

14 Elul 5778

25 August 2018

# KOL MEVASSER

## Rabbi's Message

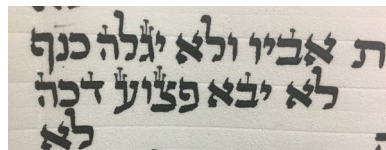
When I was in rabbinical school, an Ashkenazi institution that met only during the week, we shared our Bet Midrash with a Sephardi minyan that met only on Shabbat. Whenever we were present, they were absent, and vice versa.



One week, our student Gabbai noticed that the Sephardim had mistakenly left their Torah scroll in the Ekhal and forgotten to return ours. With startling urgency, he insisted that they be switched immediately, so that not even a single aliya in our minyan would be read from a Sephardi Sefer. I was insulted, and told him so to his face. In reply, I received the astonishing argument that because of a dispute about how to spell a single word in Parashat Ki Tetse ("daka" in Deut. 23:2 ending in Alef or Hey), Sephardim and Ashkenazim should never read from one another's Sefarim!

I am happy to report that the incident was mediated to an acceptable truce, and this colleague remains a friend. Still, I reject his framing of the issue, and recommend a welcoming stance in which Sephardim and Ashkenazim accept each other's scrolls as kosher. Indeed, the Grace Mussry and Yaakov Levy Scrolls at Kahal Joseph are Ashkenazi, and we have read from both in our services with my blessing.

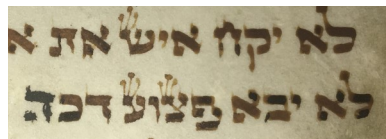
Modern Torah Scrolls are surprisingly identical, and it is actually amazing that the word "daka" would be the only major difference in spelling. Despite the Jews being spread over thousands of miles and many divergent legal traditions, our Torah is the same. As we enter the High Holy Day season, let us stay focused on what unites us and not get lost in the small differences.



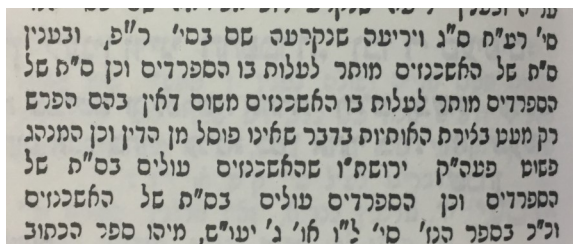
Georgina Amron scroll, which will be used this Shabbat. "Daka" is spelled with the letter Hey.



MS 9400, a 13th century manuscript of the Pentateuch at the British Library, in which "daka" is spelled with Alef.



Unnamed Ashkenazi scroll at Kahal, one of two where the spelling was changed from Alef to Hey.



Kaf Hachayim OH 143:35, where Iraqi Rabbi Yaakov Hayim Sofer rules that Ashkenazim and Sephardim can read from one another's scrolls.

## Parashat Ki Tetse

### Fifth Week of Consolation

Torah: Deut. 21:10–25:19, 110 Pesukim  
Hertz 840–857; Stone 1046–1067  
Haftara: Is. 54:1–10  
Hertz 857–858; Stone 1200  
Tefillot: Morid Hatal

## 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 24th

Candle lighting .....	7:11 pm
Minha .....	6:30 pm
Kabbalat Shabbat.....	7:00 pm

### Yom Shabbat

Saturday, August 25th

Shaharit.....	8:30 am
Keri'at HaTorah .....	10:00 am
Sermon .....	11:30 am
Musaf .....	11:40 am
Women's Tehillim .....	5:30 pm
Minha .....	6:30 pm
Se'uda Shellsheet .....	7:15 pm
Arvit .....	8:00 pm
Havdala .....	8:13 pm

Sunday, August 26th

Selihat .....	6:30 am
Shaharit.....	7:30 am
Talmud Torah .....	9:45 am

Monday-Friday, August 27th-31st

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

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*Mazal Tov!*



*August 1966, 1945  
Magen David Synagogue • Calcutta India*

*Mazal Tov  
to  
Moselle & Michael Amron  
on their 73rd  
Wedding Anniversary*

*Kahal Joseph & its Board of Directors  
congratulate Moselle & Michael Amron  
on their 73rd Wedding Anniversary.*

*Thank you both for being such  
wonderful friends to this synagogue,  
for your magnanimous generosity for  
over 50 years and your deep love for  
Kahal and its members.*

*May Hashem bless you and shine  
upon you for many years to come.*

## In Memoriam

We remember these yahrzeits from August 25 to September 1, 2018. We light memorial candles, donate tzedaka & attend Shabbat services to honor the memory of our loved ones.

