

KOL MEVASSER

Rabbi's Message

When I was in grad school at Yeshiva University, I took a chance on a class about the academic study of Kabbala. It was a significant reach from my comfort zone, but the professor was welcoming and won me over.



to emphasize that God is still the indivisible One God of our holy Shema. By deeply internalizing the message of "Beli Hibur," we would preserve the freedom to push our boundaries with Kabbala because our main principles will be safeguarded. If the Iraqi seder plate can help us do this, then may this year be one of renewed spiritual achievements!

One day after lecture, we were talking about the song Adon Olam, and he was surprised to hear that Sephardim have more verses than the version he knew. In particular he was drawn to the phrase "Beli Hibur" – *God is neither composed of parts nor separable into parts*. His instant reaction was that the line was responding to the Kabbalistic concept of "Sefirot." In this mystical theory of the universe, the One God can be thought of as having ten distinct "emanations," each with unique qualities that can be studied and appreciated separately.

At first glance, this is a beautiful message about how to understand the spiritual world around us. It infuses our religious life with new potential meaning as we try to determine which Emanation is expressed in each of the commandments we fulfill. Just think of the Iraqi seder plate (pictured to the right), which is arranged so that each item in the seder represents one of the 10 Emanations. As we move through the meal, it is so compelling to feel that our progression is reflecting the true order of the cosmos!

Yet the risk of the theory of Emanations is that it could sound like we think there are 10 different gods. Yikes! The line "Beli Hibur" seems to be a corrective for this: in a community that values the mystical truths of the Sefirot, we have a duty



New KJ Haggada

If you liked the Iraqi seder plate and want to know more, you can get your very own Iraqi haggada from Kahal. Traditional text with all the Baghdadi additions, in Hebrew with a very readable English translation.

\$10 each, or 5 for \$40

Parashat Tsav / Shabbat Hagadol

Korban Gamliel ben Pedatsur

Torah: Lev. 6:1–8:36, 97 Pesukim

Hertz 429–438; Stone 568–587

Haftara: Malachi 3:4–24

Hertz 1005–1008; Stone 1220–1221

Tefillot: Mashiv Haruah, Nesi'im (Num.

7:54–59), Birkat Halevana

Reminder

Minha on Fridays will stay at
6:30 pm from now until September

KJ Schedule

Erev Shabbat Hagadol

Friday, March 23rd

Candle lighting	6:43 pm
Minha	6:30 pm
Kabbalat Shabbat / Arvit	7:00 pm

Yom Shabbat Hagadol

Saturday, March 24th

Shaharit	8:30 am
Keri'at HaTorah	10:00 am
Musaf	11:40 am
Women's Tehillim is BACK	5:00 pm
Minha	6:00 pm
Se'uda Shelisheet	6:45 pm
Arvit	7:35 pm
Havdala	7:53 pm

Sunday, March 25th

Shaharit	7:30 am
Talmud Torah	9:45 am

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Monday-Friday, March 26-30

Shaharit..... 6:25 am

Thursday, March 29th

Hamets Forms Due promptly at noon

Search for Hamets after 7:57 pm

Friday, March 30th

Shaharit /Siyum..... 6:25 / 7:30 am

Stop Eating Hamets before 10:28 am

Burn Hamets before 11:43 am

Next Shabbat (1st Day Pesah)

Friday-Saturday, March 30-31

Shabbat/Pesah Candle lighting 6:54 pm

Friday Early Minha w/Hallel..... 5:30 pm

First Seder.....begins after 7:58 pm

Shaharit 8:30 am

Saturday Minha 6:30 pm

Havdala (part of 2nd Seder) 7:58 pm

Condolences

With sorrow we send our deepest
condolences to the family and friends of
Kathleen Rosen, z"l

Ramah Khattoon bat Regina and Aharon

She passed away on Shabbat, the 23rd of Adar
5778, March 10th 2018. Kathleen and her husband,
Irving, were longtime members of Kahal Joseph.
They sponsored several beautiful Torah scrolls
which remain in active use to this day.

