

# KOL MEVASSER

## Guest Message

*A celebration of someone's life can ring truest in the words of those who loved him. I thank Dr. Yaakov Elman's student, Akiva Weisinger, for his moving remarks (minorly edited) – Rabbi Melhado*



So, Professor Elman. I am not gonna do this man justice, but I'm gonna try.

Professor Elman had an absolutely bonkers origin story: going to Chaim Berlin and being close to Rav Hutner; then getting a degree in meteorology(?!), then Assyriology when, in his words, there was no market for a 24/6 weather-man; then transitioning to a book clerk who became so well known among academics as a hidden gem they got together and helped send him to NYU for a PhD, whereupon he invented an entire new field of academic study centered on understanding the Talmud in its Persian context. He was the coolest person I ever met. I think he never forgot how good it felt to be *discovered*, to be found as a diamond in the rough, and he actively looked to do the same for his students.

I cannot overstate how insanely brilliant he was. If you asked him any question about anything in Shas, he would give you not just the answer but every single time it appeared, which page, which line. You wouldn't believe me, which is why I tried it a couple of times. It's all true, guys.

As an outspoken believer in academic scholarship and liberal politics, he did *not* get the

respect he deserved from YU students, who were no doubt confused by this very frum-looking man asking "what is wrong with Republicans?" I recall a student challenging him on a point about the Tosefta, saying the Rambam said differently. Dude, Professor Elman wrote the book on the Tosefta. Come on.

If you impressed him, well, he was the best mentor you could ask for. Not only was he encouraging, but he took you seriously. One of the highlights of my life so far is when I sent him an interpretation of a piece of R. Hutner, and not only was he impressed by it, he sent it around to other academics so that I made it into a widely circulated newsletter of academic Jewish stuff, and he also came into class with printed versions of my blogpost and had me teach the class(!). A lot of the eulogies have said that he was particularly encouraging towards women in the field of Jewish academia, helping them and amplifying their work in what is a difficult field. I am very unsurprised. Professor Elman was about the truth, and if you had it, he didn't care who were you were: young, old, man, woman, frum, not frum.

He also was a good exemplar of someone who was a serious Scholar who didn't take himself too seriously. Whether it was bringing a real axe into his Intro to Bible class to demonstrate what "*ben enekha*" meant, or including Calvin and Hobbes comics in his syllabuses, or the cracking of a joke or a retelling of a good yarn, there was real joy in all that he did.

The world was a much more interesting, passionate, joyful place for his presence in it.

## Parashat Ekev

### Second Week of Consolation Bat Mitsva of Jasmin Nazarian

Torah: Deut. 7:12–11:25, 111 Pesukim

Hertz 780–793; Stone 980–997

Haftara: Is. 49:14–51:3

Hertz 794–798; Stone 1197–1199

Tefillot: Morid Hatal, Hakhrizat Elul Sat/Sun

## KJ Schedule

### Erev Shabbat

Friday, August 3rd

Candle lighting.....	7:34 pm
Minha .....	6:30 pm
Kabbalat Shabbat.....	7:00 pm

### Yom Shabbat

Saturday, August 4th

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 .....	8:20 pm
Havdala .....	8:36 pm

Sunday, August 5th

Shaharit .....	7:30 am
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Monday-Friday, August 6th to 10th

Shaharit.....	6:25 am
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## Shabbat Kiddush

in honor of

**the Bat Mitsva of  
Jasmin Shira Nazarian**

by  
Ruthie and Kamran Nazarian

## Mazal Tov Jasmin Shira

**Besiman Tov to  
parents  
Ruthie and Kamran Nazarian  
brother and sister-in-law  
Joseph and Adela Nazarian  
grandmother  
Parvin Bina**



## Besiman Tov to

Rabbi Melhado's cousin  
**Hillary Spratt**

who will marry her beloved  
**Chris Brewer**

next Sunday in Lawrence, Kansas

*Rabbi will be out of town  
next Shabbat for the simha*

## Selihot start Monday 8/13!

Kahal Joseph welcomes you to the special selihot prayers before Shaharit. These unique services begin our spiritual cleansing in the lead-up to the High Holy Days. *Hatanu lefanekha, rahem alenu* - "we have sinned before You, have mercy on us!"

