

KOL MEVASSER

Rabbi's Message

Last week's *Style* section in the New York Times featured an article as memorable for its unpleasant imagery as for its actual reporting. The banner photo showed a piece of *haute couture* plastic furniture that had begun to ooze a mysterious tinted liquid. Manufactured only 11 years ago for a museum in Berlin, it became materially unstable, pooling a foul brew of chemicals at its feet to the dismay of its caretakers.

Many similar examples followed of plastic artworks that had not survived the test of time: a foam novelty statue foot that exploded in the collector's living room, a fiberglass portable ski pod that endured too many years of exposure to the elements, and an inflatable armchair so fragile that it must be wrapped in special sheets when collapsed for storage.

All of these pieces were daring in their time, pushing the boundaries of both aesthetic and utilitarian art. The late 20th century was a moment of unprecedented possibility in design, with seemingly endless new materials available for shaping into never-before-seen forms. Those bold enough to take risks could completely reimagine the material culture of the world, with lasting effects that can still be felt decades later.

Although in many ways they are very different, I found myself comparing these bold creations with the construction of the Mishkan, which has been featured over the last several parashiyot in



Shemot. Like the artists working in plastic, the two men charged with building the Mishkan worked in a new medium, but theirs was about following divine directions to create a material good. God may have imposed exacting requirements on their project, yet there was still plenty of room for interpretation. More so than with any other art, it took a special talent to bridge the gaps between divine command, a pile of raw materials, and the finished product.

What the Times article was pointing out, of course, was that no one knew how these new materials would age, and whether there would be any issues. How sad to see some of these pieces warped and discolored through photo-degeneration and harsh chemical reactions! The Mishkan, too, must have experienced its share of wear and tear as the Jewish people wandered through the desert and then settled the land of Israel. How impressive that the Kohanim and Leviim kept it in fully working order for centuries!

The Mishkan survived long enough to become the base for two Temples, and even after it fell, the memory of how to build it and what it animates imagery and discussion of ancient Judaism. More importantly, the ritual cult established there is the basis of all our prayer services to this day, even after the physical curating of the Mishkan can no longer be done. This leap was made possible only through the work of spiritual curators ensuring Jewish continuity in every generation. We owe each of them—relatives, teachers, mentors, and community leaders of the past—a debt of gratitude for their leadership.

Parashat Vayak'hel / Pekude Shabbat Para / End of Shemot

Torah: Ex. 35:1–40:38; Num. 19:1–22

Hertz 373, 652; Stone 516, 838

Haftara (§): Ezekiel 36:16–36

Hertz 999–1001; Stone 1216–1217

Tefillot: Mashiv Haruah, Hakhratzat

Nisan (Sat)



Shacharit this Shabbat is at 8:15 am to accommodate a double parasha

KJ Schedule

Erev Shabbat

Friday, March 9th

Candle lighting	5:37 pm
Minha	5:30 pm
Kabbalat Shabbat / Arvit	6:00 pm

Yom Shabbat

Saturday, March 10th

Shacharit	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	6:25 pm
Havdala	6:42 pm

*Sunday, March 11th
(Daylight Savings)*

Shacharit	7:30 am
Talmud Torah	9:45 am

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Shabbat Kiddush

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Morning Shaharit is a great pick-me-up: with Pesah around the corner, we celebrate the gift of the Torah in the desert with renewed fervor. Enjoy the special blessings of God's word in the warmth and camaraderie of our Shaharit community.

Refua Shelema

Sassoon Ezra • Moselle Amron • Sally Amron
Haskell Avrahamy • 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 MazalTov
Simcha bat Rooha • Moshe Hooman ben Sara
Habiba bat Farha • Moshe Haim ben Sara
Meir Ezra ben Rahel

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Monday-Friday, March 12-16
Shaharit 6:25 am

Next Shabbat / Fri-Sat, March 16-17
Shabbat Candle lighting..... 6:43 pm
Friday Minha 6:30 pm
Shaharit 8:30 am
Saturday Minha 6:00 pm
Havdala 7:47 pm

In Memoriam

We remember these yahrzeit anniversaries from March 10 to 17, 2018. It is customary to light memorial candles, donate tzedaka & attend Shabbat services in honor of loved ones.

