

# KOL MEVASSER

## Rabbi's Message

After my cousin's wedding last weekend, some family and friends gathered at the bride's house to socialize. My cousins are avid board and card game players, and it was natural for the party to divide into groups of two or four to compete. Finding myself the odd man out at one point, I picked up a puzzle from the coffee table and immediately got hooked.



The puzzle consisted of a small square with a recessed cavity about half an inch deep. It came with five separate identically shaped pieces, each looking roughly the way a capital letter L might appear on a digital clock. Despite their long arms and fat bases, it was supposedly possible to place all five of them into the recess at the same time.

Much hilarity ensued as I attempted to achieve this impossible feat. We all got wonderful belly laughs as each attempt ended with only four pieces on the board. My uncle joked that I would get a "point for failing" for each unique combination of four, but it happened so many times that we gave up counting. Eventually I found myself questioning my sanity – surely this puzzle was just a practical joke whose purpose was to see how long you can get someone to keep trying before they realize that it just can't be done!

Remembering that it was Parashat Shofetim this week, I suddenly felt that I could understand the sixth aliya emotionally. God is talking about the very same feeling of hopelessness,

in this case when we go into battle and perceive the steep odds against us. It is all too easy to get lost in how unattainable victory seems, how few resources we have at our disposal, and how much the opponent has going for them. Who wouldn't make these deductions when faced with an insurmountable task? Who wouldn't be justified in anticipating the bitterness and humiliation of a failure?

Yet God instructs the priests to remind us that He is on our side and will influence events towards our victory. We just need to believe it – to really internalize the message that it is possible to win, and to draw from our own internal reservoirs of faith. Mindset alone is incredibly powerful: simply by facing the challenge with the mental orientation that we will prevail, it makes it more likely to happen.

Armed with this knowledge, I resolved to trust my cousins that the puzzle could be done, just as the Israelites trusted in their triumph in times of war. The owners said there is a solution, so I'll act as if I will definitely find it, no hints allowed. The bride eventually took pity on me and explained that the box was designed to be a true square but was ever so slightly bent out of shape. Like lightning I realized that I had already found the solution but didn't think I was right because it was just a little too tight. I applied it to a new corner, and bingo – success, and a great measure of laughs – were mine to enjoy!

It's incredible how far a little belief and positive thinking will go. The next time you feel boxed into a corner with no way out, let your inhibitions go and see how high you can climb!

### Parashat Shofetim Fourth Week of Consolation Bar Mitzva of Edden Ishaaya

Torah: Deut. 16:18–21:9, 97 Pesukim  
Hertz 820–835; Stone 1024–1045  
Haftara: Is. 51:12–52:12  
Hertz 835–839; Stone 1199–1200  
Tefillot: Morid Hatal, Birkat Halevana

### Join us for Selihot!

Selihat are a great way to start the day!  
5:30 am on weekdays, 6:30 am Sundays.

## KJ Schedule

### Erev Shabbat

Friday, August 17th

Candle lighting .....	7:19 pm
Minha .....	6:30 pm
Kabbalat Shabbat.....	7:00 pm

### Yom Shabbat

Saturday, August 18th

Shaharit.....	8:30 am
Keri'at HaTorah .....	10:00 am
Sermon .....	11:30 am
Musaf .....	11:40 am
Women's Tehillim .....	5:45 pm
Minha .....	6:45 pm
Se'uda Shellsheet .....	7:30 pm
Arvit .....	8:05 pm
Havdala .....	8:22 pm

Sunday, August 19th

Selihat .....	6:30 am
Shaharit.....	7:30 am
Talmud Torah Open House	10:30 am-12:00 pm

