

KOL MEVASSER

Rabbi's Message

The horrors of Tisha Be'av throughout history connect us to our lowest moments as a people. While these may be difficult to face during the year, we bring them to the forefront of our consciousness in the month of Av. We allow ourselves to fully take them in, trembling with vulnerability, and smoldering with the impotent rage of righteous victimhood.

As a rabbi, my thoughts often turn to the question of where to direct such hard feelings. On some level I can appreciate the desire to either ignore them or harbor sullen fantasies of "getting even." Yet neither is particularly healthy, so where do we go next? Is just hearing the words "Nahamu Ami" (*be comforted, O my people*) in next week's haftara really enough?

I will suggest that forging new positive experiences is a transformative way to honor what was lost. When we give of ourselves to bring something constructive out of a tragedy, we make a better world that is still worth fighting for. If this can be carried out in a way that expresses the values of the ones who were lost, it grants their souls the satisfaction that their existence is still making a difference.

A moving case in point is the legacy that was granted to Rabbi Masliah Mazouz (1911-1971) in the wake of his untimely assassination. A native of the island of Jerba, he devoted his entire career to the cause of Tunisian Jewry during the tumultuous period of decolonization. In the thick of his work in Jewish courts, in rabbinic literature, and founding Yeshivat Kise



Rahamim, he was gunned down on his way home from Shahrar by a Muslim fanatic. He was 59 years old.

His family was understandably traumatized at his brutal demise, but ultimately they focused on actions that would revitalize his cherished mission. They made aliya to Israel and re-started Kise Rahamim in Bnai Berak, where it is now a bastion of Tunisian Orthodoxy. What began as a small outwork in a beleaguered Muslim country is now a sophisticated, multi-tiered institution serving thousands of Jewish students.

In the 1990s, the dean of this Yeshiva, Rabbi Meir Mazouz, authorized a project that would cement his father's memory in the firmament of Torah scholarship: a fiercely accurate Tikkun to guide Torah readers in their weekly preparations. This massive undertaking, which consumed tens of thousands of man-hours by elite Torah scholars, produced the "Ish Masliah" Tikkun, which has become the industry standard for Hazanim worldwide. Each successive edition brings new user-friendly content to bear, making it the preferred choice even of Ashkenazim who use different divisions of the aliyot.

This crowning achievement was made possible by channeling the agony of loss into something productive and good. It will never bring back the man, but it is the truest credit to his memory: take something that he loved and bring the joy of it to more people. As we face the fall of the Temple again this year, let us imagine what we can do to make Jewish life still worth living in its absence!

Parashat Devarim Third Week of Rebuke

Torah: Deut. 1:1–3:22, 105 Pesukim
Hertz 736–749; Stone 938–957
Haftara: Is. 1:1–27
Hertz 750–754; Stone 1195–1196
Tefillot: Morid Hatal

Reminder

Due to the fast, Minha will be right after kiddush. This week only, women's Tehillim and Seuda Shelisheet are cancelled.

KJ Schedule

Erev Shabbat / Friday, July 20th

Candle lighting	7:44 pm
Minha	6:30 pm
Kabbalat Shabbat.....	7:00 pm

Yom Shabbat & Erev Tisha Be'av Saturday, July 21st

Shahrar.....	8:30 am
Keri'at HaTorah	10:00 am
Musaf	11:40 am
Minha (Torah w/out Korbanot).....	12:45 pm
Minha (earliest Amida)	1:00 pm
Women's Tehillim	cancelled
Se'uda Shelisheet	cancelled
Fast Begins.....	8:01 pm
Havdala (Ha'esh only)	8:47 pm
Arvit w/Ekha	9:00 pm

Tisha Be'av / Sunday, July 22nd

Shahrar (no Tefillin)	6:30 am
Minha (w/Tefillin, Birkat Kohanim)	7:15 pm
Fast Ends.....	8:45 pm
Havdala (Gefen and Hamavdil)	8:45 pm
Birkat Halevana	8:45 pm

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The Israeli wine tasting was a great success! Everyone enjoyed a lovely evening trying five exciting Israeli wines and a delicious selection of cheese.

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Happy 98th Birthday to our
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Kahal Joseph wishes you
good health and happiness



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Monday-Thursday, July 23rd to 27th
Shaharit..... 6:25 am

Next Shabbat /Friday-Saturday, July 27-28
Shabbat Candle lighting 7:39 pm
Friday Minha 6:30 pm
Shaharit 8:30 am
Saturday Minha 7:00 pm
Havdala 8:42 pm

In Memoriam

We remember these yahrzeits July 21 to 28, 2018. It is customary to light memorial candles, donate tzedaka and attend Shabbat services to honor loved ones.

