

# KOL MEVASSER

## Guest Message

What is the act that you think of when someone asks you to “remember” something? Most likely, you would imagine sitting back and taking a trip down memory lane, perhaps bringing out a yearbook or a photo album. Or it could even be a simple reminiscence about the past, reflecting on some nice or not-so-nice thing that you’ve just been reminded of. In other words, we are used to “remembering” being a pretty passive act.



action straight away. This kind of remembrance comes up several times in Genesis – God remembers Lot as he is about to destroy Sodom and Gamora, and later remembers Rachel and allows her to bear children. Again, in both cases, God remembers and follows it with action.

What kind of remembering, then, should we be doing? Obviously, a quiet trip down memory lane can be quite satisfying, and there is nothing wrong with it. Yet God seems to be modeling something else. That is, He is using memory to do or create something.

We see this often in the modern world, in which people create something to remember either an event or a person. Sometimes, it’s just a small act of memorialization, like a plaque or a monument, or even just remembering and acting on a promise. Many of us feel compelled to donate to organizations or even hold fundraisers for causes that are dear to our hearts, powered by the memory of a close friend or family member. Other times, it becomes something deeper than that, living one’s life in a way that memorializes someone else. A friend of ours created a foundation to help English-speaking cancer patients in Israel get better support when his wife died after a long illness. He reflected on what would have made their experience better, even if he couldn’t have changed the outcome, and created something in her memory to give that experience to others.

Taking memory from fond recollection to solid action gives us the opportunity to emulate God in a way that reflects positively in the world around us. Using our experiences and even pain to move towards a positive, reparative outcome surely brings more Torah into the world. Try it out and I know you’ll see it yourselves!

But what if could also be a spur for action? In this week’s parasha, God is described as “remembering” twice. First, at the end of the flood, God “remembers” Noah and the animals on the ark, and causes the water to recede. These verses are used in the Rosh Hashanah liturgy, in the appropriately named service of “Zikhronot” (remembering). Second, He designates rainbows as the sign of His covenant with the earth, and that He would never again flood the earth to destroy everything. The language used here becomes part of the blessing said when you see a rainbow, “Blessed is God who remembers the covenant, and is faithful to it and who keeps His word.” Part of this same blessing (zokher haberit) also appears for the letter zayin in the Selihot poem, “Mi El Kamokha.”

As Saadia Gaon points out, this isn’t God remembering like He forgot something, but rather recollecting or bringing it to the forefront. More than just an idle thought, each instance of God’s recollection is followed immediately by action. He remembers the ark *and* calls back the flood waters. He creates the rainbow as a covenant to preserve humanity, *and* puts that covenant into

## Parashat Noah

Torah (§): Gen. 6:9–11:32, 153 Pesukim  
Hertz 26–40; Stone 30–53  
Haftara (§): Is. 54:1–10  
Hertz 41–42; Stone 1131–1132  
Tefillot: Mashiv Haruah

## Fall Minha Times

Until March, the Minha time on Saturday will be exactly thirty minutes earlier than the Minha time on Friday. For example, this week Minha is at 5:45 pm on Friday and 5:15 pm on Saturday.

## KJ Schedule

### Erev Shabbat

*Friday, October 12th*

Candle lighting .....	6:04 pm
Minha .....	5:45 pm
Kabbalat Shabbat & Arvit .....	6:15 pm

### Yom Shabbat

*Saturday, October 13th*

Shaharit .....	8:30 am
Keriat HaTorah .....	10:15 am
Sermon .....	11:20 am
Musaf .....	11:30 am
Women’s Tehillim .....	4:15 pm
Minha .....	5:15 pm
Seuda Shelisheet .....	6:00 pm
Arvit .....	6:50 pm
Havdala .....	7:06 pm

*Sunday, October 14th*

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

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## Shabbat Kiddush

is sponsored  
in honor of

**Iman and Sheila's  
Wedding**

by  
Nissan and Elizabeth  
Golshirazian

## Mazal Tov

**Jennifer Reiz and Efraim Keren  
on your engagement**

**Besiman Tov to parents**  
Renee and Norman Reiz  
Esther and Tzvika Keren

**grandparents**  
Senior Hazan Sassoon Ezra  
Sylvia Reiz  
and both families



**Mazal Tov**  
**Florette Benhamou**  
**2018 Jewish Educator**  
**Award winner from the**  
**Milken Family Foundation**

Florette, daughter of our dear Senior Hazan, Sassoon Ezra, is a beloved first grade teacher at the Harkham Hillel Hebrew Academy. In their words, 'this award bestows public recognition on excellent educators who have made and continue to make outstanding contributions to the education of students' in Los Angeles area Jewish day schools.

