Rose, sister of Gabriel Louis Rubin.

— *Rosy and Albert Nissan*

Congratulations Florette Benhamou for being recognized as one of Hillel's outstanding, incredible teachers! Of course, we already knew that! We are so proud of you on receiving this well deserved honor! Love you,

— *The Reiz family*

May the blessing of the New Year be for all good people.

— *Joe and Ruby Samuels*

Wishing our Rabbi and family and all our dear members a year of health, happiness, and joy

— *Elsa and Harry Singman*

## In Memory

In memory of Pary Cohen, beloved Great Grandmother.

— *Cohen, Sina, Lahiji, and Irani families*

Reuven Itzhaki, beloved husband, father and grandfather who inspired us to enjoy the celebration of Rosh Hashana as well as every single day of our lives.

— *Edna Itzhaki*

Cousin Anita, you touched so many lives, young and old, and will forever be remembered for your love, warmth, and generosity.

May your memory be a continued blessing to all those who were fortunate to know you.

— *Love, Cousin Florette (Benhamou)*

*My dear cousin Anita,  
There are no words to express the heartache that I feel,  
I still can't understand why,  
But this feeling is so real,  
I miss your laugh,  
I miss your smile,  
I wish I had more time,  
To tell you that I love you,  
How you are truly one of a kind.  
Forever in my heart,  
— Cousin Rene (Reiz)*

Emilio Molinari, you are loved beyond words and missed beyond measure. You will be in our hearts forever and ever, you will never be forgotten May Hashem always bless your soul, give you peace, love and strength.

— *Lots of Love Jack, Adele, Gabriella, Noah and Benjamin*

#### Dad – Opa – Nassim Hay Mussry

*As we look back at this past year  
We find ourselves wondering .....  
Did we remember to thank you enough  
For all you have done for us?  
For all the times you were by our sides  
To help and support us .....  
To celebrate our simchas and successes  
To understand our problems  
Or for teaching us by your example,  
The value of family, hard work, good judgment, courage and integrity?  
Thank you for your generosity  
To let us have the very best  
And for the simple, most important things  
Like laughter, smiles, memories, pool parties, Korean Bar, days at the  
office, Israel and all of the beautiful times we shared  
If we have forgotten to show our  
Gratitude enough for all the things you did,  
We're thanking you now.  
And we are hoping you knew all along  
How much you meant to us.  
Dad/ Opa we love you so very much, we think about you every day and  
still can't believe you are gone.  
Your memory is beyond a blessing. We miss you,  
— Love Jack, Adele, Gabriella, Noah and Benjamin*

## Symbolic Meaning at Kiddush

*The reason for eating apples on Rosh Hashana is that apples can be enjoyed in three ways at once: through taste, beauty, and smell. It is therefore a great symbol of our request for wellbeing, to have life and plenty for the entire year. It is the same for the other foods we eat at this time, whose name, taste, or nature brings a good omen for a year of blessings.*

*We begin with the Kiddush for Rosh Hashana. After eating a piece of bread, we say bore peri ha'ets and eat a date or other fruit; and then we say bore peri ha'adama and eat a plant from the ground such as watermelon or cucumber. Finally we say the Seder of good omens as arranged below. One should repeat it on the second night as well, and some also do so during the day.*

(On Shabbat: **"The sixth day** – heaven and the earth and all their host were finished. At the seventh day, God finished the work that He had made, and on the seventh day He ceased from all the work that He had made. God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on that day He ceased from all the work that He had created and done.")

**"On the day** of your rejoicing, and on your festivals and new months, you shall blow the trumpets over your burnt-offerings and peace-offerings; and they will be a memorial for you before your God; I am the Lord your God."

**What say you**, my masters? (*To life!*) Blessed are You, O Lord our God, King of the Universe, who creates the fruit of the vine. (*Amen*)

**Blessed** are You, O Lord our God, King of the Universe, Who chose us from among all nations, exalted us above all tongues, and sanctified us with His commandments. O Lord our God, you have lovingly given us (*On Shabbat*: this Sabbath Day, and) this Day of Remembrance, this festival day of holy convocation, this day of (*On Shabbat*: recalling the sounding Shofar) sounding the Shofar as a holy convocation and commemoration of the Exodus from Egypt; for Your word, our King, is true and endures forever. Blessed are You, O Lord, King over all the earth Who sanctifies (*On Shabbat*: the Sabbath,) the Jews and the Day of Remembrance. (*Amen*)

**Blessed** are You O Lord Our God, Who has kept us alive, sustained us, and brought us to this season. (*Amen*)



## סימנא מילתא

הטעם שמביאין תפוח כי התפוח יש בו ג' הנאות טעם ומראה וריח והוא לסימן טוב לבקשתינו שפע הכללי שהוא בני חיי ומזוני לכל השנה כולה. וכן לכל הסימנים, ששמם או טעמם או טיבם מביא סימן טוב לשנת ברכה.