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

Nathan Assia

*Haim ben Haim Elazar*

Harry Brook Moses *Haim Baruch ben Moshe Ezra*

**15 Elul / Sunday, August 26th**

Sophie Meyer *Simha bat Rivka*

**16 Elul / Monday, August 27th**

Flower Elias *Farha bat Yochevet*

Saleh Saleh

**17 Elul / Tuesday, August 28th**

Gala Nathan *Gala bat Sheikoory*

**18 Elul / Wednesday, August 29th**

*Rahel bat Rahma Khatoon*

**19 Elul / Thursday, August 30th**

Malek Yehuda *Malek bat Yehuda*

## Shabbat Kiddush

is sponsored in honor of  
**Moselle & Michael Amron's  
73rd Anniversary**

by The Amron Family

## Mazal Tov

Dinah and Michael Irani  
on the birth of a baby boy  
**Moshe Lev Irani**

**Besiman Tov to Siblings**

Nava and Ariela

**Grandparents**

Mitra and Moshe Irani  
Shahla and Bahram Zaghi  
and all the extended family

## Refua Shelema

Sassoon Ezra • Moselle Amron  
Sally Amron • Sylvia Cohen • Esther Duke  
Mehry bat Miriam Hakimpour • 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

*Friday-Saturday, Aug 31—Sep 1*

Shabbat Candle lighting .....	7:02 pm
Friday Minha .....	6:30 pm
Shaharit .....	8:30 am
Saturday Minha .....	6:15 pm
Havdala .....	8:04 pm

## Condolences

With sorrow we send our deepest condolences to the family and friends of

**Paul Shayne, z"l**

Pinchas ben Chaim Hachohen, who passed away on the 8th of Elul 5778, August 19th 2018.

Paul was born in Brooklyn. His passion was people: making them laugh and experience the lighter side of life. In 1954, he came to Los Angeles where he married Ethel Morris, daughter of hazzan Albert Morris of Calcutta. The couple were involved members of Kahal Joseph for many years.

He is survived by his wife, Ethel Shayne; his children Lydia Shayne, Andrew Shayne & Stephanie Shayne (Mitchell Friedland); his grandchildren Elijah Shayne, Gianna Shayne, Blake Raymond, and Devin Friedland; extended family and friends.

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



# 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)

## 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)



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](mailto:kahalmemories@gmail.com)





**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](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.html](http://www.kahaljoseph.org/talmud-torah.html)

## 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!



## High Holy Day Donation to Tomchei Shabbat

In preparation for the High Holy Days, it is customary to make gifts to the poor. Rabbi Melhado invites you to join him in contributing to Tomchei Shabbat, one of the leading organizations helping local needy Jews access food and resources.



To participate,  
email Rabbi Melhado at [rabbimelhado@kahaljoseph.org](mailto:rabbimelhado@kahaljoseph.org)

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

# Thank you for participating in Kahal Joseph's Annual Giving Days!

On behalf of the Board of Directors, I thank you for your overwhelming support!

*Yvette Dabby*, President

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Thank you to our wonderful volunteers!  
Yvette Dabby, Mark Darwish, Eva Dloomy, Rafi Itzhaki,  
Orly Kattan, Amy Philips, and Elsa Singman



# 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

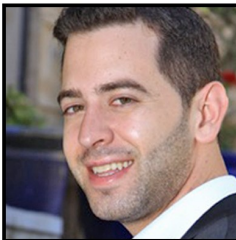
### GUEST TICKET RATES

*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)