Kathleen is survived by her children, Derek, David,
and Sharon Rosen; by her aunts, Kitty Sassoon
and Moselle Amron; and by numerous relatives &
friends. She was predeceased by her husband,
Irving Rosen, and by her siblings Haskell David,
David David, Rachel David, and Lilian Pelkman.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to her family and
loved ones. May they be comforted together with
all the mourners of Tsion.

In Memoriam

We remember these yahrzeit anniversaries from
March 24 to 31, 2018. It is customary to light me-
morial candles, donate tzedaka & attend Shabbat
services in honor of loved ones.

8 Nisan / Shabbat, March 24th

Ada Ezra Ada bat Mindel Okin

*Carolyn Frances Ezra Carolyn Frances bat Norman
Ezra Sayegh*

Allan Steiner Alexander Nahum ben Mordechai

9 Nisan / Sunday, March 25th

Malka Lurie

10 Nisan / Monday, March 26th

Gohar Mashallah Gohar bat Aga

Aziza Sassoon Aziza bat Miriam

11 Nisan / Tuesday, March 27th

Kitty Israel Messah Khattoon bat Simha

Abraham Solomon Avraham ben Shlomo Reuven

12 Nisan / Wednesday, March 28th

Flora Cohen Farha Mitana bat Rahma Regina

Ralph Ferris Raful ben Itzhak Faraj Hacohen

Luna Kadoorie Luna bat Mazal Cohen

David Levi Solomon David ben Shlomo Halevi

13 Nisan / Thursday, March 29th

Abraham Atraghji Avraham Asher ben Ezra

15 Nisan / Shabbat, March 31st

Tillie Shansky Tillie bat Evelyn

Naima Shashoua Naima bat Zvida

Eyob Yehudah Eyob ben Yehudah

A Pizmon for Shabbat Hagadol

שֶׁבֶת זֶה שַׁבַּת הַגָּדוֹל.	בּוֹ יְשׁוּעוֹת מְלֻכּוֹ מְגִדּוֹל.	הָאֵיר בּוֹ מְאֹר הַגָּדוֹל.	לְבָן בְּכוֹר רָם וְגִדּוֹל:
שָׁלַח מֹשֶׁה הָאִישׁ גָּדוֹל.	וְאֵף הֵן עוֹד הַיּוֹם גָּדוֹל.	פָּדָה עַם עֲצוֹם וְגִדּוֹל.	לְמִקְטָן וְעַד גָּדוֹל:
יִהְיוּ שֵׁם לְגוֹי גָּדוֹל.	בַּחֲשֵׁךְ רָאוּ אֹר גָּדוֹל.	וַיּוֹצִיאֵם בְּרִכּוּשׁ גָּדוֹל.	בְּמוֹפְתִים וּבְמוֹרָא גָּדוֹל:
נַחֵם בֶּן אֵינֶנּוּ גָּדוֹל.	וְלֹא תִהְדָּר פָּנָי גָּדוֹל.	יִתְקַע בְּשׁוֹפָר גָּדוֹל.	וַיִּמַּן ה' דָּג גָּדוֹל:
אֲשִׁירָה נָא לֹא-ל גָּדוֹל.	וְלֹא אֶקְרָא בְּקוֹל גָּדוֹל.	כִּי חֲסִדֶּךָ עָלֵי גָדוֹל.	בְּפִרְתְּ הַנֶּהָר הַגָּדוֹל:
מֶה חָרִי הָאֵף הַגָּדוֹל.	אַחֵר אֵת יוֹם הַגָּדוֹל.	אִם חֲטָאִי מִנְּשָׂא גָדוֹל.	עֲשֵׂה לְשִׁמְךָ הַגָּדוֹל:
גָּדְלוּ לָהּ אֲתִי.	גָּדוֹל יִהְיֶה כְבוֹד בֵּיתִי.	תְּסוֹב תִּרְבַּג גְּדֻלָּתִי.	וּתְלַךְ הַלּוֹךְ וְגִדּוֹל:
עוֹשֶׂה אֵין חֶקֶר גְּדוּלוֹת.	לָךְ ה' הַגְּדֻלוֹת.	הִרְאָה מִסּוֹת הַגְּדֻלוֹת.	לְעַם קָטָן וְשֵׁם גָּדוֹל:

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 Farh Moshe
Haim ben Sara • Meir Ezra ben Rahel



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!



