

# KOL MEVASSER

## Rabbi's Message

I have not really followed zombie films, but a recent interview about one on *Weekend Edition* caught my attention. Host Lulu Garcia Navarro introduced the new movie *The Cured* with a fascinating plug: in this next horizon of the zombie universe, "zombies can be cured, but they can remember every single horrible thing they did as ghouls. Think of it as zombies with guilt."



achieve true atonement for the crimes of his body?

The film's director, David Fryne, can be congratulated on adding a complex layer with lasting implications for the genre. He said he got the idea for the film during a recession in his native Ireland, when politicians were pointing fingers at marginalized groups whom they deemed responsible for the economic woes. He saw parallels between this dehumanization and the presentation of zombies, and wondered: just as these groups probably had their own moral lives, what would the moral life of a zombie be like?

The resulting film is so evocative because it highlights the difficulty of real-world morality. While a superhero film has clear "good guys" and "bad guys," it is not so in *The Cured*. One of the more captivating plot points centers around a rebellion of former zombies who cannot take being treated as second-class citizens by a society that does not understand their trauma. How deliciously human: the victims cannot see the victimhood of their erstwhile oppressors, so they in turn become oppressors themselves!

Parashat Ki Tissa shows the Israelites at our very worst, casting our relationship with God in the dust in a moment of mob mentality. When Moses breaks the social spell and restores order, we have much in common with the zombies, fully remembering our role in perverting our values, yet regretting it and its terrible consequences with the genuineness of true reform. It's asking a lot for God to take us back, and the forbearance of His response is an example that stands for all generations.

The moral dilemmas that this poses are actually quite intriguing. One of the main characters is a woman named Abbie, a mother whose husband was killed in a zombie attack. After this bitter loss, her brother-in-law Senan finds her and reveals that he himself has recently been a zombie. Now cured of the infection, he is torn apart with guilt at the brutality of his actions, which he can remember with perfect clarity.

As a victim of zombie violence, Abbie has every reason to hate and reject Senan, who is a symbol of everything that took her husband away. How can she forgive him? How can she trust him? How can she carry forward and give her son a new life after the trauma they have endured?

And for Senan, it is not very comforting to know that his actions were beyond his control. Despite being temporarily deprived of his moral faculties, how can he escape that his physical form was used to commit unspeakable atrocities? Is it possible to both heal himself and

## Parashat Ki Tisa

### Bar Mitzva of Eliran Solomon

Torah: Ex. 30:11–34:35, 139 Pesukim  
Hertz 352–368; Stone 484–515  
Haftara (§): I Kings 18:20–39  
Hertz 370–372; Stone 1161–1162  
Tefillot: Mashiv Haruah



*Shaharit this Shabbat and next Shabbat will start at 8:15 am*

## KJ Schedule

### Erev Shabbat

*Friday, March 2nd*

Candle lighting .....	5:32 pm
Minha .....	5:30 pm
Kabbalat Shabbat / Arvit .....	6:00 pm

### Yom Shabbat

*Saturday, March 3rd*

Shaharit .....	8:15 am
Keri'at HaTorah .....	10:00 am
Musaf .....	11:40 am
Women's Tehillim .....	<i>will return shortly</i>
Minha .....	5:00 pm
Se'uda Shelisheet .....	5:45 pm
Arvit .....	6:20 pm
Havdala .....	6:36 pm

*Sunday, March 4th*

Shaharit .....	7:30 am
Talmud Torah .....	9:45 am

*Monday-Friday, March 5-9*

Shaharit .....	6:25 am
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## Shabbat Kiddush

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to your parents  
Galit and Eldad

siblings  
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grandparents  
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and the entire extended family

## A Pizmon for the Bar Mitzva

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בזכותו ישראל נגאלין. וישבו בנה שאנן:  
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לשועתך מצפים יום יום. במהרה חיש תפרקנן:  
יה לך תבא שועתי. ושירתי ותהלתתי.  
ותשלח הגואל לקראתי. מזיו אורך תנהיר לן:  
חזק הללוהו בקדשו. והדור נאה בלבשו.  
וגם תפלין בראשו. האל מלך צור נאמן:

## Seder Matching

Passover is coming!  
First night seder is Friday, March 30

On your own for the seders?  
We can help!

Have extra space to fill?  
We can fill it!

Simply email Jessica at  
[Jessica@kahaljoseph.org](mailto:Jessica@kahaljoseph.org)  
by Fri. March 23  
to be matched!



## In Memoriam

We remember these yahrzeit anniversaries from  
March 3 to 10, 2018. It is customary to light me-  
morial candles, donate tzedaka & attend Shabbat  
services in honor of loved ones.

### 18 Adar / Monday, March 5th

*Efraim ben Simcha*  
Naim Moshi Naim ben Yehoshua  
Nazay Radfar Nazeh bat Nisan

### 19 Adar / Tuesday, March 6th

Eliyahu Sasson Samuel *Eliyahu ben Sasson*  
Charles Eric Ezekiel Saleh *ben Ezra Yehezkel*

### 20 Adar / Wednesday, March 7th

Victoria Simanian Miriam *Victoria bat Ester*  
Edward Wyner Itzhak *ben Simha*  
Yona Radfar Yona *ben Shlomo*

### 21 Adar / Thursday, March 8th

Gershoon Doustar  
Itzhak Rahmim *Itzhak Rahmim Pinhas*

### 23 Adar / Shabbat, March 10th

Bernard Jonatan Amron *Yonatan ben Mishael*  
Eliyahu Kattan *Eliyahu ben Salim*  
Rachel Jonah  
Moshe Ezra Raphael Moses *Moshe Ezra ben*  
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## Refua Shelema

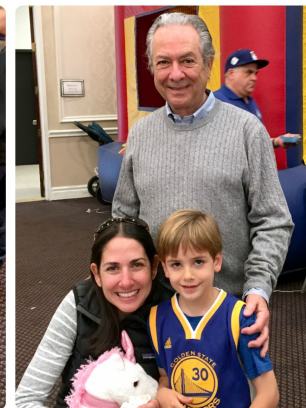
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### Next Shabbat Friday-Saturday, March 9-10

Shabbat Candle lighting ..... 5:37 pm  
Friday Minha ..... 5:30 pm  
**Shaharit ..... 8:15 am**  
Saturday Minha ..... 5:00 pm  
Havdala ..... 6:42 pm





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# Kahal Joseph's 13th Annual Purim Carnival

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*Thank you*

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**RSVP deadline Friday, March 9 - no tickets at the door  
RSVP to Rabbi Melhado at [rabbimelhado@kahaljoseph.org](mailto:rabbimelhado@kahaljoseph.org)**