

Rabbi's Message

Barbara Bush is the first First Lady that I really remember. I know that this marks me as a younger man, but I was six when George H. W. Bush was elected, and I didn't learn Nancy Reagan's name until some-time after that. Barbara's passing last week thus left a special impression on me, a reminder that historical figures of the past can include people whose lives were part of my own lived experience.



that translates roughly to "after someone dies, just say that they were holy." Public exaggeration of Bush's shortcomings did much better at whipping up anger at Jarrar than it did at endearing allies in her quest for justice in Iraq. Since it produced no benefit, what value is there in resisting a genuine eulogy of Bush's real achievements?

There is always a give-and-take in these situations, and both extremes are worth avoiding. If we are eulogizing someone who spent their lifetime in problematic pursuits, it would ring false to pretend that they were a pious person whose passing was meaningful to the people they touched. On the other hand, a relentlessly positive eulogy of a good person would also fall flat, because nobody is a saint, and some acknowledgement of their quirks would make it more three-dimensional. Truth in commemoration is as necessary as *kabod*, as Maran himself reminds us:

"It is forbidden to greatly exaggerate the qualities of the one who passed, but rather one should praise his good characteristics and add to them a little; and if he had no good characteristics, it is best to simply not praise him." – SA, YD 344:1

In other words, "*Ahare Mot Kedoshim Emor*" – just commemorate someone's good qualities and leave it at that. If there are wrongs to correct, the time to do it will be after the burial, when we can focus on practical steps that directly address the issues and inspire others to help. The tenor of our public discourse may require a reminder of the value of civility in mourning, so here I am. Perhaps if we start there, it will inspire an upsurge of positivity that can speak to any unfinished business that the dearly departed may have left behind.

Indeed, her family literacy programs spoke directly to young children like myself, which brought her into my consciousness even at that tender age. Her image was shown from time to time in my elementary school, and I remember seeing her on TV talking about this issue as well as her beloved children's hospitals. She seemed like an adult who was sincerely interested in children's welfare, and I could appreciate that as a child myself.

That is why it was disappointing to see an acrid Twitter storm over her legacy begin only hours after her death. Randa Jarrar, a professor at Cal State Fresno with an ax to grind, wrote that Bush "was a generous and smart and amazing racist who, along with her husband, raised a war criminal. #%*@* outta here with your nice words." Doubling down on critics, she declared that "the witch is dead" and gleefully predicted that the university would back her up if this put her under pressure.

That she will not be disciplined is perhaps a victory for freedom of expression, but her comments were certainly in poor taste. They reminded me of the old Hebrew adage "*Ahare Mot Kedoshim Emor*," a pun on the later parashiyot in Vayikra

Parashat Ahare-Mot/Kedoshim 28th Day Since the Omer

Torah: Lev. 16:1–20:27, 144 Pesukim
Hertz 480–508; Stone 636–671
Haftara (Sephardim): Ezek. 20:2–20
Hertz 511–512; Stone 1175–1176
Tefillot: Morid Hatal, Birkat Halevana

Reminder

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

KJ Schedule

Erev Shabbat

Friday, April 27th

Candle lighting	7:15 pm
Minha	6:30 pm
Kabbalat Shabbat	7:00 pm
28th night since the Omer	

Yom Shabbat

Saturday, April 28th

Shaharit	8:30 am
Keri'at HaTorah.....	10:00 am
Musaf.....	11:40 am

Women's Tehillim.....	5:30 pm
Minha.....	6:30 pm
Se'uda Shelisheet.....	7:15 pm
Arvit	8:05 pm
Havdala	8:19 pm
29th night since the Omer	

Condolences

With sorrow we send
our deepest condolences to
the family and friends of

Sasson Sawdayi, z"l

Sasson ben Mazal and Meir z"l. He passed away in Israel on the 8th of Iyar 5778, April 23rd 2018. Sasson was the brother of our dear members, Eli and Sabah Sawdayi.

Sasson was born in Baghdad in 1934. He immigrated to Israel at a young age and served with distinction in the military. Following this civic duty, Sasson studied aeronautical engineering and helped establish Israel's airplane manufacturing industry. He worked for Israel Aerospace Industries for many years, until he retired early and opened a Triple-A office. Throughout all his endeavors, he was known as a pleasant, good-hearted person who could get along with everyone.

