

KOL MEVASSER

Rabbi's Message

Pekude opens with a remarkable display of Israelite wealth.

The splendor of the Tabernacle consumed vast amounts of precious metals, the weights of which are tallied at the beginning of the parasha (Ex. 38:24-31). The golden vessels and plating took a hefty 87,730 shekels of raw metal, while the silver took up 301,775, and the copper a further 212,400. Assuming even a small shekel weight of half an ounce, the current exchange rate gives us a total metal value of about sixty million dollars.

We know that this was all put to selfless use for God, Who also exhorted us to feed the poor and protect the downtrodden. The intention of the Tabernacle was to bear witness to our covenant with Him, and to give us a sense of national dignity after the debasements of national slavery (Menahot 86b, Shemot Rabbah 36:2). When we strayed from that and allowed its opulence to become hollow, God rebuked us and demanded that we get our priorities straight (cf. Isaiah 58).

Still, I can understand how the images of conspicuous consumption in the Tabernacle could be harnessed by anti-Semites, who cast our people as money-grubbing hoarders. Sadly that attitude was on display in Belgium last Sunday, as the Lenten season at Aalst kicked off with a parade that would make any Jew catch their breath in shock. One group's float featured two 15-foot caricatures of Haredi Jews with big noses, dancing on stacks of money and smoking cigars while pet rats leered menacingly from their shoulders. The makers of



this repellent creation explained that they decided to take a "sabbatical" in spending on this year's float so they could afford a higher outlay next year. "We found it comical to have pink Jews in the procession with a safe to keep the money we saved," one organizer said.

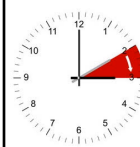
This statement demonstrates a key assumption in the "soft" anti-Semitism that is now in vogue. The Jew-as-money-man is presented as so obvious that the normal reaction to making fun of it should be to just laugh along. Never mind that within living memory, the very same imagery was exploited to demonize and murder two thirds of European Jewry. In this new anti-Semitism, protesting the joke means that you have no sense of humor, and are quashing free expression. When the Belgian Jewish community complained that the incident showed a "disgraceful lack of discernment" between modern comedy and historical persecution, the mayor of Aalst declared that the float makers had "no offensive intentions," and refused to intervene.

How do we stand tall when such odious world-views become so prevalent? I suggest taking an example from the careers of Sir Moses Montefiore and Adolphe Crémieux, Jewish activists from the mid-19th century who lived during the creation of international news media. While each represented a different understanding of Jewish values, they both felt that having a global mouthpiece meant the end of Jews passively taking abuse. Their advocacy was an effective demonstration that public opinion could be used to shield Jewish victims from harm. A century and a half later, modern advocacy groups are still using the same model. If the parade at Aalst bothers you, consider supporting one of them, and see the difference it will make!

Parashat Pekude End of Shemot

Torah: Ex. 38:21–40:38, 92 Pesukim
Hertz 385–391; Stone 530–541
Haftara (Sephardim): I Kings 7:40–50
Hertz 382–383; Stone 1163–1164
Tefillot: Mashiv Haruah

Daylight Savings Starts



Remember to set your clocks forward one hour this Sunday morning. The **Purim Carnival** will be running on Daylight time, so make sure not to miss the first hour!

KJ Schedule

Erev Shabbat

Friday, March 8th

Shabbat Candle lighting	5:36 pm
Minha	5:30 pm
Kabbalat Shabbat & Arvit	6:00 pm

Yom Shabbat

Saturday, March 9th

Shaharit.....	8:30 am
Keriat HaTorah.....	10:15 am
Sermon	11:20 am
Musaf	11:30 am
Women's Tehillim	right after kiddush
Minha	5:00 pm
Seuda Shelisheet	5:45 pm
Arvit.....	6:25 pm
Havdala.....	6:41 pm

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Thank You Kelly Family

The Kahal Joseph community & Board of Directors are very grateful to the Kelly family for their support of KJ's Annual Purim Carnival which makes it such a celebratory & festive family event

In Memoriam

We remember these yearzeit anniversaries from March 9 to 16, 2019. We light memorial candles donate tsedaka & attend Shabbat services to honor the memory of our loved ones.

