

KOL MEVASSER

Rabbi's Message

It's hard to tear up our roots. Once we are familiar with a given place and its customary way of doing business, then just being there becomes an emotional "comfort food" that we cannot easily leave behind. Especially when our families and social networks are there with us, we feel contented to carry out our lives from the security of a culture that we intimately know.



of the Italian Torah academies, he mastered both Jewish and secular culture well enough to earn a full-time living by his pen. Like Abraham, he was unapologetically Jewish in a world dominated by gentiles. While he may not be as renowned for his fealty to mitzvot, he left behind a legacy of engagement in Judaism that is still being talked about centuries after his death.

From 1786 to 1790, an extended stay in Sherifian Morocco pushed him far outside his normal comfort zone. What was to be a short trip ballooned into four years away from the European continent that represented his whole familiar world. Throughout this period, he subsisted on a combination of wit and networking with local Jews, making his own faith essential to his survival as never before. Yet the Judaism that he found around him was utterly different than his own, bringing many questions about his relationship with faith directly before his mind.

Unlike Avraham, Romanelli's "Lekh-Lekha" experience was not a positive move to a new homeland, but a hazardous trial to be endured. Nevertheless, his travelogue went down in history as the first modern ethnographic study of Moroccan Jewry, and his keen documentation of local traditions and folkways made him a household name (at least in his day; I was astonished that there was no Wikipedia page on him until I copied his entry from the Jewish Encyclopedia). Looking back on his experience, he developed as both a person and a Jew in a way that he may never have contemplated otherwise. Perhaps this is why, surrounded by the free-thinking Berliner Maskilim, he still closed his published account with a sonnet of gratitude to God. May all of our discomforts be so helpful as to remind us of our true priorities!

How much more are the difficulties magnified when we don't know much about the place we are going – or worse, if it doesn't measure up to the one that we left! The Biblical commentator Rabbi David Kimhi (1160-1235) reminds us that Abraham had almost nothing to go on when God told him to move to Kena'an. Had God sung the land's praises, Abraham could have explained his migration with logic, but to start over in a new country on faith alone was a huge leap.

Somewhat paradoxically, it is exactly the risk of crossing these uncharted waters that can make the experience so enriching. One who leaves security to endure deprivation is forced to reconsider their priorities, adapting them to less-than-ideal circumstances. We are already familiar with how this plays out in the story of Abraham, so let us follow a more recent example of how a Jewish leader grew through a process of "Lekh-Lekha."

Samuel Romanelli (1757-1814) was an Italian linguist and philosopher who would have loved that I introduced him with a comparison to the founder of Judaism. Raised in the grand tradition

Parashat Lekh Lekha

Bar Mitsva of Daniel Itzhakov

Torah: Gen. 12:1–17:27, 126 Pesukim

Hertz 45–60; Stone 54–77

Haftara: Is. 40:27–41:16

Hertz 60–62; Stone 1133–1134

Tefillot: Mashiv Haruah, Birkat Halevana

KJ Schedule

Erev Shabbat / Friday, October 27th

Minha / Arvit 5:30 pm

Candle lighting 5:46 pm

Yom Shabbat / Saturday, October 28th

Shaharit 8:30 am

Keri'at HaTorah 10:15 am

Musaf 11:40 am

Women's Tehillim *right after kiddush*

Minha 4:45 pm

Se'uda Shelisheet 5:30 pm

Arvit 6:35 pm

Havdala 6:49 pm

Sunday, October 29th

Shaharit 7:30 am

Talmud Torah 9:45 am

Monday-Friday, October 30 to November 3

Shaharit 6:25 am

Next Shabbat / Fri-Sat, November 3-4

Rabbi Melhado's Bar Mitsva Anniversary

Candle lighting 5:40 pm

Friday Minha 5:30 pm

Shaharit 8:30 am

Saturday Minha 5:00 pm

Havdala 6:42 pm

Shabbat Kiddush

is sponsored in honor of
Daniel's Bar Mitsva
by
Dalia and Kamran Itzhakov

Mazal Tov to Daniel on his Bar Mitsva

Besiman Tov
to his parents
Dalia and Kamran Itzhakov
his siblings
Aaron and Maya
his grandparents
Nahid and Dani Itzhakov
Diana and Yitzhak Neman
and both families



