

KOL MEVASSER

Rabbi's Message

Sarah's burial among the Hittites is the oldest example of what would become a common pattern throughout our history: when Jews show up in a new territory, the first institution to be formally constituted is the cemetery.



Square in the heart of New York's financial district, it began its life as a Jewish burial ground in 1683 on what was then the outskirts of town. The Sephardim could contract for this plot because they had organized for the same purpose 27 years before, founding the nucleus of what would become the only Jewish community in New York until well into the 19th century. Hence, while they first banded together over tragedy, these pioneers left a legacy that outlasted their lifespans many times over. Not only did the cemetery they established serve continuously for 140 years, but their synagogue still flourishes today as an active participant in local and national Jewish discourse.

Much like the Tomb of the Patriarchs, the Chatham Square Cemetery is now a site of national Jewish pilgrimage. Every year on the Sunday before Memorial day, faithful congregants visit to tend the grounds, read hashkabet, and place flags of recognition for Jews who served in the Revolutionary War. While most of the graves had to be reinterred elsewhere as New York seized the land to expand the city, a small triangle remains to bear witness to the world that gave birth to American Judaism.

It is this solemn loyalty to memory that makes the foundations of our community so strong. We thrive on our connectedness with tradition and those who came before us, and organizing to create graveyards is a conscious choice to enshrine these values in our institutional culture. It builds respect for custom deeply into the fabric of our communities, urging participants to become emotionally invested in their heritage. What better a way to self-understanding than through showering our love on those who made our lives possible!

While we look with pride on our synagogues, schools, and charitable organizations, these all take time to get going, and in the meantime the cycle of life does not wait. All too often, new communities must bid farewell to a member before they have the chance to develop much social infrastructure. From the Cave of Makhpela to the Hebrew Benevolent Society of Los Angeles (est. 1854), our responsibility to the dead is often the force that galvanizes us to create institutions for the living.

The need for our cemeteries to be officially registered with local authorities was first anticipated by Abraham. He recognized that holding title to the land would be useful in case of future disputes by local residents or governments, and when his descendants returned for future burials, they established the additional claim of customary precedent. Even this is not ironclad, as we can see by the ongoing dispute over access to the Tomb of the Patriarchs today, but it is certainly stronger than a verbal contract. If making these arrangements had the incidental effect of strengthening ourselves as a community, then so much the better!

The oldest surviving Jewish cemetery in this country is a case in point. Located in Chatham

Parashat Haya Sarah Veterans Day Weekend

Torah: Gen. 23:1–25:18, 105 Pesukim
Hertz 80–89; Stone 106–123
Haftara: I Kings 1:1–31
Hertz 90–92; Stone 1136–1137
Tefillot: Mashiv Haruah

Reminder: Winter Shabbat Times

The time change makes Shabbat come in very early in November and December. For the next seven weeks...

- Minha on Friday will be at 4:15 pm
- Minha on Saturday will be at 3:45 pm

KJ Schedule

Erev Shabbat

Friday, November 10th

Minha	4:15 pm
Candle lighting	4:34 pm

Yom Shabbat

Saturday, November 11th

Shaharit.....	8:30 am
Keri'at HaTorah	10:15 am
Musaf	11:40 am
Women's Tehillim	right after kiddush
Minha	3:45 pm
Se'uda Shelisheet	4:30 pm
Arvit	5:20 pm
Havdala	5:37 pm

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**Help our grandfather live
to see us grow up!**

*He desperately needs a
kidney donor
blood type A or O*



**For more information on
kidney donation contact**



Renewal
☎ 718.431.9831 Ext. 209
✉ R23263@renewal.org

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Sunday, November 12th

Shaharit..... 7:30 am
Talmud Torah 9:45 am
Sheshbesh Tournament..... 10:00 am

Monday-Friday, November 13th-17th

Shaharit..... 6:25 am

Next Shabbat/ Fri-Sat, November 17-18

Candle lighting..... 4:30 pm
Friday Minha 4:15 pm
Shaharit 8:30 am
Saturday Minha 3:45 pm
Havdala 5:33 pm

Se'uda Shelisheet

in loving memory of

**Heshmatolah Mizrahi
ben Shlomo & Devora, z"l
and**

**Shlomo Elghanian
Ben Yehuda & Heshmat, z"l
by
The Mizrahi Family**

In Memoriam

We remember these yahrzeit anniversaries from November 11 to 18, 2017. It is customary to light memorial candles, donate tzedaka & attend Shabbat services in honor of loved ones.

