

KOL MEVASSER

Rabbi's Message

The first time I remember meeting an Iraqi Jew I was 17 years old. He was a fellow student at the yeshiva where we were learning before college. As one might expect of teens, we spent more of our time teasing each other about English vs. American accents than we did discussing our minhag, but when push came to shove he was proud to be Iraqi, and would defend his people fiercely.



The more I learned about his community, the more I liked. There was a vibrancy to his family that I really enjoyed when I met them at his wedding, and you could tell that they placed a high emotional value on the special traditions that they knew from back home. He may have married an Ashkenazi, but they were going to make darned sure that the sheba berakhot resounded with the right melodies.

Melody and poetry – that these two are at the heart of the Iraqi Jewish tradition has been validated in my experience many times over. Our Senior Hazan, Sassoon Ezra, once told me that he had the idea to help start Kahal Joseph after finding the tunes of another Mizrahi eda unpalatable. We chuckled at the time, but it seemed so plausible: the sound and feel of Jewish liturgy is so central to our sense of self, and if it wasn't quite right in one place, I could well appreciate the urge to remake it in another.

It is in that spirit that I have forgone my usual rabbi's message to make room for a special Iraqi Pizmon for Shabbat Shekalim. I share it with blessings that the gems of the Iraqi musical tradition be kept alive to be cherished by the next generation.

עז לאלהים אין כְּמוֹהוּ בְּאֵלִים.
אֶהְלֵל לוֹ בְּיוֹם שַׁבַּת שְׁקָלִים.
נְתִיבוֹתָיו בְּלִי דְמִיּוֹן וְרַעֲיוֹן.
וְהוּא עֲלִיּוֹן וּמִבֵּית בְּשָׁפְלִים:

בְּשִׁיר נָשִׁיר כְּלוּיִים עַל הַדּוֹכָן.
מִקְדָּיִם שְׁקָלְנוּ לְשִׁקְלֵי מְמוֹכָן.
דְּמוּת אֵין לוֹ בְּחֶסֶד כְּסֵא הוֹכָן.
וְהוּא קִדְמוֹן וּמִמְצִיא כָּל פְּעֻלִּים:

דִּבֵּר קִדְשׁוֹ טוֹב לְעַמּוֹ וְאוֹתָם.
צוּה לָתֵת מַחְצִית שְׁקָל מֵאֲתָם.
מִבֶּן עֶשְׂרִים לְכַפֵּר עַל נַפְשׁוֹתָם.
וּבְעֵת פְּקָדִים מִנְּגִף הֵם גְּאוּלִּים:

אֵל צוּר מְשֻׁגָּב וּמַחֲשֶׁה עֵז וּמַגְדֵּל.
לְאִישׁ נוֹתֵן כֶּפֶר נַפְשׁוֹ לֹא יַחְדֵּל.
הָעֶשִׂיר לֹא יִרְבֶּה מִתָּן וְהַדֵּל.
לֹא יִמְעִיט כִּי בְּזֹאת הִמָּה שְׁקוּלִים:

חֵי אֲשִׁירָה תָּמִיד אוֹמְרָה הִלּוּלִים.
זָכַר רַב טוֹבָד אֲבִיעָה בְּמִילִים.
קִבְּצָנוּ וְנִשְׁוִבָה בְּדָגְלִים.
בְּמִקְדָּם לְכַפֵּר בְּשִׁקְלִים:

Parashat Mishpatim Shabbat Shekalim

Torah (§): Ex. 21:1–24:18; Ex. 30:11–16
Hertz 306, 352; Stone 416, 484
Haftara: II Kings 11:17–12:17
Hertz 992–995; Stone 1212–1214
Tefillot: Mashiv Haruah, Hakhratzat Adar
(Ths & Fri)

KJ Schedule

Erev Shabbat / Friday, February 9th

Candle lighting 5:13 pm
Minha 5:00 pm
Kabbalat Shabbat / Arvit 5:30 pm

Yom Shabbat / Saturday, February 10th

Shaharit..... 8:30 am
Keri'at HaTorah..... 10:15 am
Musaf..... 11:40 am
Women's Tehillim..... right after kiddush
Minha 4:30 pm
Se'uda Shelisheet 5:15 pm
Arvit 6:00 pm
Havdala 6:17 pm

Sunday, February 11th

Shaharit 7:30 am
Talmud Torah 9:45 am

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Appreciation

Thank you to the extended Mizrahi Family for sponsoring the Shabbat dinner in honor of Tu Bishvat. The house was packed with 140 people including over 25 children and their families. Soleiman would have loved to see all the generations enjoying the fruits together.

Help Make the Carnival Happen



Our beautiful carnival has 12 exciting booths for the children to enjoy, as well as great food and snacks for all. It takes a village to make

it run, and **YOU can bring a smile to many faces** with a totally doable volunteer shift.

Sign up for a Shift at

kahaljoseph.org/purim-volunteers.html

Bring Joy with a Purim Booth

Sponsor a Purim Carnival booth and make all our families and our entire community incredibly happy while having fun at our annual carnival.

