

21 Elul 5779

21 September 2019

KJ HAPPENINGS

Rabbi's Message

Shalom,

In this week's parasha, the Torah says:

"And the Lord will set you at the head, and not at the tail, and you will be only at the top, and you will not be at the bottom, if you obey the commandments of the Lord, your God, which I am commanding you this day to observe to fulfill."

The Ben Ish Chai comments on this verse. Two names that our nation has been called are 'Jacob' and 'Israel,' and there is the letter 'yud' in each name. Since the name of 'Israel,' also pronounced 'Yisrael,' is at a higher spiritual level, this is the name that we will be called in Messianic times.

'Yisrael' is spelled with 'Yud Lerosh' which means 'yud is at the beginning.' Literally, 'yud' is the first Hebrew letter in 'Yisrael.' The phrase, 'Yud Lerosh,' suggests a level of godliness which is higher than nature and which overpowers it.

In comparison, 'Jacob' or 'Yaakov' suggests 'Yud at the heel.' Even though the Hebrew name 'Yaakov' is also spelled with the letter



'yud' at the beginning, and so physically begins with 'yud,' the meaning of the name refers to the root word 'heel' which is a part of the foot. Because of that root meaning, 'Yaakov' signifies God's energy as it manifests in our physical world and nature, and it is associated with being ruled by nature.

These two names for the Jewish people help us to understand the verse we are looking at from our parasha in another light, with greater depth. When the verse conveys that 'Hashem will place you at the head,' what does it mean?

The verse shows us that when we connect with God, then we are elevated to the highest plains of spirituality and become partners with Him in creation. When we connect with God, we are elevated to the level of 'Yisrael,' which signifies the depth of our potential, spiritual power as a people.

Understanding the power of connecting with God helps us manifest our spiritual potential in the present, physical world. The integration of our deep spirituality with our physical deeds creates a dwelling place for the highest levels of godliness in our physical realm. This is one of the foundational tenets of Judaism.

May we be blessed with good health and success in all our endeavors!

Shabbat Shalom!

Parashat Ki Tavo

Sixth Week of Consolation

Torah: Deut. 26:1–29:8, 122 Pesukim

Hertz 859–873; Stone 1068–1085

Haftara: Is. 60:1–22

Hertz 874–877; Stone 1201–1202

Tefillot: Morid Hatal

Join us for Selihot!

5:30 am weekdays, 6:30 am Sundays

KJ Schedule

Erev Shabbat

Friday, September 20th

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

Yom Shabbat

Saturday, September 21st

Shaharit	8:30 am
Keriat HaTorah.....	10:15 am
Family Shabbat w/Rabbi Halevy.....	10:45 am
Sermon	11:20 am
Musaf	11:30 am

Chumash Shiur, class w/Rabbi Halevy	5:45 pm
Minha	6:15 pm
Seuda Shelisheet.....	7:00 pm
Arvit	7:30 pm
Havdala.....	7:37 pm

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Condolences

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

Henry Stockfish, z"l

Channoch ben Yitzhak. He passed away on Monday, September 16th 2019.

He is survived by his daughters

Tammy Stockfish
Linda (William) Gailey

and extended family.

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

Thank You KJ Volunteers

You beautify and elevate our High Holy Days prayer services with your devoted effort and care for our Torah scrolls!

Rachel Acoca	Albert Joseph
David & Louise Elias	Natalie Kohan
Ben Gabayar	Fereshteh Mastour
Fariba Goharchin	Roya Najibi
Shoshana Goury	Louise Nathan
Bracha Halevy	Gracie Nathan
Mendel Halevy	Karen Springer
Menucha Halevy	Loretta Nathan
Farah Harouni	Diana Solomon
& cute grandson	Shula Wyner
Jessica Harouni	Mahnaz Zoleikhaiean
Barukh & Rita Isaac	

High Holy Day Children's Room Snack Drive

We are looking for a few generous individuals to contribute food items for the Children's Room on the High Holy Days when we serve up to 100 children at a time.

Fruit, vegetables, bagels, tuna, eggs, and snacks are welcome. For health reasons & dietary laws, processed or prepared food should be packaged with kosher certification.

Contact **Sarah at 310-474-0559** before dropping off your generous donation. If you would like a tax-deductible donation letter for your contribution, please request one from the synagogue office.

Thank you for supporting Kahal's programs for our youngest community members.

