

# KOL MEVASSER

## Rabbi's Message

Every year it warms my heart to see Lulavim and Etrogim around the neighborhood. Their classic look and smells evoke fond memories of Sukkots gone by, bringing a knowing smile to my lips. I can vividly picture being taught how to hold them as a child, and urging my parents to let *me* be the one to carry them to synagogue. Waving them in Hallel is a delight, making it easy to fulfil the mitsva to rejoice with them (Lev. 23:40).

Yet beyond God's commandment that we should use them to become happy, why did He pick these particular plants? The Torah is silent about this, leaving the Sages of the Talmudic period to suggest their own explanations. Each year I like to select a different one from Rabbinic literature and see if I can connect to it afresh. The one that spoke to me most recently appears in Vayikra Rabba 30:10:

- *'The fruit of the citron (hadar) tree' – this symbolizes Sarah, whom God graced (hidder) with a ripe old age, as it is written 'Avraham and Sarah grew old' (Gen. 18:11).*
- *'The branch of the date palm' – this symbolizes Rivka. Just as a date palm produces food and has thorns, so too did Rivka bring up a righteous child and an evildoer.*
- *'Boughs of myrtle trees' – this symbolizes Leah. Just as the myrtle is studded with leaves, so too was Leah studded with children.*



- *'Willows of the brook' – this symbolizes Rahel. Just as the willow withers before the other three species do, so too did Rahel pass away before her sister.*

Despite the tragedy of some of these comparisons, I enjoyed the image of the Lulav and Etrog as deriving from our Four Matriarchs. This is similar to the explanation of the number of matsot on Pesah: once we perform the step of Yahats, there are four pieces of Matsa at the seder table to remind us of these special women. Since they were the ones who brought the Tribes of Israel into being, it is fitting that they be represented throughout the Maggid section of the Seder (Keter Shem Tob, vol. III, p. 99).

Both holidays are rich in themes of birth and renewal. Each has a component of the creation of the Jewish nation: Pesah for our exodus from Egypt, and Sukkot for the booths where God housed us after we left there. Each also has a component of being a harvest festival, celebrating that Erets Yisrael produced a live-giving crop. These cycles of rebirth are best expressed through the symbol of our Mothers, who are essential to our own physical and spiritual continuity.

The day after Kippur, my family began to build the sukka that we squeeze onto our back porch. Even though they are very young, our girls were jumping with excitement to help put it together. How I will treasure the pictures that we took of them carrying the poles with their grandfather, who 30 years ago enjoyed the childish help of yours truly! I am sure that our Matriarchs would look with such pleasure on this freshest example of the renewal of the Jewish tradition!

## Parashat Haazinu

Torah: Deut. 32:1–32:52, 52 Pesukim  
Hertz 896–903; Stone 1100–1111  
Haftara: II Sam. 22:1–51  
Hertz 904–908; Stone 1205–1207  
Tefillot: Morid Hatal, no Tsidkatekha

## Sukkot Days 1 and 2

Torah: Lev. 22:26–23:44; Num. 29:12–16  
Orot Seph. Sukkot 353–356 (5 aliyot)  
Haftara S1: Zach. 14:1–21  
Orot Seph. Sukkot 357–358  
Haftara S2: I Kings 8:2–21  
Orot Seph. Sukkot 361–362  
Tefillot: Ps. 42–43; Morid Hatal, Netilat Lulav, Full Hallel, Hoshanot; Musaf of Sukkot

## KJ Schedule

### Erev Shabbat

Friday, September 21st

Candle lighting .....	6:33 pm
Minha .....	6:15 pm
Kabbalat Shabbat .....	6:45 pm

### Yom Shabbat

Saturday, September 22nd

Shaharit .....	8:30 am
Keri'at HaTorah.....	10:00 am
Sermon .....	11:20 am
Musaf.....	11:30 am
Women's Tehillim .....	5:00 pm
Minha .....	6:00 pm
Se'uda Shelisheet.....	6:45 pm
Arvit .....	7:20 pm
Havdala .....	7:35 pm