**Full Booth
\$500**

**Partial Booth
\$250**

**Contact the office
at 310-474-0559**



Refua Shelema

Sassoon Ezra • Moselle Amron • Sally Amron
Haskell Avrahamy • Mordechai Cohen • Sylvia Cohen • Esther Duke • Mehry bat Miriam
Hakimipour • Tilda Levy • Yvonne Moalim • Florice Newberry • Aliza bat Rahel • Aliza bat Victoria • Arlette bat Rashel • Chaya Chana bat Batya • Katie bat Farha • Malka bat Rahel
Miriam bat Yetta • Miryam bat Malka
Moshe Ezra ben Mazal Tov • Simcha bat Rooha
Moshe Hooman ben Sara • Habiba bat Farha
Moshe Haim ben Sara • Meir Ezra ben Rahel

Shabbat Kiddush

is sponsored
in loving memory of

Norma Dabby, z"l

by
Karen and Frank Dabby

Se'uda Shelisheet

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**Godrot Chava bat Golagha, z"l
&
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by
Farshad Merabi

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Monday-Wednesday, February 12-14
Shaharit..... 6:25 am

Rosh Hodesh Adar
Thursday-Friday, February 15-16
Shaharit..... 6:05 am

Next Shabbat / Fri-Sat, February 16-17
Shabbat Candle lighting 5:19 pm
Friday Minha 5:15 pm
Shaharit 8:30 am
Saturday Minha 4:45 pm
Havdala 6:24 pm

In Memoriam

We remember these yahrzeit anniversaries from February 10 to 17, 2017. It is customary to light memorial candles, donate tzedaka & attend Shabbat services in honor of loved ones.

25 Shevat / Shabbat, February 10th

*Norma Dabby Naima bat Farha
Morton Raymond Einy Mordecai ben Rahamim
Abraham Sales Avraham ben Sassoon*

26 Shevat / Sunday, February 11th

*Moshe Solomon Moshe Hai ben David
Abraham Haim Yaacov Avraham ben Haim*

27 Shevat / Monday, February 12th

*Ezra Avrahamy Ezra ben Yosef
Nathan Bass Nathan ben Yisrael*

28 Shevat / Tuesday, February 13th

*Hilda Jacob Haviva bat Masooda
Nassim Shamash Nassim ben Sarah Khatoun*

29 Shevat / Wednesday, February 14th

*Ramah Duke Rahma Duke bat Salha Khatoun
Georgia Jiji
Mordechai Sassoon Mordehai Hayim ben Moshe*

30 Shevat / Thursday, February 15th

*Nagi Avraham Nagi ben Murad
Shaul Cohen Shaul ben David
Haim Elazar Haim ben Yisrael
Catherine Moses Khatoun Matana bat Masouda*

1 Adar / Friday, February 16th

Yosef Soffer Yosef ben Eliyahu

2 Adar / Shabbat, February 17th

*Abraham Aslan Abraham ben Meneshe
Aaron J. Moses Aharon ben Yosef
Joseph Faraj Moses Yoseph Faraj ben Yoseph Haim*

Challah Bake in Memory of Anita Wozniak

A beautiful event with over 100 people to honor the memory of Anita. Special thank you to the planning committee: Esther Avrahamy, Sharon Gomperts, Molly Jalali, Shira Navon, Bridgette Schoen, Rachel Sheff, and Mona Tizabi.



“WALK WITH THE MAYOR” FOR ALZHEIMER’S AWARENESS WITH THE HONORABLE LILI BOSSE MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12 AT 8:30AM BEVERLY HILLS CITY HALL CRESCENT DRIVE DOOR IN LOVING MEMORY OF EDMOND KAMARA AND ALL THOSE AFFECTED

Event begins promptly at 8:30.

*Free parking on Rexford Dr. at the
library building across from city hall*



Young Professionals Shabbat Dinner

Friday, February 16 at 7:30 PM
RSVP to RabbiMelhado@kahaljoseph.org

Members & friends in your 20s & 30s!

**Join Rabbi Melhado at home for a
delicious Shabbat meal and an amazing discussion.**

**Bring your appetite! Bring your friends!
Bring your questions!**

Purim Baking!

Sunday, February 18
10AM until the dough is done

Bake traditional Iraqi treats for the KJ Purim baskets, which are distributed to members of our congregation.

RSVP to Yvette at yvettedabby@gmail.com

Can't make it?

Make a dough-nation!

Send a check to the Kahal Joseph office, call 310-474-0559 or

www.kahaljoseph.org/purim-baking



H a p p y P u r i m

Wednesday, February 28

5:00 PM - Minha w/Birkat Cohanin

followed by

Raffle and Reading of Megilat Esther

and

A light dinner with Hamantashen

Sponsored by the Mizrahie & Jonah Families

Thursday, March 1

5:45 AM - Shaharit & Megila



KAHAL JOSEPH INVITES YOU TO

PURIM CARNIVAL

Games! Food! Fun! Prizes!

Sunday, Feb. 25

11 AM - 3 PM

\$20 WRISTBAND

UNLIMITED RIDES & GAMES

Delicious food, Iraqi treats,
great prizes and more!

All proceeds benefit Kahal!

Event Chairs: Jonathan Kelly, Molly Jalali, & Jessica Melhado

