

KOL MEVASSER

Rabbi's Message

When I first learned about the holiday of Juneteenth, I found myself wondering why it was not on my radar growing up. As a Jew, the celebration of the end of slavery in America could have resonated with my own people's story, especially around the time of Pesah. And as a public school student, I knew plenty of descendants of freed slaves who might well have celebrated it in their homes and communities. How strange that I was long out of high school before I really became aware of this festival!



The origin of Juneteenth goes back to the end of the Civil War in 1865. Texas had been slow to accept the South's defeat, so a detachment of Union Army troops landed at Galveston on June 18th to bring the region under Federal control. The next day General Gordon Granger went to Ashton Villa, the erstwhile headquarters of the Confederate Army in Texas, and proclaimed General Order No. 3. This formally freed the 250,000 slaves then living in the state, effectively ending two and a half centuries of slavery in the U.S.

While this was happening in the New World, many Old World Jews were undergoing a parallel experience that was also being called "Emancipation." Although they had generally not been treated as property, they were living with diminished civil rights and sub-citizenship in the lands they had called home for generations. Slowly the European and Ottoman worlds began grappling with "the Jewish question" –

what place should Jews have in their societies as they underwent political modernization? The first to earn their rights were the Sephardim and Avignonese Jews of France in 1790, and among the last were the Jews of Romania over 130 years later.

In both cases, bestowing privileges on a once disadvantaged population did not mean an end to prejudice. The American South responded to Emancipation with what became known as Jim Crow laws, a harsh system of racial segregation that was observed to some degree throughout the entire country. In Europe, the Jewish question was nearly resolved when the Holocaust tragically erased two thirds of the prewar Jewish population. Some people in the majority were simply unable to accept an integrated society, and the reaction against integration could be swift and brutal.

This makes it all the more intriguing that so many Jews served with valor for the Confederacy. The comparison that we now draw between African Americans and Old World Jews simply must not have been part of their mental world. When the original Juneteenth fell on Parashat Korah in 1865, the parallel that many Jews might have made would be between Korah and the forces of integration! Looking back on this several generations later, we would probably give a different assessment of how to apply the memory of our own persecution to the modern context. As a people that has experienced both the bottom and the top of the totem pole, we have a unique responsibility to bring the voice of justice to the public square.

Parashat Korah

Torah: Num. 16:1–18:32, 95 Pesukim
Hertz 639–648; Stone 820–837
Haftara: I Sam. 11:14–12:22
Hertz 649–651; Stone 1186–1187
Tefillot: Morid Hatal

Reminder

Starting this Shabbat, Minha on Saturday will stay fixed at 7:15 pm for five weeks.

KJ Schedule

Erev Shabbat

Friday, June 15th

Candle lighting.....	7:47 pm
Minha	6:30 pm
Kabbalat Shabbat.....	7:00 pm

Yom Shabbat

Saturday, June 16th

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

Women's Tehillim	6:15 pm
Minha.....	7:15 pm
Se'uda Shelisheet.....	8:00 pm
Arvit	8:35 pm
Havdala	8:51 pm

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Support the Eruv

Shabbat in major Jewish communities is much easier because of a special structure called an Eruv. This simple boundary creates a common space and allows us to bring objects between buildings on Shabbat. With-

out it, many would not carry things in pockets or take children to synagogue in strollers.

Let's keep the eruv up and running, enabling all members of our Jewish community to share the Shabbat experience together. For just a dollar per Shabbat, a \$52 donation, you can do your share.

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Contact Sarah in the office at 310.474.0559 to reserve your date

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Sunday, June 16th

Shaharit 7:30 am

Monday-Friday, June 17th to 21st

Shaharit 6:25 am

Next Shabbat / Friday-Saturday, June 21-22

Shabbat Candle lighting..... 7:49 pm

Friday Minha 6:30 pm

Shaharit 8:30 am

Saturday Minha 7:15 pm

Havdala 8:53 pm

In Memoriam

We remember these yahrzeits from June 16 to 23, 2018. It is customary to light memorial candles, donate tzedaka and attend Shabbat services to honor or loved ones.