Sephardi tradition includes melodies sung with the full devotion of our hearts. *Anenu, Im Afes*, and *Avinu Malkenu*, supplications and the 13 Attributes of God make up a diverse palate of prayers to put us in the best frame of mind for repentance.

Start your day the right way any morning from Rosh Hodesh Elul to Yom Kippur.

### Month of Elul

*Weekdays:* Selihot 5:30 am, Shaharit 6:25 am

*Sundays:* Selihot 6:30 am, Shaharit 7:30 am

### Days of Awe

*Weekdays:* Selihot 5:15 am, Shaharit 6:25 am

*Sundays:* Selihot 6:30 am, Shaharit 7:30 am

### Special Days

*Labor Day (9/3):* Selihot 6:00 am, Shaharit 7:00 am

*Erev RH (9/9):* Selihot 6:30 am, Shaharit 7:30 am

*Erev YK (9/18):* Selihot 6:30 am, Shaharit 7:30 am

## In Memoriam

We remember these yahrzeits from August 4 to 11, 2018. It is customary to light memorial candles, donate tzedaka and attend Shabbat services to honor loved ones.

### 23 Av / Shabbat, August 4th

Gloria Levi *Gloria Mazal bat Rahel*

Rachel Moses *Rachel bat Moshe*

### 24 Av / Sunday, August 5th

Isaac Ezra *Itzhak ben Abdullah*

### 25 Av / Monday, August 6th

Matty Yaqub *Simha bat Sulha Mitana*

### 27 Av / Wednesday, August 8th

Lulu bat Shereen

### 28 Av / Thursday, August 9th

Goel Berookhim *Goel ben Yitzhak*

Malka Isaac *Malka bat Rivka*

### 29 Av / Friday, August 10th

Rebecca Shamash *Rivke bat Sarah*

### 30 Av / Shabbat, August 11th

Israel Messiah *Yisrael ben Mashiach*

## 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

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## Next Shabbat / Rosh Hodesh Elul

*Friday-Saturday, August 10-11*

Shabbat Candle lighting ..... 7:27 pm

Friday Mincha ..... 6:30 pm

Shaharit ..... 8:30 am

Saturday Mincha..... 6:45 pm

Havdala ..... 8:29 pm





## THE NORMA AND SAM DABBY TALMUD TORAH

*Open House Sun. Aug. 19*  
*10:30am to 12:00pm*

MEET THE TEACHERS!

EXPLORE THE SCHOOL!

REGISTER FOR CLASSES!

ARTS & CRAFTS AND MORE!

Contact Molly Jalali at [molly@emetek.com](mailto:molly@emetek.com) or Rabbi Melhado at [rabbimelhado@kahaljoseph.org](mailto:rabbimelhado@kahaljoseph.org) for more information!

Registration forms at [www.kahaljoseph.org/talmud-torah](http://www.kahaljoseph.org/talmud-torah)



## Find your way through the High Holy Days

Join Rabbi Melhado as we explore the  
themes and meaning of the High Holy Days



**Wed., Aug. 29 at 6:30PM**  
**Rosh Hashanah and You**

**Wed., Sept. 5 at 6:30PM**  
**Yom Kippur**

RSVP to [RabbiMelhado@kahaljoseph.org](mailto:RabbiMelhado@kahaljoseph.org)

## 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](mailto:kahalmemories@gmail.com)



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



## Another Historical Kahal Find!

While organizing the parokhets at Kahal, Rabbi Melhado found a lovely tribute to a member of the Levi family. The cloth, originally used to cover the Torah between aliyot, is a dark green with metallic embroidery.

The text reads:

*This Parokhet is for the peaceful elevation of the cherished soul of Rahel Khatoon, may her spirit rest in Paradise, wife of Mr. Ezra Khedoorie ben Eliyahu Ezra Halevi, may God give him life and strength. She was born on Wednesday, the 27th of Av in the year 5657, and passed to her eternal rest on Tuesday evening, the 10th of Heshvan in the year 5679, aged 21 years, 2 months, and 13 days. May she be bound up in the bond of life.*

The 100th anniversary of Rahel Khatoon's passing will be on Oct. 19, 2018. The extended Levi family plans to preserve and frame the cloth to put it up in Kahal.