9 Av / Shabbat, July 21st

Alice Acoca *Alice bat Esther*
Aziza Jacob *Aziza bat Farha*
Amalia Mussry *Amalia bat Rahel*
Mary Nathan *Mariam bat Bolisa*

10 Av / Sunday, July 22nd

Ramon Zakoo *Yehyah Ramon ben Ezra Halevy*

12 Av / Tuesday, July 24th

Aziza Elias *Aziza bat Rachel*
Moshe Masliah *Hacham Moshe ben Yaacob*
Hayat Sarraf *Hayat bat David*

13 Av / Wednesday, July 25th

Meir ben Simcha

14 Av / Thursday, July 26th

Moshe Hagani *Moshe ben Aghajan*
Moshi Hagooli *Moshe ben Yehezkel*
Eliyahu Mordechai Mizrahie *Eliyahu ben Mordechai*
Pinchas ben Channah

Refua Shelema

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MazalTov • Simcha bat Rooha • Moshe Hooman
ben Sara • Habiba bat Farha • Moshe Haim ben
Sara • Meir Ezra ben Rahel • Dina bat Rahel
Chaya Rachel Bat Simcha

סבאלר אי וואס יא ווילא או חתן צעה"כ ופה כגדאר
יעיאל גס ציוס ט"ז נצח וי"א זאלז עפרי הנקיס שנעסו
זהם שנפחה העיר והמלך שהיו לרים עליה מלכי פרס :
ואחר הסורה אוי ימי קס ה' וצורק .

Nes (Miracle) of Tahmasp

11 of Av - July 23, 2018

This Monday, we have a tradition to not say Tahanun because of two miracles in the Baghdadi Jewish community.

First, Baghdad was under cruel Persian rulers who maltreated and robbed the inhabitants. Fortunately, a Baghdadi Jew laid his hands on a secret document, and bravely brought it to the Sultan. Sultan Murad entered Baghdad on the 11th of Av, 1638 and relieved the suffering inhabitants.

The second miracle happened almost a century later when Baghdad was under the Sultan Mahmud. The Persians, led by Shah Tahmasp, besieged the city but were repulsed and a great victory was won on the 16th of Tevet, 1733. Both of these days are called "The Miracle of Tahmasp" and celebrated as special Purims for Baghdadi Jews.

Rabbi Ezekiel Musleah, "The Sojourn of the Jews in Calcutta," pp. 225-226



Young Professionals Shabbat Dinner

Friday, July 27 at 7:30PM

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



Register now for fall!

The Sam and Norma Dabby Talmud Torah

* Hebrew * Fun * Parasha * History *
* Friends * Values * Holidays * Food *
* Mitzvot * and you!

Contact Molly Jalali at molly@emetek.com or Rabbi Melhado at rabbimelhado@kahaljoseph.org for more information!

Registration forms at www.kahaljoseph.org/talmud-torah.html



Kahal Purim costume contest winners
Lisa & Simon Joseph sing "I've Got You Babe" ca. 1975, in the Robertson building.

We want your photos, stories, and more!

Rabbi Melhado wants to preserve Kahal memories.

Photos are great!

We'd also love to hear about

- * Your family story - how did you come to Kahal?
- * Tales of events and personalities in the community

Drop them by the office or email kahalmemories@gmail.com

SUPPORT KAHAL JOSEPH

Annual Giving Days, August 12 - 19, 2018

Dear Members and Friends,

Sunday, August 12th – Sunday, August 19th are our Annual Days of Giving. Every donation received will enable our synagogue to continue to serve our community and elevate its programs for our members, their families, and friends.

We need you! We rely on your generosity to supplement our general fund, improve our many programs, and enhance our synagogue's reach to our members.

Thanks to our earmarked donation to our Building Fund, renovation and beautification of the synagogue is in progress. The exterior of the building has been freshly painted, the lobby has been widened, the sanctuary has been given a fresh look, new lighting was installed throughout, as well as the social hall and restrooms are now being remodeled.

Members of our community have volunteered their time to reach out to you on our Days of Giving. Any donation you make will be greatly appreciated. No amount is too small.

With a contribution of \$1,000 or more, your name will be engraved on the Benefactors Wall in the lobby.

The success and growth of Kahal Joseph are a result of your generous support throughout the years. I look forward to your continued kindness and heartfelt generosity.

May Hashem bless you and your families,

Yvette Dabby
President