7 Adar II / Thursday, March 14th

Farha Atraghji *Farha bat Hanina*

8 Adar II / Friday, March 15th

Isaac Jacob Jonah *Itzhak ben Yaacov Yonah*
Abraham Naji Joseph *Abraham Shalom ben Itzhak*
Jacques Litvac *Yoachim David ben Micha HaCohen*

9 Adar II / Shabbat, March 16th

Victoria Levy *Victoria bat Hanina*

KJ Purim Schedule

KJ's 14th Annual Purim Carnival

Sunday, March 10th

11:00 am to 3:00 pm
with Holy Grill Food Truck

Erev Shabbat Zakhor

Friday, March 15th

Shabbat candle lighting 6:42 pm
Friday Mincha 6:30 pm
Kabbalat Shabbat & Arvit 7:00 pm

Shabbat Zakhor

Saturday, March 16th

Shaharit 8:30 am
Keriat HaTorah 10:15 am
Reading of "Mi Khamokha" poem by
Yehuda HaLevi 5:45 pm
Mincha 6:00 pm
Seuda Shelisheet 6:45 pm
Havdala 7:46 pm

Baking for KJ Purim Baskets

Sunday, March 17th

10:00 am

Taanit Esther

Wednesday, March 20th

Fast begins 5:42 am
Shaharit 6:05 am
Mincha w/Birkat Kohanim 6:15 pm
Fast ends 7:43 pm

Lel Purim

Wednesday, March 20th

Raffle with Prizes 7:00 pm
Megila Reading 7:45 pm
Light Dinner following Megila

Yom Purim

Thursday, March 21st

Shaharit & Megila 5:45 am

Shushan Purim

Friday, March 22nd

Shaharit 6:25 am



Refua Shelema

Sassoon Ezra • Moselle Amron • Sally Amron • Sylvia Cohen • Esther Duke • Mehry bat Miriam Hakimipour
Tilda Levy • Yvonne Moalim • Florice Newberry
Aliza bat Rachel • Aliza bat Victoria • Arlette bat Rashel
Chaya Chana bat Batya • Katie bat Farha
Malka bat Rachel • Miriam bat Yetta • Miryam bat Malka
Moshe Ezra ben MazalTov • Simcha bat Rooha
Habiba bat Farha • Meir Ezra ben Rachel • Dina bat Rachel
Chaya Rachel bat Simcha • Rachel bat Ramah Regina
Eti Esther bat Fortuna • Karen bat Chana
Rabbi Eliahu Shalom ben Avigayil Ezran
Arie Yaacov ben Shlomo

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Sunday, March 10th

Shaharit 7:30 am
KJ Purim Carnival 11:00 am to 3:00 pm

Monday-Friday, March 11th-15th

Shaharit 6:25 am

Next Shabbat

Friday-Saturday, March 15th-16th

Shabbat Candle lighting 6:42 pm
Friday Mincha 6:30 pm
Shaharit 8:30 am
Saturday Mincha 6:00 pm
Havdala 7:46 pm

H a p p y P u r i m

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

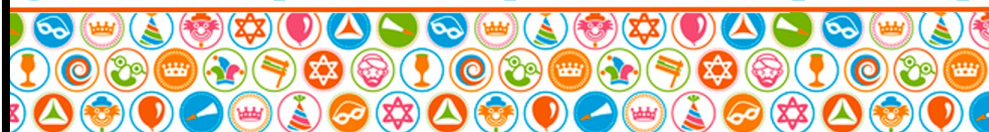
UNLIMITED RIDES & GAMES

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 today!**

ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT KAHAL!

Volunteer
with the
carnival!

Several
time slots
available!

Sunday, March 10

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