22 Heshvan / Shabbat, November 11th

Shlomo Elghanian *Shlomo ben Yehuda*
Heshmatolah Mizrahi *Heshmatolah ben Shlomo*
Khuzna Levi *Khuzna bat Esther HaLevi*

24 Heshvan / Monday, November 13th

Joseph Ezrapour *Joseph ben Ezra*
Yaacov Moshe ben Eliyahu

25 Heshvan / Tuesday, November 14th

Charles A. Lelah *Salah ben Aharon*

27 Heshvan / Thursday, November 16th

Sumner Blank
Yehoshua Moshi *Yehoshua ben Moshe*
Nissim Rahamim Yaacov

28 Heshvan / Friday, November 17th

Moshe Bebe *Moshe ben Khadoori*
Ezekiel Howard *Yehezkel Howard*
Lulu Masliah *Lulu bat Salha*
Samuel Joseph Zachariah *Shmoel ben Yoseph*

29 Heshvan / Shabbat, November 18th

Shaul Haim Nuriel *Shaul ben Haim*
Mary Saleh

Refua Shelema

Moselle Amron • Sally Amron • Haskell Avraham •
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 Hakimpour • Miriam bat Yetta
Miryam bat Malka • Moshe Ezra ben Mazal Tov
Moshe Hooman ben Sara • Simcha bat Rooha •
Moshe Haim ben Sara
Matisyahu Yoel Baruch ben Gitel

Kahal Joseph Shabbat Children's Program!

**THIS Saturday, November 11!
Shabbat Haye Sarah**

Playroom opens at 10, Program at 10:30

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

 **Tot Shabbat**  **Torah & Me** 
0 to 5 **6 to 12**

Email Jessica for more info at Jessica@kahalioseph.org!



Honoring our Veterans Veterans Day 2017

Hundreds of thousands of Jewish Americans have served in the armed forces since the American Revolution. Here is just one story:

Isaac & Jack Canetti were members of the Sephardic Association of Sheepshead Bay, Brooklyn. Isaac enlisted in the Air Force during WWII. Shot down over Germany, he remained at the controls until his 9 man crew had bailed out. Taken prisoner, he was liberated on April 28, 1945. Isaac was awarded the Air Medal twice as well as the Presidential Unit Citation. His brother Jack served four years as a Staff Sergeant with the Coast Artillery. During an intense battle protecting the Bermuda coast, his battery knocked out four enemy submarines.

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

ISRAEL ON MY MIND

SHABBAT VAYISHLAH
DECEMBER 1 & 2, 2017

Friday, December 1

"Israel's Economy Booming? Maybe Not..."

The Challenges Facing Israel's Economic Future

6:30 PM - Delicious Shabbat Dinner

7:00 PM - Presentation by Dr. Dan Ben-David w/Q&A

8:30 PM - Dessert & mingling

RSVP: \$18 per person at www.kahaljoseph.org/events
or call 310-474-0559 by Wednesday, November 29

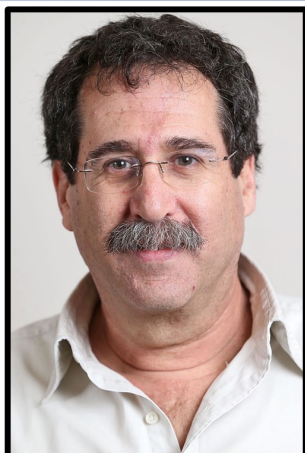
Saturday, December 2

Special Sermon by Rabbi Raif Melhado

"Reaching In and Reaching Out:

How Two Famous Sephardim Helped Build Israel"

3:45PM - Minha & Festive Seuda Shelisheet



PROFESSOR DAN BEN-DAVID is the President and Founder of the Shores Institute for Socioeconomic Research, an independent, non-partisan policy research center working to improve Israel's economy and conditions of civil society. He is also a senior faculty member of the Department of Public Policy at Tel-Aviv University and the former Executive Director of the Taub Center for Social Policy Studies.

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HANUKKAH
SAVE THE DATES

The Kahal Joseph
HANUKKAH PARTY

SUNDAY, DEC. 17 - 11AM TO 12:30PM

YOUNG PROFESSIONALS
HANUKKAH DINNER

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

Announcing
Kahal Joseph's 5778
Speaker Series

**"THE TOP TEN CHALLENGES FACING
TRADITIONAL JUDAISM"**



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.