23 Adar / Shabbat, March 10th

Bernard Jonatan Amron *Yonatan ben Mishael*
Eliyahu Kattan *Eliyahu ben Salim*
Rachel Jonah
Moshe Moses *Moshe Ezra ben Rafael Moshe*

24 Adar / Sunday, March 11th

Fortunate Dallal *Fortunate bat Naima*

25 Adar / Monday, March 12th

Rivka Blank *Rivka bat Sarah Hannah*
Sarah bat Gurjiyee

26 Adar / Tuesday, March 13th

Moses Solomon Noah *Moshe ben Shlomo Noah*
Yaghoub Partiyeli
Salomon Emquies *Shlomo ben Messod*

27 Adar / Wednesday, March 14th

Elias M. Judah *Eliyahu Hayim ben Meir Yehuda*
Nissim Aghalar *Nissim ben Yaacov Aghajan*
Saul K. Masliah *Shaul ben Hacham Moshe Yakob*

28 Adar / Thursday, March 15th

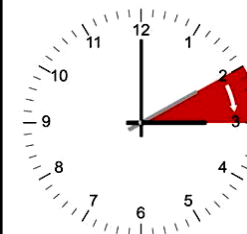
Moshe Haim Navid
Tefaha Perry *TEfaha bat Salima*
Rahmatollah Rahamim

29 Adar / Friday, March 16th

Tefara Menashe *Tefara bat Ezra*
Lulu Raymond *Lulu bat Maatooka*
Mordechai Sarraf *Mordechai ben Yehudah*

1 Nisan / Shabbat, March 17th

Lotfollah Nassi
Clara Saltoon *Gazala bat Ester*
Sydique Charlie Zakoo *Sadik Salah ben Ezra Halevi*



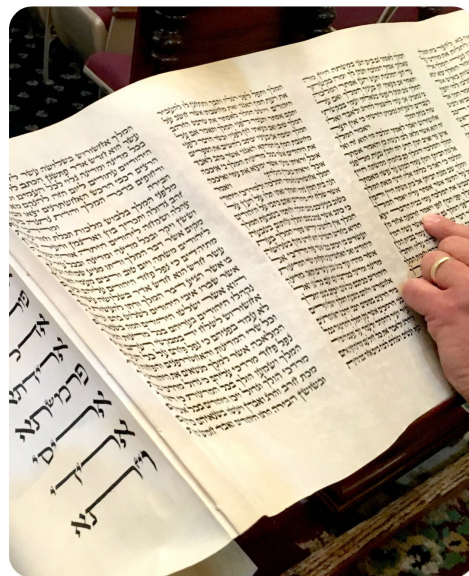
Daylight Savings Starts

Remember to set your
clocks forward one hour
this Sunday morning!

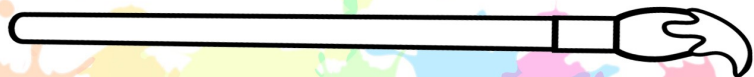


Purim at Kahal!

Around 150 adults and children came together on Purim night to hear Hazan Saeed Jalali read megila. After booing Haman, we raffled off several fabulous oversized plush animals, as well as a 43" television. Our evening continued with a delicious Israeli-style dinner, sponsored by the Mizrahie and Jonah families. A great evening for everyone!



Paint-Your-Own Pesah



Paint your own seder plate, matzah plate or kiddush cup, just in time for Pesah!

Sunday, March 25 at 12:30PM
\$40 per person, including light lunch



RSVP required
www.kahaljoseph.org/Events.html

Infertility Awareness Shabbat 5778 March 17, 2018 - Rosh Hodesh Nissan

Kahal Joseph is proud to participate in the Third Annual Infertility Awareness Shabbat with over 100 synagogues across North America, Australia, and Israel. Created by Yesh Tikva and in partnership with AJFN, Eden Center, Gefen Fertility, Hasidah, Jewish Fertility Foundation of Atlanta and JFLA's FEIT4KIDZ, this initiative aims to give infertility a voice and to spread awareness in the Jewish community.

Next Shabbat, there will be resources available in the lobby about how to find support and be supportive of those struggling, as well as special divrei Torah in the Kol Mevasser and from Rabbi Melhado on Shabbat morning.

yeshTIKVA
Supporting Jewish People Facing Infertility

For more information, please visit
www.yeshtikva.org or email
rabbimelhado@kahaljoseph.org.

Young Professionals Shabbat Dinner Special Event!