## Condolences

With sorrow we send our deepest condolences  
to the family and friends of  
**Florence Levi, z''l**

Farha bat Masouda and Ezra Halevi. She passed away on the 28th of Tishre 5779, October 7th 2018, at the age of 93.

Florence was born in Calcutta, and at just 17 she married the love of her life, Simon Levi, who had moved from Burma to be with her. After starting a family in India, they immigrated to San Francisco in 1947 at the invitation of Simon's brother Elias, who would become the first Rabbi of Kahal Joseph. They moved to Southern California in 1960, and in 1962 opened the Beverly Hills Liquor Castle, which grew into a local landmark. Florence is remembered for her quick wit, impish sense of fun, and selfless dedication to everyone. Beloved by many, all she had to do was walk down the street and she would encounter the warmth of those she had touched.

Florence was predeceased by her husband, Simon Levi and her daughter, Rosalind Gurwitz.

She is survived by her children: Russ Levi, Eddie (Julie) Levi, Maggie Diamond, David (Mirai) Levi; her ten grandchildren; and eleven great-grandchildren.

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

## KJ Children's Room

While children are always welcome in the sanctuary, the playroom upstairs is available every **Shabbat from 10 am to 12pm** for children needing a break or for those too young to sit for very long.

Have questions or suggestions?  
Talk to Rabbi or Jessica Melhado!

## In Memoriam

We remember these yahrzeits anniversaries from October 13 to 20, 2018. It is customary to light memorial candles, donate tzedaka and attend Shabbat services to honor the memory of our loved ones.

**5 Heshvan / Sunday, October 14th**  
Jacob Izaac *Itzhak ben Yaacov Itzhak*  
Salha Hoory *Salha bat Noona*

**6 Heshvan / Monday, October 15th**  
Meyer J. Jonah *Meir ben Yaacov Yonah*

**8 Heshvan / Wednesday, October 17th**  
Eliezer Chammou *Eliezer ben Yosef*  
Yamin Sassoon *Yamin ben Sassoon*

**9 Heshvan / Thursday, October 18th**  
Ezekiel Ezra  
Farha Joseph *Farha bat Haviva*

**10 Heshvan / Friday, October 19th**  
Nissim Elie *Nissim Elie ben Dona*  
Jacob Ezekiel Azoory *Yaacov Yehezkel Azoory*  
Edward E. Sassoon *Yehezkel ben Aharon*

**11 Heshvan / Shabbat, October 20th**  
Jacob Silas Mussry *Yaacov ben Saleh*

## 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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**Monday- Friday, October 15th-19th**  
Shaharit ..... 6:25 am

**Next Shabbat / Fri-Sat, October 19-20**  
Candle lighting ..... 5:56 pm  
Friday Minha ..... 5:45 pm  
Shaharit ..... 8:30 am  
Saturday Minha ..... 5:15 pm  
Havdala ..... 6:58 pm

**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  
Online at [bit.ly/sheshbeshkj2018](http://bit.ly/sheshbeshkj2018)

At the door - \$30 tournament entry, \$20 adults, \$5 kids  
Middle Eastern food! Music! Raffle giveaway!  
Grand prize for the winner of the tournament!



**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)



*You're Invited!*

**MIZRAHIE TORAH REDEDICATION  
& CELEBRATORY LUNCHEON  
Saturday, October 27  
Parashat Vayera**

Brought from Surabaya, Indonesia by  
Rebecca and Saul Mizrahie, this Torah scroll  
is dedicated to the loving memory of  
Eliyahu ben Mordechai Mizrahie.

After being extensively repaired by our sofer,  
the entire KJ community celebrates its return!

Join us for special celebratory psalms and  
songs at services, and a festive  
kiddush luncheon to follow.

**All are invited!**

This celebration was inspired in part by The Shabbat Project,  
an annual event in which Jews around the world  
come together to experience the magic of Shabbat.



# *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

**KAHAL JOSEPH  
CONGREGATION and  
GLOBAL DAY OF JEWISH LEARNING  
present...**



*Journey into  
Iraqi Kurdistan:  
Reflections  
from a  
Young Traveler*



Join us as we hear from Alan Niku,  
a Persian Jew with Kurdish ancestry.  
Enjoy amazing photography from a  
seldom-visited part of the world  
with deep connections to Kahal.

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 11 at 2:30PM  
LIGHT RECEPTION TO FOLLOW**