

KOL MEVASSER

Rabbi's Message

Lately I've been involved in several lighthearted conversations about the differences between Mizrahi and Ashkenazi practices. From questions of law and ritual down to cultural and customary norms, there is plenty of material to discuss.



visited the city and wrote about what they saw in their journals. Such sources are an important tool of critically assessing local accounts, and in some cases they are all that is left due to the deterioration or destruction of Iraqi Jewish archival material. While they must also be used with caution because they can be unreliable or biased, they help us fill in a more three-dimensional picture of what it was like to stand in Jewish Baghdad in the late Ottoman period.

One of our members in particular likes to tease me by singing communal prayers in an overdone Ashkenazi accent. When I quip back that this must be how they read it back in Iran, he jokes that it is the "old Shirazi dialect."

Moments like these are meant in good fun, yet they also cause me to reflect on how much emphasis we put on behavioral expectations in the Jewish community. It is so natural to experience our own minhag as "normal," while others are then "different." In the best of times, we can smile about these variances together in a jovial spirit. In the worst of times, there have been misunderstandings that can fray the bonds of kinship between us.

The brotherly warmth that I have enjoyed recently over Ashkenazi-Mizrahi relations is a good model for how to treat each other. In that spirit, I would like to take a moment to honor the role that a handful of Ashkenazim played in preserving Iraqi Jewish memories.

During the flowering of Baghdadi Jewish life in the 19th century, several European Jews

Rabbi Shneur Zalman ben Menachem Mendel visited Baghdad several times in his capacity as a *Shadar* for Jerusalem and Hebron. In 1871, he wrote fondly that, "I was extremely happy when I celebrated Simhat Torah in Baghdad. My eyes beheld their wonderful custom to gather as a community on the night of Hoshana Rabba to sit and learn the entire Tanakh, Zohar, and Mishnayot. Afterwards they would pray Arvit and place all the Sifre Torah facing the Ekhal in cases covered with silver and gold – there must have been 400 scrolls! In their prayers they would perform hakafot and supplications according to Rabbi Hayim David Azulai."

A very similar report was echoed ten years later by another visitor, Wolf Schorr. Both are a testament to the piety of Babylonian Jews, whose notables supported a rich collection of fine Judaica while the regular people thronged in droves to read our holy texts all night long. Just as these Ashkenazim helped preserve snippets of our own heritage, so should we celebrate theirs. All types of Jews have much to offer each other – may our cooperation endure in happiness for the benefit of all!

Shemini Atseret / Simhat Torah

Torah SA: Deut. 15:19–16:17; Num. 29:35–30:1
 Orot Seph. Sukkot 363–365 (5 aliyot)
 Haftara SA: I Kings 8:54–66
 Orot Seph. Sukkot 365–366
 Torah ST: Deut. 33:1–34:12; Gen. 1:1–2:3; M
 Orot Seph. Sukkot 366–71 (5 olim, 3 hatanim)
 Haftara ST: Josh. 1:1–9
 Orot Seph. Sukkot 372
 Tefillot: Ps. 12, Full Hallel, Tikkun Hageshem (SA only; Mashiv Haruah begins at Musaf that day, but Barekh Alenu is delayed until Arvit on Monday, December 4th)

Parashat Beresheet

Special readings by

Shai Elghanian and Adam Zekaria

Torah (§): Gen. 1:1–6:8, 146 Pesukim
 Hertz 2–20; Stone 2–29
 Haftara (§): Isaiah 42:5–21
 Hertz 21–23; Stone 1130
 Tefillot: Mashiv Haruah, Hakhrizat Heshvan (F/S)

KJ Schedule

Erev Shemini Atseret

Wednesday, October 11th

Minha..... 5:45 pm
 Arvit 6:15 pm
 Candle lighting 6:05 pm

Yom Shemini Atseret

Thursday, October 12th

Shaharit 8:30 am
 Keri'at HaTorah..... 10:15 am
 Musaf..... 11:45 am

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Lel Simhat Torah
Thursday, October 12th

Minha 5:15 pm
Arvit 5:45 pm

Festive Hakafot and Israeli Dinner

Candle lighting after 7:07 pm

Yom Simhat Torah
Friday, October 13th

Shaharit 8:30 am
Keri'at HaTorah 10:15 am
Musaf 11:45 am

Erev Shabbat Beresheet
Friday, October 13th

Minha 5:30 pm
Arvit 6:00 pm
Candle lighting 6:03 pm

Shabbat Beresheet
Saturday, October 14th

Shaharit 8:30 am
Keri'at HaTorah 10:15 am
Musaf 11:40 am
Minha 5:15 pm
Se'uda Shelisheet 6:00 pm
Arvit 6:50 pm
Havdala 7:05 pm

Sunday, October 15th

Shaharit 7:30 am
Talmud Torah 9:45 am

Monday-Thursday, October 16-19

Shaharit 6:25 am

Rosh Hodesh Heshvan / Friday, October 20th
Shaharit 6:15 am

Next Shabbat & Rosh Hodesh Heshvan

Friday-Saturday, October 20-21

Candle lighting 5:54 pm
Friday Minha 5:45 pm
Shaharit 8:30 am
Saturday Minha 5:15 pm
Havdala 6:57 pm