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## SUKKOT

### Erev Sukkot

*Sunday, September 23rd*

Shaharit 7:30 am

*Pick up Arba Minim at Shaharit or Arvit*

### Lel Sukkot I

*Sunday, September 23rd*

Candle Lighting 6:30 pm

Minha 6:00 pm / Arvit 6:30 pm

**Family Dinner in the Sukkah 7:00 pm**

### Sukkot I

*Monday, September 24th*

Shaharit 8:30 am

Hallel & Hakafof 9:45 am

Keri'at HaTorah 10:30 am

Musaf 11:30 am

### Lel Sukkot II

*Monday, September 24th*

Minha 6:00 pm

Arvit 6:30 pm

Candle Lighting *after* 7:32 pm

### Sukkot II

*Tuesday, September 25th*

Shaharit 8:30 am

Hallel & Hakafof 9:45 am

Keri'at HaTorah 10:30 am

Musaf 11:30 am

Minha 6:00 pm

Seuda Shelisheet 6:30 pm

Arvit 7:15 pm

Havdala (Gefen and Hamavdil) 7:31 pm

### Hol HaMoed Sukkot, Weekdays

*Wednesday-Friday, September 26th-28th*

Shaharit 6:05 am

Hallel & Hakafof 6:35 am

### Lel Shabbat Hol HaMoed Sukkot

*Friday, September 28th*

Candle lighting 6:23 pm

Minha 6:00 pm

*Friday, September 28th (continued)*

Kabbalat Shabbat & Arvit 6:30 pm

**Young Professionals Dinner 7:30 pm**

### Shabbat Hol HaMoed Sukkot

*Saturday, September 29th*

Shaharit 8:30 am

Keriat HaTorah 10:15 am

Musaf 11:30 am

Minha 5:45 pm

Seuda Shelisheet 6:30 pm

Arvit 7:10 pm

Havdala 7:25 pm

### Hoshana Rabba

*Saturday, September 29th*

Nighttime readings 10:00 pm

### 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

### In Memoriam

We remember these yahrzeits anniversaries from September 22 to 29, 2018. It is customary to light memorial candles, donate tzedaka and attend Shabbat services to honor the memory of our loved ones.

#### 14 Tishre / Sunday, September 23rd

Sarah Georgina Moses *Sarah bat Simcha*

Regina Shaby *Regina bat Haviva*

Naji Shaaya

#### 17 Tishre / Wednesday, September 26th

Salim Youssefmir *Salim ben Amin*

#### 18 Tishre / Thursday, September 27th

Paul Hyman *Yaakov Pesah ben Yitzhak*

### Help Shabbat Services Run Smoothly

There is a great spiritual value in reading the Musaf Amida aloud with Birkat Kohanim on Shabbat. When the priestly families ask God to bless our congregation during its maximum attendance, it is a favorable time for requests.

**To make this happen while still ending on time, we ask that . . .**

1) **If you need to say a personal prayer** such as a Hashkaba, Refua Shelema, or Birkat Hagomel, please ask for an Aliya for yourself or a male relative or friend. All other blessings of this type will be read in full at Minha on Shabbat afternoon.

2) **Please tell us of your need as soon as you arrive** – speak to Albert Nissan or David Kohan. Our Gabbaim will be avoiding Delugim, so asking early will make it more possible for you to get the mitsva.

3) **Please have the names ready** in your mind or on a piece of paper when you get your Aliya.

## Special Children's Program Sukkot & Simhat Torah

*Enjoy special activities and snacks each day!*



### Sukkot

**Monday, Sept. 24 & Tuesday, Sept. 25**

Playroom Open - 10am to 12pm



**Shemini Atzeret - Monday, Oct. 1**

Playroom Open - 10am to 12pm



**Simhat Torah - Tuesday, Oct. 2**

10am - Hakafot with the Torah

Playroom Open - 10:30am to 12:30pm



## Sukkot Family Dinner

Join the rabbi and family for a delicious dinner in Kahal's Sukkah, located in the playroom

**Sunday, September 23  
7:00 PM**

Adults - \$15 \* Kids 5 to 12 - \$10

Under 5 free - RSVP at

[www.kahaljoseph.org/sukkot](http://www.kahaljoseph.org/sukkot)



## Young Professionals Shabbat Dinner in the Sukkah

**Join our members & friends in their 20s and 30s  
for a delicious dinner & great discussion, all in  
Kahal's amazing Sukkah!**

**Friday, September 28 at 7:30PM**

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

*Celebrate Simhat Torah!*  
Monday, October 1, 2018  
\* Joy \* Friendship \* Family \* Torah \*  
\* Dancing \* Singing \*

**Mincha - 6:00 pm**

**Arvit - 6:45 pm**

*Join us for Hakafot, followed by a light Israeli dinner*

*Sponsored by Louise Nathan, Sunny J. Sassoon & family*





# *You're Invited!*

For 50 years of  
magnanimous generosity  
and love of our community,  
the Board of Directors  
and the Sisterhood  
of Kahal Joseph Congregation  
will honor

*Moselle and Michael Amron*

*the first night of Hanukkah,*  
Sunday, December 2, 2018 at 6:00 PM



\$100 minimum donation

RSVP at [www.kahaljoseph.org/50-years](http://www.kahaljoseph.org/50-years)  
or call Sarah in the office at 310.474.0559  
by Monday, Nov. 26

## LA Great Big Challah Bakes

Thursday, October 25, 2018

## The Great PINK Challah Bake

Shalhevet High School

In honor of Breast Cancer Awareness Month, learn about Breast Cancer  
and get tested for the BRCA gene. Wear your best pink!

7:00 PM - Dessert Reception & Screening

8:00 PM - Program led by Joyce Azaria

Admission - \$36 per person

## The Great Big Valley Challah Bake

Emek Hebrew Academy Auditorium

6:00pm - Dessert 6:30 pm - Program

Admission - \$25 per kit (2 people per kit)



**JIMENA and Kahal Joseph  
invite you to the Fall 2018**

## **All-Ages Backgammon Tournament Sunday, October 21 - 10am to 4pm**

10am - Tournament check-in

11am - Tournament begins (don't be late!)

Preregistration (ends 10/19) - \$20 tournament entry, \$10 adults, kids free

At the door - \$30 tournament entry, \$20 adults, \$5 kids

Middle Eastern food! Music! Raffle giveaway!

Grand prize for the winner of the tournament!