3 Tammuz / Shabbat, June 16th

Joseph Moses *Yosef ben Aharon Moshe*
 Habibollah Rokhsar *Habib ben Mordecai*

4 Tammuz / Sunday, June 17th

Aaron Saul Levy *Aharon Shaul Levi*

6 Tammuz / Tuesday, June 19th

Eliyahu Irani *Eliyahu ben Moshe*

8 Tammuz / Thursday, June 21st

Isaac Shamsi *Itzhak ben Shemuel*

10 Tammuz / Shabbat, June 23rd

Khanbaba Pouladian *Itzhak ben Avraham*
Hatoon bat Haviva

Isaac Shamash *Itzhak Rahamim ben Abraham*

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 Simcha bat Rooha • Moshe Hooman ben Sara
 Habiba bat Farha • Moshe Haim ben Sara
 Meir Ezra ben Rahel • Dina bat Rahel



Rosh Hodesh Vibes

The new month of Tammuz was ushered in with joy in the morning minyan. As we prayed in Musaf, "may this new month be the end of our woes, and the beginning of our redemption!"

CONGRATS to our Graduates!

Nicole Orly Aslemand, daughter of Jilla & Shahram Aslemand, upon her graduation from Emerson Charter School. She will attend New West Charter in the fall.

Miranda Sarah Einy, daughter of Letizia & Ron Einy, upon her graduation from University of Oregon with BA from the School of Journalism & Communications and from the School of Cinema Studies.

Erica Rena Fensten, daughter of Lulu & Allan Fensten, upon her graduation from USC Annenberg School of Communication and Journalism with a Master's Degree in Communication Management.

Jessica Fischman, goddaughter of Fiona Cohen, upon her graduation from UC Santa Cruz with a BA in Psychology. She plans to go into medicine.

Rojan Gabayan, daughter of Fariba & Benjamin Gabayan, upon her graduation from Warner Avenue Elementary School. She will attend Paul Revere Charter Middle School in the fall.

Jessica Harouni, daughter of Farah & Morad Harouni, upon her graduation from UCLA with a BA in Early Childhood Development.

Matthew Ironi, son of Melissa & Dan Ironi, grandson of Merna Ironi, upon his graduation from kindergarten at El Rodeo Elementary School.

Eden Jablon, granddaughter of Ruby & Joseph Samuels, upon her graduation from Wesleyan University in CT with a BA in English & East Asian Studies.

Eitan Jalali, son of Molly & Saeed Jalali, upon his graduation from Emerson Charter School. He will attend Shalhevet High School in the fall.

Jacob Kahtan, son of Mickey & Haim Kahtan, upon his graduation from Pressman Academy. He will attend Shalhevet High School in the fall.

Maya Kelly, daughter of Segal & Jonathan Kelly, granddaughter of Hannie Kelly, upon her graduation from Gindi Maimonides Academy. She will attend YULA Girls High School in the fall.

Sophie Rachel Salem, granddaughter of Evelyn & Fuad Salem, upon her graduation from Lincoln Middle School. She will attend Santa Monica High School in the fall.

Oran Shadian, son of Khatereh & Elie Shadian, upon his graduation from high school. He will attend UC Santa Cruz in fall, majoring in Computer Science.

Danny Wozniak, son of Ronit & Jerome Wozniak, grandson of Hildegard & Karl Wozniak, upon his early graduation from Hamilton High School Music Magnet. He will attend Santa Monica College this fall.

Eden Wozniak, daughter of Ronit & Jerome Wozniak, granddaughter of Hildegard & Karl Wozniak, upon her graduation from Emerson Charter School. She will attend Hamilton High School Humanities Magnet this fall.



Prints of Babylon

Recommended Reading on the Iraqi Jewish Diaspora

“Babylonian Customs in Modern Times: Three Volumes” by Abraham Ben-Yaacob

Abraham Ben-Yaacob was born in Baghdad in 1914, and lived there until his family made Aliya when he was 10.

He showed a love of learning from a young age, and became a leader in the Israeli teaching establishment over a career of four decades. Even before his retirement in 1976, he published several noteworthy books and articles about Iraqi Jewry, which became the great love of his intellectual life. He earned his PhD in history in 1989, and by the time of his death in 2005 he had forty titles under his belt!

Babylonian Jewish Customs was published in 1993, towards the end of his career. Relying on his own memories, archival research, and personal interviews, he painstakingly documented the traditions and usages of a unique and disappearing community for posterity. Volume I (322 pp.) covers the prayers and holidays of the entire Jewish year. Volume II (420 pp.) covers the life cycle from birth to death. Volume III (252 pp.) covers material and social culture.

Citation: בן יעקב, אברהם. מנהגי יהדות בבל בדורות האחרונים (ג' כרכים) ירושלים: מכון בני יששכר, 1993.

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