Simhat Torah
Dinner

is sponsored
in memory of their parents

Habiba bat Toba, z"l
Yaacov Yosef ben Sasson,
z"l

by Louise Nathan
Sunny Sassoon
and Family

Shabbat
Kiddush

is sponsored in honor of

Shai Elghanian's &
Adam Zekaria's
Bar Mitzva
Anniversaries

by
Sherry & Sam Elghanian and
Sylvia & Leon Zekaria

In Memoriam

We remember these yahrzeit anniversaries from October 12 to 21, 2017. It is customary to light memorial candles, donate tzedaka & attend Shabbat services in honor of loved ones.

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
Miriam Solomon Miriam bat Rachel

25 Tishre / Sunday, October 15th

Farha Ezrapour Farha bat Rachel

26 Tishre / Monday, October 16th

Moshe ben Aharon Duwek HaCohen
Irving Saber Yitzhak ben Aharon

27 Tishre / Tuesday, October 17th

Abraham Kattan Abraham ben Eliyahu Kattan

28 Tishre / Wednesday, October 18th

Georgina Amron Girji Hoogi bat Farha

29 Tishre / Thursday, October 19th

Elias Aslan

David Isaac David ben Eliyahu Itzhak
Jack Jonah Yaakov ben Yitzhak

30 Tishre / Friday, October 20th

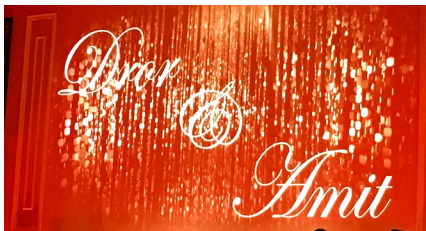
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1 Heshvan / Shabbat, October 21st

Nissan Gad Nissan ben Avraham
Joseph Aaron Judah Yoseph ben Aharon
Yehuda

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 • Moshe Haim ben Sara • Oren ben Aliza



Mazal Tov

to the happy couple
Amit Yehudayan
and Dror Ironi

Besiman Tov

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

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



Mazal Tov

Shai Elghanian and
Adam Zekaria
on your
Bar Mitzva
Anniversaries

Besiman Tov

to your parents
Sherry & Sam
Elghanian and
Sylvia & Leon Zekaria
and both families

THE KIDS ROOM IS OPEN!

SUKKOT

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

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



SHEMINI ATZERET

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

SIMHAT TORAH

FRI. OCT. 13 - 10AM - 12:30 PM

A WONDERFUL SUKKOT AT KAHAL!

After lovely services for the holiday, the Kahal community joined together twice, once for a Young Professional's shabbat meal at the rabbi's sukkah, and again for an intergenerational meal in Kahal's sukkah



Top: Fuad Salem, Rabbi Melhado, Joe Samuels and Lev Hakak singing Sukkah v'lulav; The Elghanian family, Friends in the sukkah, Fuad Salem hanging fruit



Middle: Group shot and our very full sukkah!



Bottom: Our youngest members and friends enjoying the Kahal playroom outside the sukkah

SHESHBESH AT KAHAL



JIMENA and Kahal Joseph Congregation
invite you to an

All-Ages Backgammon Tournament

Sunday, November 12th
10505 Santa Monica Blvd

10am-4pm

10am: Tournament check-in and warm-up
11am: Tournament begins

Enjoy Middle Eastern music and food
Pre-registration: \$10 adults, kids FREE, \$20 Tournament Entry

At the door: \$10 adults, \$5 kids, \$30 Tournament

Prizes for top players and raffle giveaway
(bring your own board for a free raffle ticket!)

Tickets: bit.ly/kjsheshbesh

Share on facebook: bit.ly/kjsheshbeshfb

Questions or purchase over the phone: (646) 894-0052

The Shabbat Project presents....



Thursday, October 26, 2017

Dessert Reception 7:00PM

Program 8:00PM

Admission: \$36

ADAS TORAH, 9040 W. Pico

Register at theshabbosproject.org/la

Join 100s of women for music, inspiration & challah baking!

Saturday, October 27 at Kahal Joseph

Special Seuda Shelisheet at 4:45PM

Featuring Rebbetzin Jessica Melhado

Men & women welcome

Kahal Joseph Shabbat Children's Program!

Starting Saturday, November 11

Shabbat Haye Sarah

*** Singing * Stories * Games *
* Snack * Discussion * & more!**



Tot Shabbat
0 to 5



Torah & Me
6 to 12



Watch the Kol Mevasser to find out more!

To sponsor or help out - email Jessica@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...

- *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!



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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 to join!

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

Join a NEW class for women
starting after the holidays
with Rabbi Melhado

All levels of Hebrew &
Jewish knowledge welcome!

Contact Yvette Dabby at
yvettedabby@gmail.com to sign up!

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.