*Daniel reads Vezot Habera'cha
at the Kotel (Oct 9)*

Special Se'uda Shelisheet

in honor of
The Shabbat Project

Mazal Tov

Farah Reiz &
Pejman 'Sharone' Noghereian
on your engagement

Besiman Tov
to parents, Renee and Norman Reiz
Parvin and David Noghereian
grandparents
Senior Hazan Sassoon Ezra
Sylvia Reiz, Ben Eliyahu Mohabber
Gohar Noghereian, and both families

Mazal Tov

Shayna & David Sternberg
on the birth of a baby girl
Sophie Jade

Besiman Tov
to grandparents, Lulu and Alan Fenster
Andrea and Peter Sternberg
great-grandparents
Senior Hazan Sassoon Ezra &
Sheri Fenster and both families

In Memoriam

We remember these yahrzeit anniversaries from
October 28 to November 4, 2017. It is customary
to light memorial candles, donate tzedaka & at-
tend Shabbat services in honor of loved ones.

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

9 Heshvan / Sunday, October 29th
Ezekiel Ezra
Farha Joseph *Farha bat Haviva*

10 Heshvan / Monday, October 30th
Jacob Ezekiel Azoory *Yaacov Yehezkel Azoory*
Nissim Elie *Nissim Elie ben Dona*
Edward E. Sassoon *Yehezkel ben Aharon*

11 Heshvan / Tuesday, October 31st
Jacob Silas Mussry *Yaacov ben Saleh*
Naji Perry

12 Heshvan / Wednesday, November 1st
David Dallal
Flora Rahamim Pinhas
Joseph Jacob *Yoseph ben Yaacov Azoory*
Lulu Ezra Barukh
Yair ben Menashe

13 Heshvan / Thursday, November 2nd
Isaac Ezer *Itzhak ben Shaul*
Akhtar Sarraf *Khanom Agha bat Kokab*
Yehuda Refael ben Pinhas

14 Heshvan / Friday, November 3rd
Haskel Kelly
Helen Zakoo *Habiba bat Mazli*
Albert Simon *Albert Yehekel Moshe Simon*

15 Heshvan / Shabbat, November 4th
Eliyahu ben Yaacob Benzaqen

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

**KJ Shabbat Guest Speaker
Rebbetzin Jessica Melhado**

Saturday, October 28th at 4:45 PM



Lekh-Lekha: The Sacred Journey of Immigration

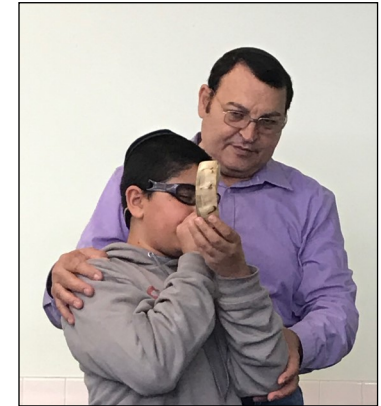
Do you feel a kinship with Avraham when he heeds the call to go to "a land he does not know?" Avraham was just the first of countless generations of Jews to find himself on both a spiritual and physical journey. Join Rebbetzin Melhado as she discusses historical examples as well as her own journey of immigration and religious awakening growing up in South Africa, Canada and the United States.

Rebbetzin Melhado was born in Durban, South Africa, and she moved as a child to Canada and then to Decatur, Illinois. She attended the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, where she received a degree in Religious Studies and then continued on to the Pardes Institute in Jerusalem for a year of intense Talmud study. After spending several years working in the Jewish community, she returned to school at New York University, where she earned an MPA in Non-profit Management and an MA in Hebrew & Judaic Studies. She is currently the Rebbetzin and Program Director at Kahal Joseph Congregation in Los Angeles.

HELPING HANDS AT KAHAL



Rabbi Yosef Khakshoor prepares to remove an ink blot from the Rosen Family Torah scroll.



Jeannot Acoca teaches a student the finer points of shofar blowing.

YOUNG PROFESSIONALS SHABBAT DINNER FRIDAY, November 3 AT 7:30 PM

Interested in....

a delicious dinner?
meeting new people?
invigorating discussion?



Join Rabbi Melhado and his family at home for a relaxed, joyful Shabbat dinner with good people.

Open to members and friends in their 20s and 30s.

Register now by emailing Rabbi at rabbimelhado@kahaljoseph.org.



Hazan Saeed Jalali and Eitan Jalali, aka Mr. Lulav and Mr. Etrog, teach the Talmud Torah kids how to use the Four Species on Sukkot.

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

Kahal Joseph Shabbat Children's Program!

Starting Saturday, November 11
Shabbat Haya 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

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.