יקדיש לראש השנה, ואחר שאכל פרוסת המוציא יברך תחילה בפה"ע על תמרה וכיוצא וגם יברך בפה"א על אבטיחים או מלפפונות (רקזי בטיח יא כ"יאר) ואחר כך יעשה כסדר להלן. וכן יעשה בליל שני ויש נוהגים לעשות גם ביום.

(בשבת: **יום הששי**: ויכלו השמים והארץ וכל צבאם: ויכל אלהים ביום השביעי מלאכתו אשר עשה. וישבת ביום השביעי מכל מלאכתו אשר עשה: ויברך אלהים את יום השביעי ויקדש אתו. כי בו שבת מכל מלאכתו אשר ברא אלהים לעשות.)

**ויביום** שמחתכם ובמועדיכם ובראשי חודשיכם ותקעתם בנצצות על עלתיכם ועל זבחי שלמיכם. והיו לכם לזכרון לפני אלהיכם אני ה' אלהיכם:

**סברי מרגן:** (לחיים) ברוך אתה ה'. אלהינו מלך העולם. בורא פרי הגפן: (אמן)

**ברוך אתה ה'.** אלהינו מלך העולם. אשר בחר בנו מכל עם. ורוממנו מכל לשון. וקדשנו במצותיו. ונתן לנו ה' אלהינו באתקה את יום (בשבת: השבת הנה ואת יום) הזכרון הנה. את יום טוב מקרא קדש הנה. (בשבת: זכרון תרועה) יום תרועה. מקרא קדש. זכר ליציאת מצרים. ודברך מלפנינו אמת וקיים לעד. ברוך אתה ה'. מלך על כל הארץ מקדש (בשבת: השבת ו) ישראל ויום הזכרון: (אמן)

(במוצ"ש: **ברוך אתה ה'.** אלהינו מלך העולם. בורא מאורי האש: **ברוך אתה ה'.** אלהינו מלך העולם. המבדיל בין קדש לחול. ובין אור לחושך. ובין ישראל לעמים. ובין יום השביעי לששת ימי המעשה. בין קדשת שבת לקדשת יום טוב הבדלת. ואת יום השביעי מששת ימי המעשה הקדשת והבדלת. והקדשת את עמך ישראל בקדשתך. **ברוך אתה ה'.** המבדיל בין קדש לקדש:)

**ברוך אתה ה'.** אלהינו מלך העולם. שהחיינו. וקיימנו. והגיענו לזמן הנה: (אמן)

(*On Saturday Night:* **Blessed** are You, O Lord our God, King of the Universe, Who creates the light of the fire. Blessed are You, O Lord our God, King of the Universe, Who distinguishes between sacred and secular, between light and darkness, between the Jews and other peoples, between the seventh day and the six days of labor. You have distinguished between the sanctity of Shabbat and that of Festivals, even as You have hallowed the seventh day above the six days of work, and set apart and sanctified Your people the Jews through Your Holiness. Blessed are You, O Lord, Who distinguishes between degrees of holiness.)

**Blessed** are You, O Lord our God, King of the Universe, Who sanctified us with His commandments and directed us to wash our hands. (*Amen*)

**Blessed** are You, O Lord our God, King of the Universe, Who brings forth bread from the land. (*Amen*)

**Blessed** are You, O Lord our God, King of the Universe, Who creates the fruit of the tree. (*Amen*)

**Blessed** are You, O Lord our God, King of the Universe, Who creates the fruit of the ground. (*Amen*)

(*Date*) May it be Your will, O God and God of our forefathers, that an end be brought to our hateful enemies and those who wish ill on us.

(*Fenugreek*) May it be Your will, O God and God of our forefathers, that our merits increase.

(*Pomegranate*) May it be Your will, O God and God of our forefathers, that we be as full of *mitsvot* as a pomegranate is of seeds.

(*Gourd*) May it be Your will, O God and God of our forefathers, that You tear up evil decrees against us, and have our merits recited before You.

(*Quince*) May it be Your will, O God and God of our forefathers, that You bring upon us a good new year, as sweet as honey.

(*Spinach*) May it be Your will, O God and God of our forefathers, that our hateful enemies cease to exist.

