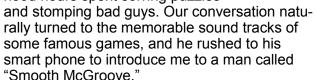
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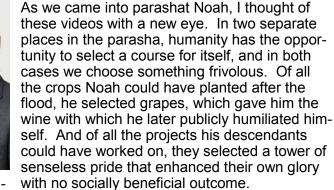
### Rabbi's Message

This summer, I enjoyed catching up with an old friend from my days at the Pardes Institute in Jerusalem. As a fellow millennial, he was drawn to the old Nintendo Entertainment System in our living room, and we had fun reminiscing about childhood hours spent solving puzzles



What I found was as astonishing for its artistry as it was for its apparent triviality. "Smooth McGroove" is the stage name for Max Gleason, an Oklahoma native who loves music and was bored at his day job. To blow off steam from real life, he made an *a capella* recording of the jingle for one of his favorite childhood video games, and the result was so popular it broke the Internet.

His videos, of which there are now any great number, are all built around the same successful model. In the center of the screen is a clip of someone playing a video game, and this action is ringed by a Brady-Bunch-style arrangement of cameras that each features Smooth McGroove singing a single track. When all of them are played simultaneously, they produce an exact arrangement of the game's music, made all the more charming by Gleason's melodic tenor. Comedic styling is added through his physical appearance, with a full beard and straight hair past his shoulders, as well as the tolerant presence of his cat on the percussion screen.



Does the success of Smooth McGroove point to a similar problem of misplaced priorities? For his videos to have any cachet, his audience must have played enough video games for enough time that they would be emotionally invested in watching them for fun. And he himself must spend vast amounts of time preparing each of the several takes of which each single clip is composed. As we might have asked the builders of the Tower of Babel, don't they have anything better to do?!

Yet I will suggest that like the tower itself, it all comes down to intention. Gleason is clearly much happier now: he has nearly 2 million YouTube followers, more than enough for him to earn a living wage and quit the job that bored him. Meanwhile, a guick search on the Internet shows that many find his story inspiring: they read him as a struggling artist whose creative vision came to reality through hard work that finally paid off. How many people with "conventional" jobs can say that? The difference between success and bad priorities is perhaps more slight than we wish to admit, which is a wakeup call to us all. How comfortable are we with what we spend most of our effort on? Let's make the time to find out.

#### Parashat Noah Rosh Hodesh Heshvan

Torah (§): Gen. 6:9–11:32, Num. 28:9–15 Hertz 26–40, 695; Stone 30–53, 890

Haftara: Is. 66:1-24 & 23

Hertz 944-947; Stone 1208-1210

Tefillot: Mashiv Haruah, Ya'ale Veyavo, Half Hallel, Ata Yatsarta in Musaf; no Tsidkatekha

#### KJ Schedule

# Erev Shabbat Friday. October 20th

Minha	5:45 pm
Arvit	6:00 pm
Candle lighting	5:54 pm

#### Yom Shabbat Saturday, October 21st

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Suriday, October 22nd		
Shaharit	7:30 am	
Talmud Torah	9:45 am	
Monday-Friday, October 23-27		
Shaharit	. 6:25 am	
Next Shabbat		
Friday-Saturday, October 27-	-28	
Candle lighting	5:46 pm	
Friday Minha		
Shaharit	8:30 am	
Saturday Minha	. 5:00 pm	
Havdala	. 6:49 pm	



#### KJ Welcomes Guest Speaker Sammy Samuels

Sammy Samuels is the third generation caretaker of the synagogue and Jewish interests in Yangon, Myanmar. Together

with his wife, Zahava, and sisters, Dina and Kuzna, they oversee Jewish landmarks in former Burma. The synagogue, *Musmeah Yeshuah*, the eighth "must see" venue in Yangon, hosts travel groups and interfaith conferences.

Sammy is a graduate of Yeshiva University in New York. For his work in promoting peace through travel and working for peace in Myanmar, recently meeting with Former UN Secretary General, Kofi Anan, to discuss the Rohingya unrest in Myanmar, Sammy was awarded the Eisenhower Award. In this connection, he has been travelling around the United States and meeting with people in the travel industry and the political arena.

