

## Rabbi's Message

Since this is the season to acknowledge our mistakes, I would like to publicly correct an error that I made in our newsletter two months ago. By inviting our readers to follow what happened, I am confident that they will also enjoy an interesting tale of a hundred-year-old artifact that now resides at our congregation.



our synagogues in parokhets at this time “creates a poignant and moving image that stirs memories, honours the dead and intensifies worship.”

Among the several dozen curtains Penina had prepared, four or five were designed in the old Indian style of a patterned fabric curtain with a central cloth medallion. I started fussing over a medallion from 1906 that had been damaged, when all of a sudden it hit me: the lettering and fabric looked very similar to the one we found in August! In fact, all of the curtains we had in this style featured the same lettering, so perhaps the little green cloth for Rahel Khatoon was one of these medallions. It would certainly explain why such a small fabric was called a “parokhet.”

As I called Saul's family to explain my new theory, I wandered up to the stage and there in front of me was a long curtain just like the other Indian ones, with a border that was the identical green color as our little cloth. Not only that, but it had a pristine square in the middle where the fabric had been protected from the sun, exactly as one might expect if a small square cloth had been sewn there. We tried it and the shape was a perfect match, the two parts united for the first time in recent memory.

It is not clear how these relics ended up at Kahal Joseph, or indeed why the two parts became physically separated. One possibility is that our past president Ronald Einy may have received them in 1997 when the beadle of the Beth El Synagogue in Calcutta, Mr. David Nahoum, gifted him a large quantity of communal objects for display in Los Angeles. Regardless, a special family heirloom has now been recognized for what it is thanks to a beautiful Sukkot tradition.

In the Kol Mevasser for August 4th, we featured a photo of participants in the Adult Bat Mitzva class examining a cloth with Hebrew embroidery. The text contained a memorial to Rahel Khatoon, late wife of Ezra Levi, who was the father of our past president Saul Levi. Tragically, she passed at the age of 21 on the 10th of Heshvan in 1918, making her 100th yahrzeit this year on October 19th.

When we first ran this photo, I wrote that the cloth was “originally used to cover the Torah between aliyot.” This was based on the assumption that the cloth was too small for it to literally be a “parokhet” as it claimed. How could something only 2' x 2' ever be used to fully cover the doors of an Ekhal? We have several similarly sized cloths at Kahal, and all of them are clearly designed to cover the Sefer between aliyot.

After the email was sent, I went back into the hurly-burly of holiday preparation. I did not think of it again until Penina began laying out the parokhets to hang in the sanctuary for the end of Sukkot. As communal historian Joan Bieder has attested, the Iraqi custom of draping

### Shabbat Hol Hamo'ed Sukkot

Torah: Ex. 33:12–34:26; Num. 29:26–31

Orot Seph. Sukkot 731–734 (7 aliyot)

Haftara: Ezek. 38:18–39:16

Orot Seph. Sukkot 735–736

Tefillot: Ps. 42–43 omitted; Shabbat amida with Morid Hatal and Ya'ale Veyavo; Full Hallel without Netilat Lulav; Hoshanot without circuits around a Torah scroll; Musaf of Sukkot

### Shemini Atseret / Simhat Torah

Torah SA: Deut. 15:19–16:17; Num. 29:35–30:1

Orot Seph. Sukkot 363–365 (5 aliyot)

Haftara SA: I Kings 8:54–66

Orot Seph. Sukkot 365–366

Torah ST: Deut. 33:1–34:12; Gen. 1:1–2:3; M

Orot Seph. Sukkot 366–71 (5 olim, 3 hatanim)

Haftara ST: Josh. 1:1–9

Orot Seph. Sukkot 372

Tefillot: Ps. 12, Full Hallel, Tikkun Hageshem (SA only; Mashiv Haruah begins at Musaf that day, but Barekh Alenu is delayed until Arvit on Tuesday, December 4th)

### KJ Schedule

#### Hol Hamo'ed Sukkot

Friday, September 28th

Shaharit ..... 6:05 am

Hallel & Hakafot ..... 6:35 am

#### Lel Shabbat Hol Hamo'ed Sukkot

Friday, September 28th

Candle lighting ..... 6:23 pm

Minha ..... 6:15 pm

Kabbalat Shabbat & Arvit ..... 6:45 pm

**Young Professionals Dinner ..... 7:30 pm**

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### Shabbat Hol Hamo'ed 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
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*Sunday, September 30th*

