

KAHAL JOSEPH WEEKLY

Rabbi's Message

By Rabbi Natan Halevy

This week's Parasha Devarim begins: 'These are the words Moshe spoke to the children of Israel.' This takes place at the end of their 40 years together.



Devarim is also named 'Mishneh Torah,' which translates as 'The Repetition of the Torah,' since many laws are repeated and illuminated here. Indeed, the first four books are a direct dictation of the law from Hashem to Moshe. Beyond Moshe's understanding of what was being transcribed, he didn't truly have any intellectual involvement in or influence upon the message.

In comparison, in the book of Devarim, Moshe is involving his own intellect in the authorship of these words. He is giving his take on the Torah. The fifth book represents the synthesis and integration of the G-dly Torah with the intellect of man through Moshe.

An obvious question comes to mind. Since Devarim was Moshe's explanation of the

first four books, how is it considered an equal part of the Torah like the first four books which were dictated directly by Hashem?

The answer to this question is one of the foundational premises of the Torah. Hashem wants us to integrate and experience the lofty spiritual ideals we learn about in the Torah in our mundane day-to-day lives. It is not enough to study Torah theoretically; it must be lived. Hashem desires the involvement of our spiritual consciousness in the way we approach Torah.

For this reason, Hashem was waiting for Moshe to complete the Torah. Hashem wanted the Torah to be fully comprehended by an astounding human mind—Moshe's. Hashem then had Moshe record his final will in the book of Devarim, which Moshe recited in the last 37 days of his life.

This was the underlying reason for the process that Hashem and Moshe went through in the creation of the Torah. This enables us to connect to the lofty spiritual concepts in the Torah and make them practical in our lives in a way that has meaning to each person on an individual level.

May we merit to learn Torah in a practical manner. May we shine as true examples of the spirit of Hashem and a blessed nation.

Parashat Devarim 3rd Week of Rebuke

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, Birkat Halevana

Reminder
Tisha B'Av begins Motsa'e Shabbat

KJ Schedule

Erev Shabbat

Friday, August 9th

Candle lighting	7:29 pm
Happy Minyan	5:30 pm
Minha	6:00 pm
Kabbalat Shabbat & Arvit	6:30 pm

Yom Shabbat

Saturday, August 10th

Shaharit	8:30 am
Keriat HaTorah	10:15 am
Sermon	11:20 am
Musaf	11:30 am
Minha (earliest Amida)	1:00 pm

No Seuda or Tehillim this week
Havdala (*Ha'esh only*) 8:26 pm

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BEN HAMETSARIM & THE 9TH OF AV

WHAT IS 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.

CUSTOMS OF THE 9TH OF AV

In addition to a 25-hour fast, we express our national sorrow by observing the mourning customs of Shiva: not wearing leather, not bathing or applying oils, avoiding Torah study except for tragic materials, and we abstain from marital relations. Many people also sit on the floor or mourning stools until midday and avoid greeting one another socially.

We read the Book of Lamentations that bewails the lost Temple, and recite poetic kinnot that mourn the many tragedies of the Jewish people. All of the prayers for the day are recited in a lower, less melodic voice.

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Tisha Be'Av

Saturday, August 10th

Fast Begins 7:45 pm
Arvit with Ekha 9:00pm

Sunday, August 11th

Shaharit (no tefillin) 7:00 am
Minha (w/tefillin, Birkat Kohanim) 7:00 pm
Fast Ends 8:25 pm
Havdala (Gefen & Hamavdil) 8:25 pm
Birkat Halevana 8:25 pm

Weekdays / Mon– Thur, August 12th–15th
Shaharit..... 6:25 am

Tu Be'Av / Friday, August 16th
Shaharit..... 6:25 am

Next Shabbat

Friday–Saturday, August 16–17

Candle lighting 7:21 pm
Happy Minyan 5:30 pm
Friday Minha 6:00 pm
Shaharit..... 8:30 am
Class w/Rabbi Halevy 6:00 pm
Tehillim w/Mrs. Bracha Halevy 6:00 pm
Saturday Minha 6:45 pm
Havdala 8:19 pm

Sponsor a Kiddush Or Seuda Shelisheet

Celebrate a family milestone!
Honor the memory of a loved one!
Celebrate and commemorate with your
Kahal Joseph community by sponsoring
a Kiddush or Seuda for all to enjoy.

**Contact Sarah in the office at
310.474.0559 to reserve your date**

In Memoriam

We remember these yearzeit anniversaries from August 10 to 17, 2019. We light memorial candles, donate tsedaka, and attend Shabbat services to honor the memory of our loved ones.

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*
Mary Nathan *Mariam bat Bolisa*
Daisy Iny *Daisy bat Hayim*

10 Av / Sunday, August 11th

Ramon Zakoo *Yehya Ramon ben Ezra Halevy*

11 Av / Monday, August 12th

Nazem Zelkha

12 Av / Tuesday, August 13th

Aziza Elias *Aziza bat Rahel*
Moshe Masliah *Hacham Moshe ben Yaacob*
Hayat Sarraf *Hayat bat David*

13 Av / Wednesday, August 14th

Meir ben Simcha
Hellen Lelah

14 Av / Thursday, August 15th

Moshe Hagani
Moshi Hagooli *Moshe ben Yehezkel*
Eliyahu Mizrahie *Eliyahu ben Mordechai*
Pinchas ben Channah

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



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RABBI NATAN HALEVY

MEMBERS LUNCHEON

Shabbat, August 10th 2019

KAHAL JOSEPH CONGREGATION
 10505 SANTA MONICA BLVD
 LOS ANGELES, CA 90025

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