The condition of the synagogue in Myanmar is pristine, and we have to thank the Samuels family for this, so that those of us who can go back, can revisit our life in Myanmar when we lived there and attended services with our families.

#### Seuda Shelisheet

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Mary Mussry z"l

by The Mussry Family

#### Condolences

We offer our deepest condolences to the family and friends of **Mary Mussry**, z"I

Miriam bat Toba (Yaakov Saleh), who was born in Indonesia and passed away in Los Angeles on 21 Tishre 5778, Hoshana Rabba. She is survived by her sister Elsa Singman and brother David Mussry. She was predeceased by her siblings Hilda Sassoon, Rebecca Mizrahie, Florence Nathan, Charles Mussry, Lily Judah, Joseph Mussry, Edward Mussry, Ruby Mussry, Nassim Hay Mussry, and Grace Mussry. May Hashem comfort them together with all the mourners of Tsion.

#### Thank You Diana Gazal

for donating candy bags for the children on Simhat Torah

#### In Memoriam

We remember these yahrzeit anniversaries from October 21 to 28, 2017. It is customary to light memorial candles, donate tzedaka & attend Shabbat services in honor of loved ones.

1 Heshvan / Shabbat, October 21st Nissan Gad *Nissan ben Avraham* Joseph Aaron Judah *Yoseph ben Aharon Yehuda* 

2 Heshvan / Sunday, October 22nd Ovadia Drori Ovadia ben Avraham Khalil Naghdi Matatyahou ben Eliyahu David ben Yaacov Shalom

3 Heshvan / Monday, October 23rd Yaacov Levy Yaacov ben Shaul Levy Sassoon Jacob Joseph Solomon Sassoon Yaacov Yosef Shlomo

**4 Heshvan / Tuesday, October 24th**Sam Bekhor *Shmuel ben Yaacob Bekhor*Hilda Gillis *Habiba Gillis*Grace Saltoon *Garziee bat Masouda* 

5 Heshvan / Wednesday, October 25th Ruby Cohen Rivka bat Salha Khatoun Salha Hoory Salha bat Noona Jacob Izaac Itzhak ben Yaacob Itzhak Menashe Levi Menashe Hai ben Yoseph HaLevi

**6 Heshvan / Thursday, October 26th** Meyer J. Jonah *Meir ben Yaacov Yonah* Saul Sopher *Shaoul ben Avraham Shalom* 

8 Heshvan / Shabbat, October 28th Eliezer Chammou *Eliezer ben Yosef* 

#### 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

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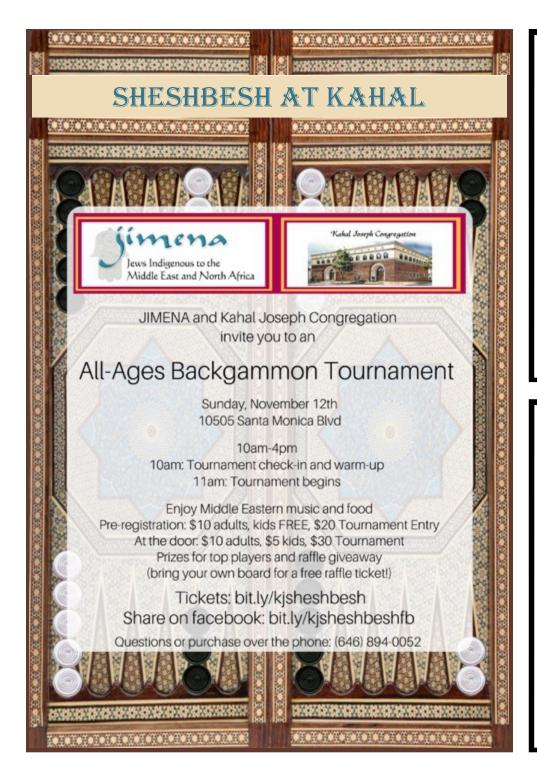












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# Announcing Kahal Joseph's 5778



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.