Shaharit with Hakafot .....	6:30 am
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### Lel Shemini Atseret

*Sunday, September 30th*

Candle Lighting .....	6:20 pm
Minha .....	6:00 pm
Arvit .....	6:30 pm

### Yom Shemini Atseret

*Monday, October 1st*

Shaharit .....	8:30 am
Keri'at HaTorah .....	10:15 am
Musaf .....	11:30 am

### Lel Simhat Torah

*Monday, October 1st*

Minha .....	6:00 pm
Arvit .....	6:45 pm

### Festive Hakafot & Israeli Dinner

Candle lighting .....	after 7:22 pm
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### Yom Simhat Torah

*Tuesday, October 2nd*

Shaharit .....	8:30 am
Keriat HaTorah .....	10:30 am
Musaf .....	11:45 am
Minha .....	6:00 pm

### Yom Simhat Torah (cont.)

*Tuesday, October 2nd*

Seuda Shelisheet .....	6:30 pm
Arvit .....	7:10 pm
Havdala .....	7:21 pm

### Weekdays

*Wednesday-Friday, October 3rd-5th*

Shaharit .....	6:25 am
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### Next Shabbat Beresheet

*Friday-Saturday, October 5-6*

Candle lighting .....	6:13 pm
Friday Minha .....	6:00 pm
Shaharit .....	8:30 am
Saturday Minha .....	5:30 pm
Havdala .....	7:16 pm

### 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.

### In Memoriam

We remember these yahrzeits anniversaries from September 29 to October 6, 2018. It is customary to light memorial candles, donate tzedaka and attend Shabbat services to honor the memory of our loved ones.

#### 21 Tishre / Sunday, September 30th

Mary Mussry *Miriam bat Toba*

Menashe Ezra *Menashe ben Ezra*

Menashe Ezrapour

Allon Iny

Menashi Jacob *Yaacov ben Menashi Yaacov*

#### 22 Tishre / Monday, October 1st

Ezra Hayim Ezra *Ezra Hayim ben Norman*

Joyce Jacob *Ester bat Sarah*

Solomon Moses *Salman ben Haskel*

#### 23 Tishre / Tuesday, October 2nd

Naima Somekh *Naima bat Lulu*

#### 24 Tishre / Wednesday, October 3rd

Flora Cohen *Farha bat Salha*

Rahamim Salehani *Rahamim ben Salman Saleh*

Miriam Solomon *Miriam bat Rachel*

#### 25 Tishre / Thursday, October 4th

Farha Ezrapour *Farha bat Rachel*

#### 26 Tishre / Friday, October 5th

Moshe Duewk *Moshe ben Aharon Duewk HaCohen*

Irving Saber *Yitzhak ben Aharon*

#### 27 Tishre / Shabbat, October 6th

Abraham Kattan *Abraham ben Eliyahu Kattan*

### 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

## 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



Ask Rabbi  
Melhado

**Q.** Rabbi, do we eat in the sukkah during Shemini Atzeret?

**A.**

*Yes! In the Diaspora, the custom is to eat in the sukkah on Shemini Atzeret and to eat inside on Simhat Torah.*

*Here is the relevant passage from Rabbi Yosef Hayim of Baghdad:*

*"On Shemini Atzeret outside Eretz Yisrael, one does not say the blessing lishev basuka, but we must still live and sleep in the sukkah as on the other days of Sukkot. One should not squander this opportunity – the only difference is that we do not say the blessing.*

*At the nighttime Kiddush of Shemini Atzeret and Simhat Torah, we say sheheheyanu. On those days, we must wait for Kiddush until full nightfall: on Shemini Atzeret to be certain that we do not say lishev basuka, and on Simhat Torah to be certain that the time to be in the sukkah has ended."*

*– Ben Ish Hai Year 1, Vezot Haberakha 13*

## 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

*Dinner  
&  
Dancing*



*Valet  
Parking*

\$100 minimum donation, tax deductible  
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!