Friday, March 16 at 7:30PM

**Join Rabbi Melhado at Sephardic Temple for an
Exciting Evening with Rabbi Marc Angel!**

**"Sephardic/Middle Eastern Jewish Traditions and Ideals...
for Us and for Future Generations"**

\$18 per person for the first 10 to register!

RSVP deadline Friday, March 9 - no tickets at the door
RSVP to Rabbi Melhado at rabbimelhado@kahaljoseph.org



Anti-Semitism & Islamaphobia in the Middle Ages & Today

Sunday, March 11 at 3PM

Getty Center, Museum Lecture Hall

Free | Advanced Tickets Required | Getty.edu/outcasts

Join historians Sara Lipton and Hussien Fancy as they examine the status of Jews and Muslims in western Europe during the Middle Ages and discuss the often entwined histories. The discussion, moderated by Jihad Turk, sheds light on contemporary experiences as well.

This program complements the Getty Center exhibition *Outcasts: Prejudice and Persecution in the Medieval World* on view until April 8.



You're invited!

Second Night Seder with Rabbi Melhado

Join *Rabbi & Jessica Melhado* on the second night of Passover for a traditional, warm, interactive and delicious seder in the upstairs social hall.

Saturday, March 31 at 8:30 PM
Setup beginning at 8:05 PM

\$60 per adult - \$30 ages 5 to 12
Brisket and more, catered by Lieder's

RSVP by Sunday,
March 25 at noon at
www.kahaljoseph.org/pesah.html

Space is limited!



Seder Matching

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

On your own for the seders?

We can help!

Do you have an extra seat at your seder table?

We can fill it!

Simply email Jessica at jessica@kahaljoseph.org
by Fri. March 23 to be matched!



Sell your Hamets

Deadline Thursday, March 29 at noon!

**Sell your excess hamets
through Rabbi Melhado!**

Forms available in the lobby or click
this image to download & print the form

Return the form via email
(rabbimelhado@kahaljoseph.org), fax (310.410.4059),
mail them to Kahal Joseph, drop it off at the office, or
hand it to Rabbi Melhado

MAKE YOUR SEDER MORE MEANINGFUL THIS YEAR!
DEMYSTIFYING THE HAGGADAH
WITH RABBI MELHADO

TWO SESSIONS!
WED. MAR. 14 & 21 AT 7:30 PM

JOIN THE ADULT BAT MITZVAH CLASS
FOR TWO SPECIAL SESSIONS OPEN TO
EVERYONE, MEN AND WOMEN!
PREPARE FOR PESAH WITH KAHAL!

CONTACT RABBI MELHADO AT
RABBIMELHADO@KAHALJOSEPH.ORG TO RSVP!

KAHAL'S
Children's Shabbat



FIRST SHABBAT OF THE MONTH
FEB 3 - MAR 3 - APR 7 - MAY 5 - JUNE 2
PLAYROOM OPENS AT 10:00 - PROGRAM BEGINS AT 10:30

EXPLORE THE WEEKLY PARASHA WITH US!

START THE MORNING WITH PRAYER
PARTICIPATE IN GAMES & ACTIVITIES
ENJOY A PARASHA-THEMED SNACK

TORAH TOTS - 0 to 5

TORAH & ME - 6 to 12

Email Jessica at Jessica@kahaljoseph.org for more information or to volunteer!

JIMENA and Kahal Joseph invite you to an
All-Ages Backgammon Tournament

Sunday, April 22nd - 10AM-4PM

10AM - Tournament Check-in and Warm Up

11AM - Tournament Begins (don't be late!)

Preregistration (ends 4/20) - \$20 Tournament entry, \$10 adults, kids free

At the Door - \$30 Tournament entry, \$10 adults, \$5 kids

Enjoy Middle Eastern food and music!

Prizes for top players and a raffle giveaway
(Bring your own board for a free raffle ticket!)

Tickets - bit.ly/KJSheshbesh2018

Share on Facebook - bit.ly/KJSheshbesh2018FB



Jews Indigenous to the
Middle East and North Africa

For questions or to register over the
phone, call 310-474-0559



Memouna!

Sunday, April 8 at 7:30PM

**Kahal Joseph Congregation &
The Sephardic Educational Center**
invite all our members and friends!
Savor traditional delicacies! Enjoy festive music!
Relish the warmth of community!

\$18 per person - advanced registration requested

RSVP at www.kahaljoseph.org/memouna.html
or call Sarah at 310.474.0559