PASSOVER SCHEDULE

Thursday, March 29

Shaharit - 6:25 AM
Hamets form due - 12:00 noon
Search for Hamets - after 7:57 PM

Friday, March 30

Shaharit - 6:25 AM
Siyum with Rabbi Melhado - 7:30 AM
Stop eating Hamets - before 10:28 AM
Burn Hamets - before 11:43 AM
Early Minha, Arvit & Hallel - 5:30 PM
Candle lighting - 6:54 PM
First Seder begins - after 7:58 PM

Sat., March 31 - Yom Shabbat Pesah

Shaharit - 8:30 AM
Kids Room open - 10 AM - 12 PM
Candlelighting - after 7:58 PM
Prep for Second Seder - after 7:58 PM
Havdala is part of the 2nd seder

Sunday, April 1 - Yom Pesah II

Shaharit 8:30 AM
Kids Room open - 10 AM - 12 PM
Minha, Seuda, Arvit - 6:30 PM
Havdala - Yom Tov/Hol Hamo'ed - 7:59 PM
2nd night since the Omer

Monday, April 2 - HFM I

Shaharit 6:05 AM
3rd night since the Omer

Tuesday, April 3 - HFM II

Shaharit - 6:05 AM
4th night since the Omer

Wednesday, April 4 HFM III

Shaharit 6:05 AM
5th night since the Omer

Thursday, April 5 - HFM IV

Shaharit - 6:05 AM
Minha & Arvit - 6:30 PM
Candle Lighting - 6:58 PM
6th night since the Omer

Friday, April 6 - Yom Pesah VII

Shaharit - 8:30 AM
Kids Room open - 10 AM - 12 PM
Candle lighting - 6:59 PM

Saturday, April 7 - Yom Pesah VIII

Shaharit 8:30 AM
Kids Room open - 10 AM - 12 PM
Minha, Seuda, Arvit - 6:30 PM
Havdala 8:03 PM
Earliest time to eat sold hamets - 10:00 PM



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



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



Kahal Joseph's 5778 Speaker Series



Rabbi Devin Villarreal

Shabbat Parashat Shemini - April 13-14

"Judaism: Powered by the People?"

Young Professionals Dinner

Friday, April 13 at 7:30PM

Members and friends in your 20s and 30s! Join Rabbi Villarreal at Rabbi Melhado's home for a delicious dinner and a fascinating discussion.

Who decides where Judaism is going? Rabbis? Scholars? The people? Get the surprising answer of the first rabbi in the Americas as we explore the future of Judaism.

Bring your questions! Bring your friends!
Bring your appetite! RSVP to Rabbi Melhado at
RabbiMelhado@kahaljoseph.org

"Making Life a Symphony"

Saturday, April 14 during services

What Sephardic rabbis and philosophers teach us about
every day Jewish practices to make life sing



Currently the Jewish Studies Department Chair at de Toledo High School in the valley, Rabbi Villarreal earned his semikha from Yeshivat Chovevei Torah, where he received the prestigious Wexner Graduate Fellowship. He has a Bachelors in the Study of Religion from UCLA and a Master's Degree in Teaching from American Jewish University. He recently received the Pomegranate Prize from the Covenant Foundation for emerging leaders in Jewish education. An engaging teacher and speaker, Rabbi Villarreal is looking forward to visiting Kahal!

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



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