

KAHAL JOSEPH NEWSLETTER

Rabbi's Message

By Rabbi Natan Halevy

Shalom Uvracha. Greetings to the wonderful Kehila, Kahal Yosef. Firstly, I would like to sincerely thank Rabbi Melhado for taking his time to educate me in the workings of Kahal Yosef. I truly appreciate his making the transition process as smooth as possible.

My family would also like to thank the entire Kahal community and the entire Board of Directors for welcoming us so graciously. My wife and I are excited to begin working in unison with the congregation towards creating an amazing future together.

Having attended Kahal Yosef as a young boy, I have great reverence and appreciation for all those who have stood before us. They have truly paved the path of our wonderful heritage and bequeathed to us the wealth of our tradition. I would like to connect the aforementioned words, to this week's Parsha/Torah Reading, Matot-Masei.

In parshat Matot, Moses speaks at length about the laws of "Nedarim", vows or oaths, a person may take upon themselves with a



verbal commitment. The Torah regards verbal vows of this nature with great severity. This can be seen from the numerous laws which are discussed in regards to the process of nullifying a vow once it has been taken. The Torah is teaching us the value and power of our words, and how careful we must be when making decisions in our lives.

At times, we may want to introduce a good habit or custom into our daily life. We can strengthen our resolve by verbalizing our decision. The Torah advises us to say 'bli neder,' which means 'without a vow,' in these scenarios. This gives us the benefits of the power of speech without binding us in a vow.

The power and impact of our spoken words have been verified by an exceptional amount of scientific research. Numerous studies have taken place in regards to the influence of positively and negatively spoken words on many phenomena. Words have even been shown to affect the increase and decrease of growth in plants in numerous controlled studies.

With this in mind, I send a communal prayer to Hashem for a blessing for us all. May we have tremendous success in continually building our community. May we celebrate life with a joyous and good heart throughout our days.

Shabbat Shalom

Parashat Matot-Masei

2nd Week of Rebuke; End of Bemidbar

Torah: Num. 30:2–36:13, 244 Pesukim

Hertz 702–724; Stone 900–935

Haftara (§): Jer. 2:4–28, 4:1–2

Hertz 725–729; Stone 1193–1194

Tefillot: Morid Hatal



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

KJ Schedule

Rosh Hodesh Av & Erev Shabbat

Friday, August 2nd

Candle lighting	7:35 pm
Happy Minyan	5:30 pm
Minha	6:00 pm
Kabbalat Shabbat & Arvit	6:30 pm

Yom Shabbat

Saturday, August 3rd

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

Women's Tehillim	6:00 pm
Minha	7:00 pm
Se'uda Shelisheet	7:45 pm
Arvit	8:25 pm
Havdala	8:37 pm

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Sefer Torah Restored!

After more than four months of skilled repair work, a venerable Sefer Torah in our congregation is kosher again!

The scroll is 89 years old, and came to Kahal from Rangoon via Calcutta. It is dedicated to the memory of Avraham Hayim Aharon David, whose *yahrzeit* is 4 Tamuz, 5690.

The couple who first brought it to Kahal, Kathleen and Irving Rosen, have since passed as well, but their children are carrying on their memories by ensuring that their scrolls continue to be read. What a beautiful tribute to the endurance of our tradition across the generations!

Shabbat Kiddush

is sponsored
in honor of

Yosef Haim Halevy

on the occasion of
his recent Bar Mitzvah

Mazal Tov

to his Parents

Rabbi Natan & Bracha Halevy

Siblings

Menucha, Menachem & Noam

and the whole family

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Sunday, August 4th

Shaharit 7:00 am

Monday– Friday, August 5th-9th

Shaharit 6:25 am

Next Shabbat

Friday–Saturday, August 9-10

Candle lighting 7:28 pm
Friday Minha 6:00 pm
Shaharit 8:30 am
Saturday Minha 6:45 pm
Havdala 8:23 pm

Reminder

*Tisha B'Av takes place next
Motsa'e Shabbat and Sunday 8/10 & 8/11*

In Memoriam

We remember these *yahrzeit* anniversaries from August 3 to 10, 2019. We light memorial candles, donate *tsedaka*, and attend Shabbat services to honor the memory of our loved ones.

2 Av / Shabbat, August 3rd

Shlomo Dallal
Shimon Sarraf
Marcelle Rahamim

3 Av / Sunday, August 4th

Hilda Nawy *Habiba bat Lulu*
David Stoler

4 Av / Monday, August 5th

Sylvia Aboulafia *Sylvia bat Miriam*
Yaakov Kemareh *Yaakov ben Ezra*

5 Av / Tuesday, August 6th

Rev Albert Morris *Abdala Faraj ben Moshe*

6 Av / Wednesday, August 7th

Eric Morris *Itzhak Rahamim ben Abdullah Moshe*

7 Av / Thursday, August 8th

Suzanne Azincott
Jacob Ronen Hakak *Yaacov Ronen ben Lev*
Looloo Khazzoom

8 Av / Friday, August 9th

Albert Jacob *Abdullah ben Avraham Hayim Yaacov*
Sally Meyer Judah *Salha bat Aziza*
Sally Bekhore

9 Av / Shabbat, August 10th

Emilio Molinari *Emilio Yarden Nassim Hay ben Rut*
Alice Acoca *Alice bat Esther*
Aziza Jacob *Aziza bat Farha*
Amalia Mussry *Amalia bat Rahel*

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



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Contact Molly Jalali at molly@emetek.com for more information!

Registration forms at www.kahaljoseph.org/talmud-torah



**Kahal Joseph
Welcomes
Rabbi Natan Halevy**

**This Shabbat!
August 3rd 2019**

Please join us as we celebrate
with Rabbi Halevy and his family
on their first Shabbat with us,
and welcome him as the rabbi
and spiritual leader
of our community.

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
