

# KOL MEVASSER

## Rabbi's Message

### *How Do We Respond to Pittsburgh?*



News of the terrible synagogue shooting in Pittsburgh reached me in services last Shabbat from members who had only just heard it themselves. Though I responded with a heartfelt prayer at the Ekhal, I did not fully comprehend the extent or motivations of the attack until after Havdala.

It was chilling to read the killer's last social media post explaining his actions, to say nothing of imagining the scene inside the synagogue itself. How can it be that in this day and age, grisly massacres in houses of worship are becoming *more* common? How can it be that the stark, uncomplicated antisemitism that we once ascribed to past generations is still alive and well?

My friends and congregants are turning to me for spiritual guidance, and I write this message in an attempt to rise to that sacred duty. I know that mere words cannot mend what was torn, but if there is a way to suggest a path of comfort, or to channel our mourning into a constructive outlet that would be meaningful to the survivors, then it is worth trying.

Taking inspiration from our tradition of Kinnot (reading dirges for the 9th of Av), I suggest that it is helpful to air and process our reactions openly. There are many reasons why the massacre is "our" tragedy even though it happened in another community. We could benefit from giving ourselves the space to express how it affects us. It gets the grief out there and invites others to support us through it.

The practice of reciting Kinnot also teaches that once we really face a tragic event, we start to feel the hope of transcending it. Nearly all these elegies conclude their doleful stanzas with a final, more encouraging one. The dirge "Halanofelim Tekuma" opens with the dejected cry that *"on the day that my sanctuary was destroyed, may no song be heard anymore, for my glory was changed to shame and my song to lamentation."* Yet after going to the depths of despair, it ends with a hopeful prayer that God will redeem us and receive our awestruck thanksgiving.

Having thus expressed our emotions, we each - personally - have the power to give to a cause that honors who the victims were or why they were targeted. You can provide the families and their community with direct material support, or give to a non-profit that assists targeted groups in general. Since the shooter was animated by hatred of HIAS, a harmless institution that aids refugees, you can donate to them. By translating our anguish into tangible acts of goodness, we ensure that an unspeakable tragedy also generates positive, real-world outcomes.

Finally, we can follow the advice of a dear friend of mine, Dr. Rafael Dascalu of Monash University. Since it was the victims' Jewishness that provoked the attack, then we can continually subvert the attacker by bringing meaningful Jewish experiences to ourselves, our families, and our communities. We can take up the AJC's call for a #ShowUpForShabbat campaign to demonstrate that we will not be scared away from synagogue. In Dr. Dascalu's informal but rousing words, "Jew it up, with a big heart, with devotion. Aim for holiness and love. And keep doing that till we drop."

## Parashat Haye Sarah

### #ShowUpForShabbat

Torah: Gen. 23:1–25:18, 105 Pesukim

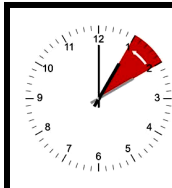
Hertz 80–89; Stone 106–123

Haftara: I Kings 1:1–31

Hertz 90–92; Stone 1136–1137

Tefillot: Mashiv Haruah, Hakhratzat

Kislev (Ths & Fri)



## Daylight Savings Ends

Remember to set your clocks back one hour this Sunday morning! Enjoy the 25-hour day and get ready for Shabbat to start coming in early!

## KJ Schedule

### Erev Shabbat

*Friday, November 2nd*

Candle lighting .....	5:41 pm
Minha .....	5:30 pm
Kabbalat Shabbat & Arvit .....	6:00 pm

### Yom Shabbat

*Saturday, November 3rd*

Shaharit .....	8:30 am
Keriat HaTorah .....	10:15 am
Sermon .....	11:20 am
Musaf .....	11:30 am

Women's Tehillim .....	4:00 pm
Minha .....	5:00 pm
Seuda Shelisheet .....	5:45 pm
Arvit .....	6:30 pm
Havdala .....	6:43 pm

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**Mazal Tov to**  
Jessica Melhado  
On Becoming  
A Citizen  
Of the United States of America

Besiman Tob to her adoring family  
Rabbi, Penny and Ellie Melhado  
Annette and Bill Cavanagh  
Lee and Evan Melhado

## Shabbat Kiddush

is sponsored in memory of

Mary Saleh, z"l  
Haim Saleh, z"l  
Dr. Saleh Saleh, z"l

by  
Viva and Charles Rabbie

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*Sunday, November 4th  
(Daylight Savings Time Change)*

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

*Monday-Wednesday, November 5th-7th*  
Shaharit..... 6:25 am

**Rosh Hodesh Kislev**  
*Thursday & Friday, November 8th & 9th*  
Shaharit..... 6:05 am

**Next Shabbat / Fri-Sat, November 9-10**  
**Candle lighting..... 4:35 pm**  
**Friday Minha ..... 4:15 pm**  
Shaharit..... 8:30 am  
Saturday Minha ..... 3:45 pm  
Havdala ..... 5:38 pm

## 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!

## 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 5:30 pm  
on Friday and 5:00 pm on Saturday.

## In Memoriam

We remember these yahrzeits anniversaries from  
November 3 to 10, 2018. It is customary to light  
memorial candles, donate tzedaka and attend  
Shabbat services to honor the memory of our  
loved ones.

**27 Heshvan / Monday, November 5th**  
*Nissim Rahamim Yaacov*  
Yehoshua Moshi Yehoshua ben Moshe  
Sumner Blank

**28 Heshvan / Tuesday, November 6th**  
Moshe Bebe Moshe ben Kadoorie

**29 Heshvan / Wednesday, November 7th**  
Mary Saleh

**1 Kislev / Friday, November 9th**  
Joe Hai Joseph Yoseph Hai ben Itzhak Yoseph  
Abraham Isaac Avraham ben Eliyahu Yitzchak

**2 Kislev / Shabbat, November 10th**  
Doron Ironi *Doron ben Yosef*  
Ralph Nathan *Raphael ben Mordechai*

## 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  
Rahel bat Ramah Regina



# Young Professionals Get Togethers 5779

## Shabbat Dinner - November 9

Join the rabbi and his family for a delicious Shabbat dinner, an interesting discussion and lots of schmoozing.  
Open to members and friends in their 20s and 30s.

Email [rabbimelhado@kahaljoseph.org](mailto:rabbimelhado@kahaljoseph.org) to RSVP!

# The Kahal Joseph HANUKKAH PARTY

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2  
11AM TO 12:30PM

Join us for  
games, crafts, food  
and more!

## JIMENA and Temple Beth Am present *Untold Stories Concert*

A transporting evening of music & storytelling embracing the Jewish musical traditions of Persia, Syria, Morocco and more.



Chloe Pourmorady  
Violin, Voice

Chazzan Liran Kohn  
Voice

Asher Shasho-Levy  
Oud, Voice

Yoni Arbel  
Percussion

*Sunday, November 4th, 7pm*

\$20 online, \$25 at the door

SPECIAL OFFER: 2 for \$30 until 5pm, 10/26!

Tickets: [bit.ly/mizconcert2018](http://bit.ly/mizconcert2018)

Temple Beth Am  
1039 S La Cienega Blvd 90035

*Light refreshments will be served.*

Melodies of celebration, prayer, longing and love will be complimented by personal stories about Jewish communities from the Middle East and North Africa.

This event is in honor of Mizrahi Commemoration Month and the 850,000 Jewish refugees who were displaced from Arab countries and Iran in the 20th century.

 **Jimena**  
Jews Indigenous to the  
Middle East and North Africa





# *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 the office at 310.474.0559 by Nov. 26

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Los Angeles, CA 90025 .

**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**