

KOL MEVASSER

Rabbi's Message

On Shabbat Nahamu in August 1675, crowds of people thronged by the canals of Amsterdam to see the latest urban wonder: a massive Sephardic synagogue that would dominate the skyline for centuries. At a time when Dutch Catholics were still holding worship in private homes for fear of persecution, the nation's Sephardim had just erected the largest synagogue in the world. Feeling grateful for the privileges that enabled this achievement, it was no surprise that its creators would declare that "our new homeland is in Holland."

The weekend's festivities were extensively documented, and they reflect an intimacy with the host society that was unheard of in other countries. The mayor and almost the entire city council were present for the consecration, along with many other well-regarded Christian figures about town. Illustrator Romeyn de Hooghe's presence there led many Sephardim to commission him for images that they could keep as souvenirs. He thus became one of several Dutch artists to depict the Esnoga (synagogue) inside or out, contributing to a shift in Amsterdam's civic culture that put a Jewish synagogue on a Calvinist city's list of must-see attractions.

Seven sermons preached by the community's rabbis and scholars during the celebration have been preserved. Many of them highlight the similarities between the new Esnoga and the Holy Temple, whose loss had just been mourned a few days before on Tisha Be'av. While an elegant modern synagogue could



never replace the real thing, it served as a "mikdash me'at," or "model sanctuary" that became the new focus of Sephardic hearts. How better to rekindle a longing for Jerusalem than through the story of a people who rose from a debased minority to the world's finest monumental architects in just a few generations?

Nearly 300 years after its inaugural Shabbat, this synagogue would host another batch of recent expellees: the oppressed remnants of Iraq's Jewish community. Holland was once again a safe haven for Jews in need of a second chance, and the Esnoga was the first place they prayed after their arrival. Ask around in our services and you will see how personal this story is: several of our past and current board members were among the Iraqis who first tasted religious freedom within the Esnoga's sacred walls.

It is a very special building that has crept one year closer to its Sesquicentennial. May it stand as a beacon of hope and liberty in the Diaspora for all eternity!



Parashat Va'et'hanan Shabbat Nahamu / Decalogue Bar Mitsva of Avi Shadi

Torah: Deut. 3:23–7:11, 122 Pesukim
Hertz 755–776; Stone 958–979
Haftara: Is. 40:1–26
Hertz 776–779; Stone 1196–1197
Tefillot: Morid Hatal

Reminder

The Sephardic divisions of the aliyot in the Hertz are for a different minhag

KJ Schedule

Erev Shabbat

Friday, July 27th

Candle lighting	7:39 pm
Minha	6:30 pm
Kabbalat Shabbat	7:00 pm

Yom Shabbat

Saturday, July 28th

Shaharit	8:30 am
Keri'at HaTorah	10:00 am
Sermon	11:30 am
Musaf	11:40 am
Women's Tehillim	6:00 pm
Minha	7:00 pm
Se'uda Shelisheet	7:45 pm
Arvit	8:25 pm
Havdala	8:42 pm

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Shabbat Kiddush

in honor of

**the Bar Mitsva of
Avi Shadi**

by
Fariba and Jack Shadi

Seuda Shelisheet

is sponsored
in loving memory of

Moshe Hagani, z”l
Moshe ben Aghajan

by
The Hagani Family

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Sunday, July 29th

Shaharit 7:30 am

Monday-Friday, July 30th to August 3rd

Shaharit 6:25 am

Next Shabbat

Friday-Saturday, August 3-4

Shabbat Candle lighting 7:34 pm

Friday Mincha 6:30 pm

Shaharit 8:30 am

Saturday Mincha 7:00 pm

Havdala 8:36 pm

Mazal Tov Avi

**Besiman Tov to
Parents**

Fariba and Jack Shadi

Brothers
Arash and Ashkan

Grandmother
Irandokht Rafie



Appreciation

The Shadi family recognizes **Molly and Saeed Jalali** for all they have given to our community and to us. From Saeed's hazanut to Molly's role as educator, they are a cornerstone of Kahal Joseph. Saeed taught synagogue skills to Jack and our three boys, including today's Hatan HaBar Mitsva. We are very grateful for their dedication, support, and friendship.

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 • Dina bat Rahel •
Chaya Rachel Bat Simcha

In Memoriam

We remember these yahrzeits from July 28 to August 4, 2018. It is customary to light memorial candles, donate tzedaka and attend Shabbat services to honor loved ones.

17 Av / Sunday, July 29th

Jacob Jonah Yaacov Yonah ben Yonah Yitzhak

Sabiha Kattan Sabiha bat Gurjiya Horesh

Matilda Levy Massoodah bat Tirkie

18 Av / Sunday, July 30th

Khadoori Sasson Kadoori ben Sasson

19 Av / Tuesday, July 31st

Esther Shapiro Ester bat Rivka

21 Av / Thursday, August 2nd

Ketty E. Hanoon Khatoon bat Noosha

Farangis Shaye Farangis bat Hanonbibi

22 Av / Friday, August 3rd

Rahel bat Zivar

23 Av / Shabbat, August 4th

Gloria Levi Gloria Mazal bat Rahel

Rachel Moses Rachel bat Moshe



**OPEN HOUSE Sun. Aug. 19
10:30AM to 12:00PM**

The Sam and Norma Dabby Talmud Torah

**Meet the teachers!
Explore the school!
Register for classes!
Arts & Crafts and more!**

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



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



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