

KOL MEVASSER

Rabbi's Message

I've been thinking a lot about materialism lately. Many western economies are capitalist, and run on people's desire to own things. Our professional and personal lives frequently involve buying material objects, and our public and virtual spaces are full of advertisements from companies that sell them. We are constantly pursuing the next thing, and our homes become so full of things that we have to buy more things to organize the things we already have.

As a committed bibliophile I am a full participant in this culture of ownership. There is a certain thrill in finding the next book, and having ready access to the knowledge contained between its covers. While my goal is enriching my mind, it comes with the cumbersome physical demands of organizing and storing a personal library.

On my recent trip to the East Coast, a fellow airline passenger remarked at the hours I had spent reading a book, and wanted to know what had captured my attention so fully. I showed him that it was "Prince of the Press," a history of Hebrew print media that followed the library of Rabbi David Oppenheim, Chief Rabbi of Prague in the early 18th century. In the ensuing back-and-forth, my new friend suddenly gave a hearty chuckle. "You mean you're a book collector who found out there was a book about a book collector and you collected it?!"

While that exchange was a witty sendup of my book-buying habit, this particular book offered valuable insight into the human impulse to own



objects containing information. Remarking on the rise of modern print libraries in the 17th century, Teplitsky points out that "an essential component of this process was access to the stuff of knowledge via the direct possession of those objects that bore such truths. 'Objectivity' as a scientific notion preserves the linguistic register of knowledge inhering in objects as a material, object-based experience" (pp. 7, 211 ff. 10).

I particularly appreciated this reflection on the week of Shabbat Shekalim, since this is how we remember the special reading for the Haftara. The average synagogue attendee may or may not have the halakha at their fingertips when it comes to selecting the right reading (SA OH 685). It's different in years when there is one Adar or two, and it can be hard to remember what trumps what when there is a single or double parasha and a special Shabbat. Instead we rely on the notations in the printed Humashim, and thus we have the perfect example of a physical object where possessing it dictates our communal practice. We might value this even more as Iraqis, since our Haftarot sometimes do not appear in published Humashim, and we must reprint them from older pamphlets that were previously collected by bibliophiles and scholars.

Yet materialism surely has its limits, and the content of the readings of Shabbat Shekalim is an important corrective. Throughout all of our commercialism, we must save resources for the things that are truly valuable: the well-being of the poor, and the maintenance of institutions that nurture our moral lives and set us on the upright path. Even the Kohanim in the Haftara need to be reminded that our financial resources are only as meaningful as the benevolence with which we disburse them.

Parashat Vayak'hel Shabbat Shekalim

Torah: Ex. 35:1–38:20; Ex. 30:11–16
Hertz 373, 352; Stone 516, 484
Haftara (§): II Kings 11:17–12:17
Hertz 992–995; Stone 1212–1214
Tefillot: Mashiv Haruah, Hakhrazat
Adar II (Ths & Fri)

KJ Schedule

Erev Shabbat

Friday, March 1st

Shabbat Candle lighting	5:31 pm
Minha	5:15 pm
Kabbalat Shabbat & Arvit	5:45 pm

Yom Shabbat

Saturday, March 2nd

Shaharit.....	8:30 am
Keriat HaTorah	10:15 am
Sermon	11:20 am
Musaf	11:30 am
Women's Tehillim	<i>right after kiddush</i>
Minha	4:45 pm
Seuda Shelisheet	5:30 pm
Arvit.....	6:20 pm
Havdala	6:35 pm

Sunday, March 3rd

Shaharit	7:30 am
Talmud Torah.....	9:45 am
Carnival Volunteer Meeting	11:30 am

Monday-Wednesday, March 4th-6th

Shaharit	6:25 am
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A Piyut for Shabbat Shekalim

עז לאלהים אין כְּמוֹהוּ בְּאֵלִים.
אֶהְיֶה לוֹ בְּיוֹם שַׁבָּת שְׁקָלִים.
נִתְבוֹתִי בְּלִי דְמִיּוֹן וְרַעֲיוֹן.
וְהוּא עָלִיוֹן וּמִבֵּית בְּשָׁפְלִים:

בְּשִׁיר נָשִׁיר כְּלוּיִים עַל הַדּוֹכָן.
מִקְדִּים שְׁקָלֵנוּ לְשִׁקְלֵי מְמוֹכָן.
דְּמוּת אֵין לוֹ בְּחֶסֶד כְּסֵא הַיּוֹכֵן.
וְהוּא קִדְמוֹן וּמִמְצִיא כָּל פְּעָלִים:

דְּבַר קִדְשׁוֹ טוֹב לְעַמּוֹ וְאוֹתָם.
צוּה לְתַת מַחְצִית שְׁקֵל מֵאֲתָם.
מִבֶּן עֲשָׂרִים לְכַפֵּר עַל נַפְשׁוֹתָם.
וּבַעַת פְּקֻדָּם מִנְּגִיף הֵם גְּאוּלִּים:

אֵל צוּר מְשֻׁגָּב וּמַחֲשֶׁה עֵז וּמַגְדֵּל.
לְאִישׁ נֹתֵן כֶּפֶר נַפְשׁוֹ לֹא יַחְדֵּל.
הַעֲשִׂיר לֹא יִרְבֶּה מִתָּן וְהִדֵּל.
לֹא יִמְעִיט כִּי בְּזֹאת הֵמָּה שְׁקוּלִים:

חֵי אֲשִׁירָה תְּמִיד אוֹמְרָה הַלּוּלִים.
זִכֵּר רַב טוֹבָד אֲבִיעָה בְּמִלִּים.
קִבְּצֵנוּ וְנִשׁוּבָה בְּדִגְלִים.
בְּמִקְדָּם לְכַפֵּר בְּשִׁקְלִים:

Thank You Kelly Family

Kahal Joseph is very grateful
to the Kelly family for their support of
KJ's Annual Purim Carnival

Condolences

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

Amin Nahai, z"l

Yitzhak ben Khatoon and Aghajan (1925-2018).
He passed away at night on February 25th 2019,
the 21st of Adar I.

He is survived by his wife

Helen Nahai

his sons

Kayvan (Grace) Nahai

Behzad (Angela) Nahai

his grandchildren

Tatiana, Karina, Ashton, Nicholas, John, Tara

and his 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.*

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Rosh Hodesh Adar II

Thursday & Friday, March 7th & 8th

Shaharit..... 6:05 am

Next Shabbat /Friday-Saturday, March 8-9

Shabbat Candle lighting..... 5:36 pm

Friday Minha..... 5:30 pm

Shaharit..... 8:30 am

Saturday Minha..... 5:00 pm

Havdala..... 6:41 pm

Mazal Tov

Jessica & Justin Delfino
on the birth of a baby girl
Isabella Sofia

Besiman Tov to

Big Sister
Eliana

Grandparents
Fiona and Karo

and the whole extended family

In Memoriam

We remember these yahrzeit anniversaries from
March 2 to 9, 2019. We light memorial candles do-
nate tsedaka & attend Shabbat services to honor the
memory of our loved ones.

25 Adar I / Shabbat, March 2nd

Rivka Blank *Rivka bat Sarah Hannah*

26 Adar I / Sunday, March 3rd

Moses Solomon Noah *Moshe ben Shlomo Noah*
Yaghoub Partiyeli

27 Adar I / Monday, March 4th

Elias M. Judah *Eliyahu Hayim ben Meir Yehuda*

29 Adar I / Wednesday, March 6th

Tefara Menashe *Tefara bat Ezra*

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 • Rahel bat Ramah Regina
Eti Esther bat Fortuna • Karen bat Chana
Rabbi Eliahu Shalom ben Avigayil Ezran

Happy Purim

Wednesday, March 20

6:15 PM - Minha w/Birkat Cohanim

7:00 PM - Raffle with prizes

7:45 PM - Reading of Megilat Esther

Followed by

A light dinner with Hamantashen

Sponsors needed! Contact RabbiMelhado@kahaljoseph.org

Thurs., March 21

5:45 AM - Shaharit & Megila



Fifth Annual Yom HaZikaron Community Night of Remembrance

Tuesday, May 7, 2019

7:30 pm

Saban Theater

8440 Wilshire Blvd



Consulate General of Israel
in Los Angeles

Purim Baking!

Sunday, March 17

10AM until the dough is done

Bake traditional Iraqi treats for the KJ Purim baskets, which are distributed to members of our congregation.

RSVP to Yvette at yvettedabby@gmail.com



Can't make it?

Make a dough-nation!

Send a check to the Kahal Joseph office, call 310-474-0559 or www.kahaljoseph.org/donate

Morning Minyan wants You!

Every weekday morning, as well as on Sundays, a dedicated group meets to praise God and be together.

Join us!

Normal Schedule

Sundays: 7:30 AM

Mon-Fri: 6:25 AM

Special Days

Sundays: 7:30 AM

Mon-Fri: 6:05 AM

Federal Holidays

Mon-Fri: 7:00 AM





KAHAL JOSEPH INVITES YOU TO

PURIM CARNIVAL

Games! Food! Fun! Prizes!

**Sunday, Mar. 10
11 AM - 3 PM**

\$20 WRISTBAND

UNLIMITED RIDES & GAMES

Great food, prizes and more!

All proceeds benefit Kahal!

Event Chairs: Molly Jalali & Nicole Mathalon

**Our carnival is made possible by the
generous sponsorship of the Kelly family**



Sponsor the Carnival!

RINGMASTER - \$1000

TROUPER - \$500

JUGGLER - \$250

**Contact Molly at molly@emetek.com
or 310-880-3418**

**to set up your sponsorship
BY TUESDAY MARCH 5**

ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT KAHAL!

Volunteer
with the
carnival!

Several
time slots
available!

Sunday, March 10

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310-880-3418 to sign up!

