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KOL MEVASSER

Rabbi's Message

Lately my brother has been sharing his love of professional basketball with my girls. He's a fan of the Golden State Warriors, and since playoff season fell in part on Pesah, we have enjoyed a few games together as a family this Hol Hamoed.



While I have not been following the season, I do have an appreciation for the artistry of play. Especially when the games are close, a spectator can really enjoy the tension of a contest whose outcome hangs on every possession. The longer the championship continues, the more rides on each game, and the more depends on that special combination of smooth teamwork and individual spunk.

Tuesday night, we tuned in not to the Warriors, but to a game that could determine who they would face if they prevail over the Clippers. It was the fifth contest in a series between the Portland Trail Blazers and the OKC Thunder, with Portland leading three games to one. By the final minutes of the fourth quarter, it appeared as if the Blazers would lose to the Thunder by more than 10 points, allowing the series to continue 3-2.

Yet something in the Blazers came together, and they were determined not to give up. Over a rousing five minutes, they rolled back the Thunder's lead until a nail-biting exchange of baskets left it anyone's game. In the final possession, the Blazers' Damian Lillard stood blocked near half court with a tie of 115-115. As the seconds rolled down with no end to the game

in sight, he suddenly launched a power shot from 37 feet away. Forty thousand eyes followed its two anxious seconds of hang time until it swished neatly into the basket, winning the series and eliminating the Thunder from the championship. The packed stadium erupted in joy as Lillard's teammates reveled around him.

I can imagine this emotional rollercoaster being something like the feeling of Bene Yisrael at the Sea of Reeds during the Exodus. Starting as the underdog, we had fought our way up to near victory as Pharaoh allowed us to leave his service. Then at the eleventh hour we found ourselves hemmed in between the impassable seashore and a dogged enemy that would not let go. Yet with only seconds left to spare, a long-shot save came through and we were redeemed when it really counted. The nation burst into the Song of the Seas, and we went on to the next round of our journey.

What elements put this victory in our grasp? I imagine that it called upon some of the same qualities required of a sports franchise: the brinkmanship and motivational skills of the leaders, the willingness of individuals to selflessly support the collective, and the sheer tenacity to keep pushing forward in a losing situation. Yet much more urgently than in a sporting event, it called upon deep reserves of faith. The Midrash reports that the Israelites feared going into the sea until Nahshon leaped in and showed them it was possible (Sotah 37a). It was this simple act of faith more than anything else that made us rally to triumph. We remembered what the message of Pesah is truly about: that God is a real force in our lives, and when we depend on Him we stand our best chance of success.

Yom Tov Pesah VII

Torah: Ex. 13:17–15:26, Num. 28:19–25
Orot Sephardic Pesah: 316–319 (5 aliyot)
Haftara: II Sam. 22:1–51
Orot Sephardic Pesah: 319–321
Tefillot: Ps. 107, Vatikah Miryam, Morid Hatal, Half Hallel, Musaf of Pesah

Shabbat Pesah VIII

Torah: Deut. 14:22–16:17, Num. 28:19–25
Orot Sephardic Pesah: 321–324 (7 aliyot)
Haftara: Is. 10:32–12:6
Orot Sephardic Pesah: 324–325
Tefillot: Ps. 107, Morid Hatal, Half Hallel, Musaf of Pesah

Sefirat Ha'omer

Counted each day from the 2nd night of Pesah until Shavuot. The blessing is said only when counting at night (after Tset Hakokhavim), and only if you have counted continuously without missing any days.

KJ Pesah Schedule 5779 / 2019

Hol Hamo'ed IV & Leil Pesah VII Thursday, April 25th

Shaharit 6:05 am
Candle lighting 7:13 pm
Minha 6:00 pm
6th night since the Omer

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Condolences

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

Arlette Darwish, z"l

Malka bat Rashel and Reuven, z"l. She passed on the first day of Pesah, Saturday, April 20th 2019, the 15th of Nisan.

Born in Baghdad, Arlette left at a young age to build a new life. Following a few years each in Kobe, Japan and Israel, she finally settled in New York City where she met her beloved husband, Dan. Together they raised four beautiful children, whom she followed westward to California as they moved into adulthood.

Slow to anger and quick to forgive, Arlette was known as a fountain of positive energy. She was the glue that held her family together through many challenges, and was a mainstay of the community who helped many friends and acquaintances as well. Following her passing, her children have heard countless stories of Arlette's goodness and assistance to others.