Yvonne Ezer,  
Mark & Hilda  
Dallal and Sandy  
Shiri practice  
their Hebrew  
reading skills by  
deciphering the  
cloth as part of the  
Adult Hebrew  
Class

## Membership Benefits Everyone!

### You get...

- \*To be a part of the Kahal family
- \*High Holy Days tickets
- \*Rabbi for lifecycle events
- \*Pastoral counseling
- \*Preferential rates for space rentals, Talmud Torah tuition and children's programs

### You support...

- \*Adult Education programs
- \*Social events
- \*Children's education & programs
- \*Prayer minyanim
- \*Keeping Kahal here for you when you need it!

Contact the office at 310-474-0559 or speak to Rabbi Melhado to join!



Honor a  
loved one.

Celebrate a  
milestone.

Place an ad  
in the  
High Holy Day  
Booklet!

Donate \$18 or  
more to Kahal to  
put a brief, two line  
greeting, milestone  
or memorial in the  
booklet

Visit  
[www.kahaljoseph.org/hhd-booklet](http://www.kahaljoseph.org/hhd-booklet)  
by Friday,  
August 24

# SUPPORT KAHAL JOSEPH

Annual Giving Days, August 12 - 19, 2018

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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*



# Join us for High Holy Days at Kahal!

## High Holy Day Tickets

**Members** - Look for your tickets in the mail!

**Guests** - Order your tickets now!

Online ordering - [www.kahaljoseph.org/high-holy-days](http://www.kahaljoseph.org/high-holy-days)

Call the office at 310-474-0559 or stop by!

### MEMBERS RECEIVE:

- Two adult tickets with family membership  
OR one adult ticket with single membership
- Free tickets for pre-registered teens
- Free children's program wristbands for  
pre-registered children under bar mitsva age
- Favorable rates for members' children in college

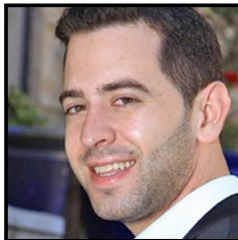
### GUEST TICKET RATES

*Remember, your ticket package can be applied to the  
cost of membership!*

- \$300 for adults
- \$150 for teens bar mitsva age through college
- \$50 for children under bar mitsva age

## Welcome Back Hazan Ben Atar!

We are thrilled that the wonderful voice of Hazan Michael Ben Atar will once again grace us from Jerusalem for the High Holy Days. Born into two Iraqi families, the Hazan has made music the centerpiece of his professional life. In addition to hazanut, he performs at semahot, plays the oud & violin, and teaches music to children & adults.



## Calendar

*Rosh Hashanah*

September 9 to 11

*Yom Kippur*

September 18 to 19

*Sukkot*

September 23 to 30

*Shemini Atzeret & Simhat Torah*

September 30 to October 2

## Mitsvot

Many mitsvot are available for purchase during the High Holy Days, and are on a first-come, first-served model. Your pledges support the important work of the synagogue all year long.

To reserve your mitsva:  
call the office at 310.474.0559  
or go to  
[www.kahaljoseph.org/high-holy-days](http://www.kahaljoseph.org/high-holy-days)

## Children's Program

**Registration required!** See the forms in the mailing  
or register online at [www.kahaljoseph.org/hhd-kids](http://www.kahaljoseph.org/hhd-kids)  
Free for members, \$25 per holiday for non-members

*Rosh Hashanah*

September 10 - 10AM to 2PM

*Yom Kippur*

September 18 - 6PM to 10PM

September 19

September 11 - 10AM to 2PM 10AM to 2PM & 3:45PM to 7:30PM

Join us for engaging activities, lively entertainment,  
healthy snacks and fun games.

**Interested in volunteering?** Email [jessica@kahaljoseph.org](mailto:jessica@kahaljoseph.org)