

KOL MEVASSER

Rabbi's Message

By Rabbi Melhado



Pinehas is a complicated figure in the ranks of Jewish leadership. On one hand, his religious zeal reads as praiseworthy since God Himself rewards it with an eternal priesthood (Num. 25:10-13). On the other hand, his righteous indignation spurs him to a shocking act of violence that stands in stark contrast to the self-mastery taught in the rest of the Torah (cf. Bemidbar Rabba 21:1). One can hardly imagine us guiding people to follow his literal example in modern times!

The basic model of Pinehas is to save something by present-mindedly destroying part of it. He looks around at his peers' shortcomings and becomes convinced that the only way forward is through obstinate confrontation. He feels that he innately knows best, which gives him divine license to single-handedly rescue the people from themselves. It might be effective, but this methodology leaves plenty to be desired.

Rabbinic literature largely exonerates him, since that squares more elegantly with God's special blessings for him. Yet our tradition has a more straightforward Pinehas who is easier to adopt as a role model. Let us learn from the example of Rabbi Pinehas ben Yair, a Tanna from the 3rd century CE.

The memory of Rabbi Pinehas is overwhelmingly selfless. The Midrash reports that two men visited the city where he was living, and deposited two *se'ah* of barley (about half a bushel) with him for safekeeping. They then forgot about it and left town, but Rabbi Pinehas planted and harvested

Tzetskhem Leshalom

Kahal Joseph thanks Rabbi Raif Melhado for his four years of service to our congregation.

We wish him success at the de Toledo High School, where he will be teaching Judaic Studies this fall.

Rabbi Melhado will discuss his gratitude for his experience at Kahal Joseph in a special talk at Kiddush.

the grain in his own fields for their sake. When they finally returned to claim it seven years later, he had an entire storehouse of barley to give them (Debarim Rabba 3:3).

In another account, Rabbi Pinehas was charged with redeeming Jewish captives, and had to travel to negotiate with their captors. He was stopped by an impassable river, but his conviction in the value of his mission led the river to split for him. While he was crossing, he asked the river to split for others engaged in mitzvot, and even had it split for the sake of an Arab traveler so that it would not be said that God favors Jews unfairly over their companions (Hullin 7a).

These stories demonstrate his hard-wired altruism and desire to uplift others. Unlike his Biblical namesake, Rabbi Pinehas saves the day by being constructive. If he has an elevated sense of his own judgment, the way he expresses it is by convincing people of the values of kindness and mitzvot. As a solution to the world's problems, he is far more effective because he brings others on board and imparts principles that will outlive him. May we all merit to follow his lead!

Shabbat Shalom

Parashat Pinehas

First Week of Rebuke

Torah: Num. 25:10–30:1, 168 Pesukim
Hertz 686–698; Stone 876–899
Haftara: Jer. 1:1–2:3 (Haftarat Matot)
Hertz 710–713; Stone 1192–1193
Tefillot: Morid Hatal, Hakhrazat Av (Fri)



At 244 verses, next week's Parasha is the longest of the year. To finish on time, Shaharit on August 3rd will be at 8:15 am.

KJ Schedule

Erev Shabbat / Friday, July 26th

Candle lighting..... 7:40 pm
Happy Minyan 5:30 pm
Minha 6:00 pm
Kabbalat Shabbat & Arvit 6:30 pm

Yom Shabbat / Saturday, July 27th

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

Hakarat HaTov Luncheon honors Jessica & Rabbi Raif Melhadoafter services

Women's Tehillim 6:00 pm
Minha 7:00 pm
Se'uda Shelisheet 7:45 pm
Arvit..... 8:30 pm
Havdala 8:43 pm

Sunday, July 28th

Shaharit..... 7:00 am

Monday– Friday, July 29th–August 2nd

Shaharit..... 6:25 am

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Mazal Tov

William and Madison Mussry
on your Bar & Bat Mitsva
at the Kotel on Parashat Shelah

Besiman Tov
to the entire Mussry clan

BEN HAMETSARIM

The destruction of the Holy Temple in Jerusalem is one of the greatest tragedies of the Jewish people. It caused huge loss of life, mass enslavement, desecration of holy objects, and the end of our ability to follow many laws in the Torah.

We observe several fasts to commemorate this tragedy, including the 17th of Tammuz, on which the walls of Jerusalem were breached, and the 9th of Av, when the Temple was destroyed. The three week period between these two dates is called "Ben Hametsarim," or "Between the Straits" of national tragedy. It is customary to refrain from acts of joy during this time, especially purchases or business deals that make one happy. The restrictions are more pronounced after Rosh Hodesh Av, and even more the week of the 9th.



KJ members celebrate Michael Amron's 99th birthday (l to r): David Elias, Letizia Einy, Yvette & Joe Dabby, Ron Einy, & Michael Amron.



Mazal Tov to Bijan Niakan on celebrating his first Father's Day as a grandfather.
Besiman Tov to his daughter Rebecca, her husband Grant, and little Scarlett.

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Next Shabbat / Fri-Sat, August 2-3

Candle lighting	7:35 pm
Friday Minha	6:00 pm
Shaharit	8:15 am
Saturday Minha	7:00 pm
Havdala	8:37 pm

In Memoriam

We remember these yearzeit anniversaries from July 27 to August 3, 2019. We light memorial candles, donate tsedaka, and attend Shabbat services to honor the memory of our loved ones.