(*Hawthorn*) May it be Your will, O God and God of our forefathers, that our hateful enemies be appalled.

(*Fish*) May it be Your will, O God and God of our forefathers, that we be fruitful and multiply like fish.

(*Leeks*) May it be Your will, O God and God of our forefathers, that our hateful enemies be cut off.

(*Head*) May it be Your will, O God and God of our forefathers, that we be like the head and not the tail, which is a commemoration of the ram of our Patriarch Isaac, peace be upon him!

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה ה'. אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם. אֲשֶׁר קִדְּשָׁנוּ בְּמִצְוֹתָיו וְצִוָּנוּ עַל  
נְטִילַת יָדַיִם: (אמן)

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה ה'. אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם. הַמוֹצִיא לֶחֶם מִן הָאָרֶץ: (אמן)

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה ה'. אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם. בּוֹרֵא פָרִי הָעֵץ: (אמן)

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה ה'. אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם. בּוֹרֵא פָרִי הָאֶדְמָה: (אמן)

{תמר} יְהִי רָצוֹן מִלְּפָנֶיךָ. ה' אֱלֹהֵינוּ וְאֱלֹהֵי אֲבוֹתֵינוּ. שְׂיִתְּמוּ  
אוֹיְבֵנוּ וְשִׁנְאוֹנוּ וְכָל-מְבַקְשֵׁי רַעַתְנוּ:

{רוביא} יְהִי רָצוֹן מִלְּפָנֶיךָ. ה' אֱלֹהֵינוּ וְאֱלֹהֵי אֲבוֹתֵינוּ. שְׂיִרְבוּ  
זְכוּיוֹתֵנוּ:

{רמון} יְהִי רָצוֹן מִלְּפָנֶיךָ. ה' אֱלֹהֵינוּ וְאֱלֹהֵי אֲבוֹתֵינוּ. שְׁנַהֲיָה  
מְלָאִים מַצּוֹת פְּרָמּוֹן:

{קרא} יְהִי רָצוֹן מִלְּפָנֶיךָ. ה' אֱלֹהֵינוּ וְאֱלֹהֵי אֲבוֹתֵינוּ. שְׂיִקְרַע רוֹעַ  
גִּזְרֵינוּ וְיִקְרָא לְפָנֶיךָ זְכוּיוֹתֵנוּ:

{ספרג'ל} יְהִי רָצוֹן מִלְּפָנֶיךָ. ה' אֱלֹהֵינוּ וְאֱלֹהֵי אֲבוֹתֵינוּ. שְׂתַחַדֵּשׁ  
עֲלֵינוּ שָׁנָה טוֹבָה וּמְתוֹקָה כַּדָּבָשׁ:

{סלק} יְהִי רָצוֹן מִלְּפָנֶיךָ. ה' אֱלֹהֵינוּ וְאֱלֹהֵי אֲבוֹתֵינוּ. שְׂיִסְתַּלְקוּ  
אוֹיְבֵנוּ וְשִׁנְאוֹנוּ:

{זרעור} יְהִי רָצוֹן מִלְּפָנֶיךָ. ה' אֱלֹהֵינוּ וְאֱלֹהֵי אֲבוֹתֵינוּ. שְׂיִזְדַּעְזְעוּ  
אוֹיְבֵנוּ וְשִׁנְאוֹנוּ:

{דג} יְהִי רָצוֹן מִלְּפָנֶיךָ. ה' אֱלֹהֵינוּ וְאֱלֹהֵי אֲבוֹתֵינוּ. שְׁנַפְרָה  
וְנִרְבֶּה כַּדָּגִים:

{כרתי} יְהִי רָצוֹן מִלְּפָנֶיךָ. ה' אֱלֹהֵינוּ וְאֱלֹהֵי אֲבוֹתֵינוּ. שְׂיִכָּרְתוּ  
אוֹיְבֵנוּ וְשִׁנְאוֹנוּ:

{ראש} יְהִי רָצוֹן מִלְּפָנֶיךָ. ה' אֱלֹהֵינוּ וְאֱלֹהֵי אֲבוֹתֵינוּ. שְׁנַהֲיָה  
לְרֹאשׁ וְלֹא לְזָנָב. וְזֶה זִכְרֵנוּ לְאֵילֹנוּ שֶׁל יִצְחָק אַבִּינוּ עָלֵינוּ  
הַשָּׁלוֹם:

# Memorials

## **1 Tishre / Thursday, September 21st**

Aaron Aslan  
Hannah Cohen *Chana bat Rachel*  
Mozelle Elisha  
Julian Raymond Kelly *Yacob Rahamim ben Saleh Moshe Kadoorie*  
Edward Sassoon  
Farha Sassoon *Farha bat Aziza*

## **4 Tishre / Sunday, September 24th**

Naima Atraghji

## **5 Tishre / Monday, September 25th**

Seemah Manasseh *Simhah bat Salhah Ekaireb*  
Naim Mezrahi  
Ester Sarne *Ester bat Toba*

## **8 Tishre / Thursday, September 28th**

David Hai Menashe Sasson

## **9 Tishre / Friday, September 29th**

Rachel Cohen *Rachel bat Simha*

## **10 Tishre / Shabbat, September 30th**

Flora Jacob *Farha bat Dina*  
Hilda Sassoon *Habiba bat Toba*  
Kelly Zelkha *Khadoori ben Nazem*

## **12 Tishre / Monday, October 2nd**

Ian Carlos *ben Mishelle*  
Edna Jonah *Simha bat Ruth*  
Ezekiel Ezra Judah *Yehezkel Ezra ben Meir Yehuda*  
Sassoon Lelah *Sasson ben Aharon*  
*Moshe ben Yaacov Shalom*

## **14 Tishre / Wednesday, October 4th**

Georgina Sara Moses *Sarah bat Simcha*  
Naji Shaaya  
Regina Shaby *Regina bat Haviva*

## **15 Tishre / Thursday, October 5th**

Raina Murad Aslan  
David Sulman Aslan

## **17 Tishre / Shabbat, October 7th**

Salim Yoseph Meir *Salim ben Yoseph Meir*  
Ezekiel Moses *Yehezkel ben Sasson*  
Salim Youssefmir *Salim ben Amin*

**18 Tishre / Sunday, October 8th**

Jacob Ephraim *Yaacov ben Ephraim*  
Rosy Hyam *Rosy bat Mazli*  
Paul Hyman *Yaacov Pesah ben Yitzhak*

**19 Tishre / Monday, October 9th**

Girjee Ezra *Gurjiyee bat Sarah*  
Peninna Klein *Peninna bat Eliyahu*  
Regina Mizrahie *Regina bat Habiba*

**21 Tishre / Wednesday, October 11th**

Menashe Ezra *Menashe ben Ezra*  
Menashe Ezrapour  
Allon Iny  
Menashi Jacob *Yaacov ben Menashi Yaacov*

**22 Tishre / Thursday, October 12th**

Ezra Hayim Ezra *Ezra Hayim ben Norman*  
Joyce Jacob *Ester bat Sarah*  
Solomon Moses *Salman ben Haskel*

**23 Tishre / Friday, October 13th**

Naima Somekh *Naima bat Lulu*

**24 Tishre / Shabbat, October 14th**

Flora Cohen *Farha bat Salha*  
Solomon Miriam *Miriam bat Rachel*

**25 Tishre / Sunday, October 15th**

Farha Ezrapour *Farha bat Rachel*

**26 Tishre / Monday, October 16th**

Moshe Duewk *Moshe ben Aharon Duewk HaCohen*  
Irving Saber *Yitzhak ben Aharon*

**27 Tishre / Tuesday, October 17th**

Abraham Kattan *Abraham ben Eliahu Kattan*

**28 Tishre / Wednesday, October 18th**

Georgina Amron *Girji Hoogi bat Farha*

**29 Tishre / Thursday, October 19th**

Elias Aslan  
David Isaac *David ben Eliyahu Yitzhak*  
Jack Jonah *Yaakov ben Yitzhak*

**30 Tishre / Friday, October 20th**

Irving Henry Patrick *Yitzhak ben Moshe*

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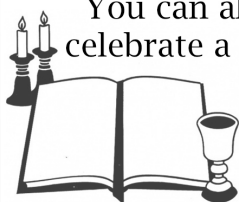
Uniting in worship each week to praise God and reconnect with our community brings joy and replenishes the soul. Kahal offers Kabbalat Shabbat, Shabbat morning and Seuda Shelisheet services.

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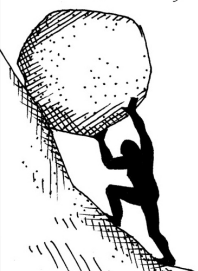
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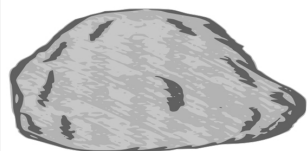
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*May you merit many good and*  
*pleasant years of life*