He is survived by his wife

Shirley Sawdayi

His siblings

Eli Sawdayi
Madeline Ovadia
Sabah Sawdayi

His children

Gil, Keren, Yuval, and Roi Sawdayi

Seven grandchildren

Extended family and friends

Our thoughts & prayers go out to his family and loved ones. May they be comforted with all the mourners of Tsion. *Min hashamayim tenuhamu.*

Shabbat Kiddush

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in loving memory of

Sasson Sawdayi, z"l

brother of
Eli and Sabah Sawdayi

Mazal Tov

Darren Darwish & Michelle Golbary

on your engagement

Besiman Tov

to your parents
Arlette Darwish
Mahshid Morovati
Doris & Robert Golbary
and your families

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Pesah Sheni (no Tahanun)

Sunday, April 29, 2018

Shaharit 7:30 am
Talmud Torah 9:45 am

Monday-Friday, April 30th to May 4th

Shaharit 6:25 am

Lag La'Omer (no Tahanun)

Thursday, May 3, 2018

Next Shabbat / Friday-Saturday, May 4-5

Shabbat Candle lighting 7:21 pm
Friday Minha 6:30 pm
Shaharit 8:30 am
Saturday Minha 6:45 pm
Havdala 8:26 pm

In Memoriam

We remember these yahrzeits from April 28 to May 5, 2018. It is customary to light memorial candles, donate tzedaka & attend Shabbat services to honor loved ones.

13 Iyar / Shabbat, April 28th

Deborah Lubovksy *Devorah bat Aharon*
Joseph Robert Saul
Violet Aziza Sheeri

14 Iyar / Sunday, April 29th

Sally Ekaireb *Salha Matana bat Matooka*
Tala Eradat *Tala bat Javaher*
Amir Ghoulian

Salman Khadoori Shaby *Saliman ben Kadoori*
Eliyahu Hai Shamash *Eliyahu Hai ben Avraham*

15 Iyar / Monday, April 30th

Daniel Hakimipour *Daniel ben Meir*
Rivka Matana bat Miriam
Rachel Yitzhaki *Rahel bat Chana*

16 Iyar / Tuesday, May 1st

Eliza Moses Aziza *bat Chana*
Albert Abraham Gazal Sassoon
Joseph Yehudah Yoseph *ben Yehudah*

18 Iyar / Thursday, May 3rd

Rachel Judah *Rachel bat Tifacha*
Seemah Sofaer Shemash *Seemah Sofaer bat Hanna*

19 Iyar / Friday, May 4th

Helen Ezra Shemtob *Habiba bat Lulu*

Refua Shelema

Sassoon Ezra • Moselle Amron • Sally Amron
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

Sheshbesh Tournament 2018



All-Ages Backgammon Tournament

Winner: Bob Ourian 2nd Place: Eli Sawdayi

Thank you to....



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Young Professionals Shabbat Dinner

Friday, May 11 at 7:30PM

**“Everything I Needed to Know about Judaism.
I learned after my Bat Mitzvah”**

**Join Rabbi & Jessica Melhado at their home for
an interesting discussion and amazing meal
for members and friends in their 20s and 30s.**

Bring your questions, your appetite and your friends!

RSVP to Rabbi Melhado at rabbimelhado@kahaljoseph.org



Shavuot

May 19, 20 & 21

Tikkun Lel Shavuot - May 19

12:45 Minha after Kiddush, no Seuda Shelisheet

8:30 PM - Arvit 8:45 PM - Dinner

RSVP at www.kahaljoseph.org/shavuot.html

9:30 PM - Midrash Mania

10:30 PM - The Book That Keeps Us Up All Night

Shavuot I - Sunday, May 20

8:15 AM - Shaharit

6:40 PM - Azharot

10 - 12 - Kids Room

7:00 PM - Minha

11:30 - Book of Ruth

7:30 PM - Arvit

Shavuot II - Monday, May 21

8:30 AM - Shaharit

7:00 PM - Minha

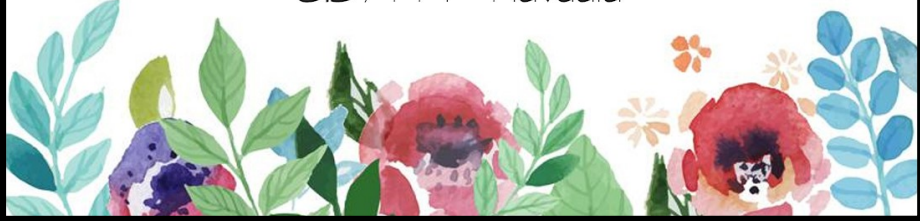
10 - 12 - Kids Room

7:30 PM - Seuda

6:40 PM - Azharot

8:20 PM - Arvit

8:37 PM - Havdala



Celebrate Israel LA

The largest Jewish happening in Los Angeles!

Sunday, May 6, 2018



Salute to Israel Walk

Meet at Pico and
Motor at 10:30AM

Show your support for
Israel and rally with
the community!

Celebrate Israel Festival!

12PM to 7PM, Cheviot Hills Rec Center
(Rancho Park)

Join 15,000 Jews for an amazing event!

Kosher Food * Live Entertainment * Vendors of
Israeli Goods * Amusement Rides * Petting Zoo
and more!

Purchase tickets in advance to get a discount and the
Festival will give Kahal a percentage of sales!

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Tickets purchased at the gate are \$30