24 Tamuz / Shabbat, July 27th

Aaron David Aharon David ben Avraham Haim
Elias Joseph Eliyahu ben Yitzhak

25 Tamuz / Sunday, July 28th

Heskel Dabby Haskel ben Yoseph
Moshe ben Simcha

26 Tamuz / Monday, July 29th

Flossie David Solomon Farha bat Roza
David Hattanian David ben Itzhak

28 Tamuz / Wednesday, July 31st

Ezra Said Goury Ezra Said ben Simcha

29 Tamuz / Thursday, August 1st

Selim Ashair Hanoon Selim ben Ashair

1 Av / Friday, August 2nd

Aron Philip Blank Aharon Shraga ben Avraham
Ezra Ezrapour Ezra ben Avraham Hayim
Yohanan ben Yehezkel Shamashian
Marsel Rahamim

2 Av / Shabbat, August 3rd

Shlomo Dallal
Shimon Sarraf

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 • Miriam bat Yetta
Miryam bat Malka • Moshe Ezra ben Mazal Tov
Simcha bat Rooha • Habiba bat Farha • Chaya Rachel
bat Simcha • Dina bat Rahel • Rahel bat Ramah
Regina • Karen bat Chana Meir • Eti Esther bat
Fortuna • Eliahu Shalom ben Avigayil • Ezra ben
Rahel • Albert Nissan ben Victoria • Mark Jonah
Reuven Halevi ben Batsheva

SUPPORT KAHAL JOSEPH

Annual Days of Giving, Wednesday, August 14 to Wednesday, August 21

Dear Members and Friends,

Wednesday, August 14th through Wednesday, August 21st are our Annual Days of Giving. Every donation received will enable our synagogue to continue to serve our community and elevate its programs for our members, their families, and friends.

We need you! We rely on your generosity to supplement our general fund, improve our many programs, and enhance our synagogue's outreach to our members. Renovation and updating of our facilities is continuous. Construction has started for a Youth Lounge and much needed storage rooms. This will be followed by improvements to the restrooms.

Members of our community have volunteered their time to reach out to you on our Days of Giving. Any donation you make will be greatly appreciated. No amount is too small.

With a contribution of \$1,000 or more, your name will be engraved on the Benefactors Wall in the lobby.

The success and growth of Kahal Joseph are a result of your generous support throughout the years. I look forward to your continued kindness and heartfelt generosity.

May Hashem bless you and your families,

Yvette Dabby
President

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Installation



Hanukkah



Sukkot



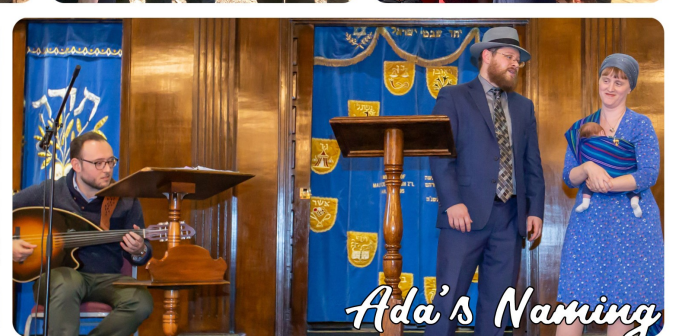
Ellie's Naming



Tu B'shevat



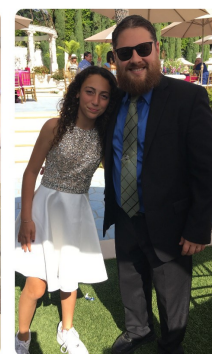
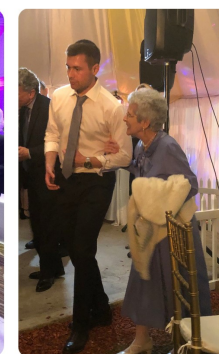
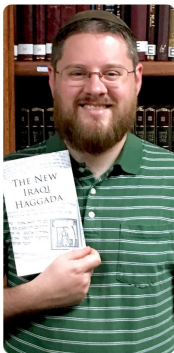
Talmud Torah



Ada's Naming



Events and Celebrations



SISTER SYNAGOGUES HONG KONG, KOBE & SURABAYA



Baghdadi Jews arrived in Hong Kong when it became a British Colony in 1842. They formed an organized community by 1857, renting a synagogue for 13 years until one could be purpose-built. The current building, known as Ohel Leah, was constructed in 1901 and remains in active use.

Other Iraqi Jewish pioneers came to Japan after the commercial treaties of 1862. Settling in Kobe, they built Ohel Shelomoh in 1912, the original building of which was destroyed in an air raid during WWII. Happily a replacement structure of the same name was built in 1970, and is still used today.

Jews could settle in Dutch Indonesia as early as 1782, but in Surabaya they did not form an organized community until late in the 19th century. They held services in private homes until 1945, when a small synagogue was opened on Kayun St. Though much of the community emigrated in 1957, it stayed open until 2009. Regretably, the building was demolished in 2013.



HAKARAT HA'TOV LUNCHEON

IN HONOR OF
**RABBI RAIF & JESSICA
MELHADO**

FOR DEDICATED SERVICE
TO OUR COMMUNITY

SHABBAT, JULY 27, 2019