Monday-Friday, August 20th-24th

Selihat .....	5:30 am
Shaharit.....	6:25 am

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## Shabbat Kiddush

is sponsored  
in honor of

## Edden's Bar Mitsva

by

Nirrit and Avi Ishaaya



**Mazal Tov**  
**Edden Ishaaya**  
**on your Bar Mitsva**

**Besiman Tov to**  
**parents**  
Nirrit and Avi Ishaaya  
**siblings**

Ella, Oreen, Mikaila

**grandparents**

Morris Ishaaya

Nurit Ishaaya, z"l

Lea Eanbal

**and the entire family**

## Pizmon for the Bar Mitsva

יִזְמָא טַבָּא דְרַבְנָן. מַצּוֹת תַּפְּלִין כְּתֻקָּן.  
כִּי הֵבֵן י"ג זָכָה לְמִנְיָן. בְּצֵל אֶל שְׂדֵי יִתְלוּנָן:  
שְׁמַחָה לְאִישׁ בְּתַפְּלִין. בְּקֹדֶשׁ אוֹתוֹ מַעְלִין.  
בְּזִכּוֹתוֹ יִשְׂרָאֵל נִגְאָלִין. וַיֵּשְׁבוּ בְּנוֹה שְׁאָנָן:  
עֲלִיוֹן אֶל נוֹרָא וְאִיוֹם. לְיֵשַׁע יְיָ דְרוֹשׁ פְּדִיוֹם.  
לִישׁוּעָתָךְ מְצַפִּים יוֹם יוֹם. בְּמַהֲרָה חַיֵּשׁ תַּפְּרָקָנָן:

יְיָ לָךְ תִּבְאָ שְׁוַעְתִּי. וְשִׁירְתִּי וְתַהֲלֵתִי.  
וְתִשְׁלַח הַגּוֹאֵל לְקִרְאָתִי. מִזִּיו אוֹרֶךְ תִּנְהַיר לִי:  
חֲזָק הַלְלוּהוּ בְּקֹדֶשׁוֹ. וְהַדּוֹר נֶאֱחָה בְּלִבּוֹשׁוֹ.  
וְגַם תַּפְּלִין בְּרֹאשׁוֹ. הָאֵל מְלֹךְ צוֹר נֶאֱמָן:

## 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  
• Habiba bat Farha • Meir Ezra ben Rahel •  
Dina bat Rahel • Chaya Rachel Bat Simcha  
Eti Esther bat Fortuna  
Mordecai ben Yaacov v'Joya

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**Next Shabbat / Fri-Sat, August 24-25**

Shabbat Candle lighting ..... 7:11 pm  
Friday Mincha ..... 6:30 pm  
Shaharit ..... 8:30 am  
Saturday Mincha ..... 6:30 pm  
Havdala ..... 8:13 pm

## Condolences

With sorrow we send our deepest  
condolences to the family of

**Hooman Farahmand, z"l**

**Hooman Moshe Chaim ben Sarah**

He passed away on 3 Elul 5778, 14 August  
2018, in Los Angeles. Especially in our  
thoughts are the Farahmand, Rojhani and  
Shaaya families.

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

## In Memoriam

We remember these yahrzeits from August 18  
to 25, 2018. We light memorial candles, donate  
tzedaka & attend Shabbat services to honor the  
memory of our loved ones.

**7 Elul / Shabbat, August 18th**

Yaacov Aboulafia *Yaacov ben Sarah*  
Anita Wozniak *Hana bat Haviva*

**8 Elul / Sunday, August 19th**

Rachel Ezra Jacob *Rahel bat Lulu*  
Naji Ezra Helali *Naji ben Avraham*  
Clara Mekies *Clara bat Rahel*  
Yamin Sassoon *Yamin ben Sassoon*

**9 Elul / Monday, August 20th**

Sam Dabby *Shimon ben Haskel*  
Hilda Deborah *Habiba bat Farha*  
Rachel Hayim Mingail *Rachel bat Miriam*

**12 Elul / Thursday, August 23rd**

Menasseh Saltoon *Menasseh ben Nissim*

**13 Elul / Friday, August 24th**

Sophie Solomon *Simhah bat Khatoon*

**14 Elul / Shabbat, August 25th**

Nathan Assia  
*Haim ben Haim Elazar*  
Harry Brook Moses *Haim Baruch ben Moshe*  
*Ezra*



## 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.

# Sephardic Educational Center

presents our annual



## Selihot Concert

Sunday, September 16th, 2018

Doors open at 6:00 pm

Program begins at 7:00 pm

**Kahal Joseph Congregation**  
10505 West Santa Monica Blvd.  
Los Angeles, CA 90025

\$15 per person

Refreshments will be served

Valet parking provided

For more information or to make reservations,  
please email [info@secjerusalem.org](mailto:info@secjerusalem.org)

## 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)