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Sunday, Sept 22nd

Selihot.....	6:30 am
Shaharit	7:30 am
Talmud Torah	9:45 am
Shofar Factory at KJ!.....	9:45 am

Weekdays

Monday–Friday, September 23rd to 27th

Selihot.....	5:30 am
Shaharit	6:25 am

Next Shabbat

Friday–Saturday, September 27th–28th

Candle lighting	6:25 pm
Happy Minyan.....	5:30 pm
Friday Minha	6:00 pm
Shaharit	8:30 am
Class w/Rabbi Halevy	5:45 pm
Saturday Minha.....	6:15 pm
Havdala	7:27 pm

In Memoriam

We remember these yahrzeit anniversaries from September 21 to 28, 2019. We light memorial candles, donate tzedaka, and attend Shabbat services to honor the memory of our loved ones.

22 Elul / Sunday, September 22nd

Violet Ezra
Moselle Jacob *Muzlie bat Nuna*

24 Elul / Tuesday, September 24th

Daisy Ezra *Khazam bat Farha*

25 Elul / Wednesday, September 25th

Yosef Acoca *Yosef ben Nissim*
Sidney Jonah *Sasson Ephraim Yonah*
Marsel Kemareh *Marsel bat Shaul v'Gazala Levi*
Esmat Khalili *Naghdi Rahel bat Yonah*

26 Elul / Thursday, September 26th

Hanina Levy *Hanina Saleh Shamash bat Farha*

27 Elul / Friday, September 27th

Ester Shamsi *Ester bat Morvarid*

28 Elul / Saturday, September 28th

Samuel Hallegua *Shmuel ben Haim*
David Kelly *David Shalom ben Saleh Moshe Kadoorie*
Moshe ben Moondani

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 •
Ruhama 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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RSVP at 310.474.0559 or e-mail
Molly Jalali, KJ's TT Director
molly@emetek.com



KJ Family Shabbat

Celebrate Shabbat with your kids!

Saturday, September 21st @ 10:45 am

Upstairs Synagogue with Rabbi Halevy

Sing together, learn together, pray together

Spiritual, accessible service at Kahal Joseph

**KJ Kids Club starts! Earn bracelet tokens &
collect them for prizes during Hannuka**

Kiddush Luncheon to follow services

10505 Santa Monica Bl, LA 90025

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Bat Mitzvah Club

with Mrs. Bracha Halevy

Two Sundays a Month @ KJ

Bat Mitzvah Club is an innovative, year-long program guiding girls into adulthood with grace, G-d, and giggles. Bat Mitzvah Club (BMC) conveys what being a Bat Mitzvah really is, in a fresh and fun way!

Our meetings cover 'tween topics and are filled with activities, discussions, great food, and fun. During the course of the BMC year, our girls will learn to become authentic, more considerate, empathic, and generous.

The bat mitzvah girls will learn about their soul and how to make it shine ... all essential, universal principles to help guide them towards becoming a young, responsible adult and the pillar of their future family.

To register, contact Mrs. Bracha Halevy at
BrachaHalevy@kahaljoseph.org



Sephardic Educational Center presents our annual **Selihot Concert** Sunday, October 6th, 2019

Doors open at 6:00 pm, Program begins at 7:00 pm

Join some of the world's finest
Sephardic Hazzanim accompanied by
an outstanding Middle Eastern ensemble.

Kahal Joseph Congregation
10505 W Santa Monica Blvd, Los Angeles, CA 90025

\$18 per person

Refreshments will be served, Valet parking provided



**To RSVP or for sponsorship opportunities,
please call Eva at 323-272-4574
or email info@secjerusalem.org**



High Holy Days 2019

<http://www.kahaljoseph.org/member-tickets.html>

We are so excited to see you for the High Holy Days this year!
Each person's presence makes a difference. Whether this is your first
time joining us, or you come every year, we are glad to see you!

**For security purposes, every member of your party must either have
a ticket or a children's wristband.** All guests must be registered in
advance. Children's wristbands must be reserved in advance as well.

Tickets or wristbands included with membership:

- ◆ Single membership - one adult ticket to services.
- ◆ Family membership - two adult tickets to services.
- ◆ Wristbands for children under bar mitzvah age
- ◆ Tickets for your teen (post-bar mitzvah through high school)

Member rates for guest tickets:

- ◆ Tickets for your college-age (\$60 per ticket) and graduate student (\$120 per ticket) children. These tickets come with a year's membership in Kahal Joseph.
- ◆ More adult tickets beyond what's included in your membership. Each extra ticket is \$300.

Non-member rates for guest tickets:

- ◆ \$300 for Adult Tickets
- ◆ \$150 for Teen tickets (post bar/bat mitzvah through high school)
- ◆ \$150 for Undergraduate and Graduate students

**All children under bar mitzvah age, must be registered for the High
Holy Days children's programming** so that their wristbands will be wait-
ing for them at security on the day of the holiday.

Online reservations close at 5:00 PM on Tuesday, September 24.
If you need tickets after that date, please contact Sarah at 310-474-0559.