She is survived by her mother, Rachel Bakhsh; her children, Sandra (Eddie) Sarraf, Mark (Julie) Darwish, Richard (Melissa) Darwish, Darren (Michele) Darwish; and her grandchildren Danielle, Ryan, Gabrielle, Matthew, Zachary, Noah, Quin, and Olivia.

She was predeceased by her husband, Dan Darwish, z"l.

The funeral service took place on Monday. The remaining six days of shiva will be observed after Passover.

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

The song "Ashir LaEl" can be found in *Shir Ushvaha* on page 287.



On behalf of
the Board of Directors of Kahal Joseph
I would like to wish all our members and
friends a very happy, meaningful last days
of Passover, and an abundance of joy and
blessings for your family

Hag Sameah
Yvette Dabby, President of the Board

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Yom Pesah VII & Lel Shabbat Pesah VIII *Friday, April 26th*

Shaharit..... 8:30 am
Candle lighting 7:14 pm
Minha & Arvit..... 6:00 pm
7th night since the Omer

Shabbat & Yom Pesah VIII *Saturday, April 27th*

Shaharit..... 8:30 am
Minha, Seuda, Arvit 6:30 pm
Havdala 8:18 pm
8th night since the Omer

Earliest time to eat sold hamets 10:00 pm

Sunday, April 28th

Shaharit..... 7:30 am
Memouna! 7:00 pm

Monday-Friday, April 29th to May 3rd

Shaharit..... 6:25 am

Yom Hashoa / Thursday, May 2nd

Next Shabbat / Friday-Saturday, May 3-4
Shabbat Candle lighting 7:20 pm
Happy Minyan / Minha... 5:30 pm / 6:00 pm
Shaharit..... 8:30 am
Saturday Minha 6:45 pm
Havdala 8:24 pm

In Memoriam

We remember these yahrzeit anniversaries from April 27th to May 4th, 2019. We light memorial candles, donate tsedaka, and attend Shabbat services to honor the memory of our loved ones.

22 Nisan / Shabbat, April 27th

Edward Ezrapour *Eliyahu ben Ezra Avraham Hayim*
Joshua Kay *Yehoshua ben Yaacov*

25 Nisan / Tuesday, April 30th

Frederick Tizabi *Yehezkiel ben Avraham*
Maurice Ovadia *Moshe ben Ezra*

27 Nisan / Thursday, May 2nd

Aharon Levy *Aharon Yitzhak Halevi*
Nassim Hay Mussry *Nassim Hay ben Yaacov Saleh*

29 Nisan / Shabbat, May 4th

Eliyahu Drori
Saul E. Levi *Shaul ben Ezra Halevi*

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
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
Chaya Rachel bat Simcha • Dina bat Rahel
Rahel bat Ramah Regina • Karen bat Chana
Meir Ezra ben Rahel • Eti Esther bat Fortuna
Eliahu Shalom ben Avigayil

Happy Minyan on Pesah Break

Happy Minyan will not meet Fri 4/26 during Pesah.
We will resume meeting at 5:30 pm on Fri 5/3.

Moving on Up!

On Shabbat, during Fri & Sat evening minyan, prayer services will move upstairs to allow a warmer, more intimate environment. For the same reason, unsponsored kiddushim will be in the lobby.



Join Kahal Joseph at the Celebrate
Israel Festival on May 19, 2019!
Cheviot Hills Recreation Center,
Rancho Park

Vendors! Kosher Food!
Lots of great entertainers!

Buy tickets through this link to benefit
Kahal Joseph:

<https://www.Purplepass.com/celebrateisrael?SID=KehillatJoseph>

An event not to be missed!

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

BIRKAT HAILANOT



Join us to bless God for the flowering fruit trees
in this celebration of spring!

Sunday, May 5 - 30 Nissan 5779

11:00 AM

Mildred E. Mathis Botanical Garden, UCLA
at the Hilgard Entrance

RSVP to Jessica at jessica@kahaljoseph.org



Memouna!

Sunday, April 28 at 7PM
RSVP deadline Wed. April 24!

Kahal Joseph Congregation &
The Sephardic Educational Center
invite all our members and friends!

Savor traditional delicacies! Enjoy festive music!
Relish the warmth of community!



Featuring
the music of
Asher Shasho-Levy
and Jamie Papish
of the Aram Soba
Ensemble

\$36 per person
advanced registration requested

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or call Sarah at 310.474.0559



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