

# KJ HAPPENINGS

## Guest Message

*Edited from Rabbi Jonathan Sacks's article*

Vayelech is the very shortest parsha, only thirty verses long. Moses tells the people, "I am now a hundred and twenty years old, and I can no longer go forth" (Devarim 31:2). He will not be leading them across the Jordan into the Promised Land. He instructs the people to gather every seven years to hear a public reading of the Torah. He also instructs them to write down the Torah and teach it to the people, as permanent testimony of the covenant itself.

Having already given the Israelites 612 of God's commands, Moses gives them this final mitzvah: "Now therefore write down for yourselves this song and teach it to the people of Israel. Put it in their mouths, that this song may be My witness against the people of Israel" (Devarim 31:19).

In this verse, it may seem like God was speaking to Moses and Joshua and only referring to the song in the following chapter, "Listen, O heavens, and I will speak; hear, O earth, the words of my mouth" (32:1). However, Oral Tradition gave this verse a different and much wider interpretation, understanding it as a command for every Jew to write, or at least take some part in writing, a Sefer Torah:

"Said Rabbah: Even though our ancestors have left us a scroll of the Torah, it is our

religious duty to write one for ourselves, as it is said: 'Now therefore write down for yourselves this song and teach it to the people of Israel. Put it in their mouths, that this song may be My witness against the people of Israel.'" (Sanhedrin 21b)

The logic of the interpretation seems to be, first, that the phrase "write down for yourselves" could be understood as referring to every Israelite (Ibn Ezra), not just Moses and Joshua. Second, the passage goes on to say (31:24): "Moses finished writing in the book the words of this law from beginning to end." The Talmud offers a third reason. The verse goes on to say: "That this song may be My witness," implying the Torah as a whole, not just the song in chapter 32 (Nedarim 38a).

Thus understood, Moses' final message to the Israelites was: "It is not enough that you have received the Torah from me. You must make it new again in every generation." The covenant was not to grow old. It had to be frequently renewed.

So it is to this day that Torah scrolls are still written as in ancient times, by hand, on parchment, using a quill – as were the Dead Sea Scrolls two thousand years ago. In a religion that focuses on holy words, and that is almost without holy objects, the Torah scroll is the nearest Judaism comes to a physical object that has sanctity. Judaism is the story of the love between a people and a book, the Book of books.

### Parashat Vayeilekh Shabbat Shuva

Torah: Deut. 31:1–31:30, 30 Pesukim  
Hertz 887–891; Stone 1094–1099  
Haftara (§): Hos. 14:2–10, Mic. 7:18–20  
Hertz 891–893; Stone 1204  
Tefillot: Morid Hatal, Zokhenu Lehayim  
omit Avinu Malkenu

**Yom Kippur begins**  
**Tuesday evening, October 8th!**

## KJ Schedule

### Erev Shabbat Shuva Friday, October 4th

Candle lighting .....	6:15 pm
Happy Minyan .....	5:30 pm
Minha .....	6:00 pm
Kabbalat Shabbat & Arvit .....	6:30 pm

### Yom Shabbat Shuva Saturday, October 5th

Shaharit .....	8:30 am
Keriat HaTorah .....	10:15 am
Sermon .....	11:20 am
Musaf .....	11:30 am
Chumash Shiur, class w/Rabbi Halevy .....	5:00 pm
Minha .....	5:30 pm
Seuda Shelisheet .....	6:15 pm
Arvit .....	7:00 pm
Havdala .....	7:17 pm

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## DAYS OF AWE

### **Sunday, October 6**

Selihot 6:30 AM

Shaharit 7:30 AM

### **SEC Selihot Concert**

Doors Open 6:00 PM

Program 7:00 PM

### **Monday, October 7**

Selihot 5:15 AM

Shaharit 6:30 AM

## YOM KIPPUR

### **Erev Yom Kippur**

#### **Tuesday, October 8**

Selihot 5:30 AM

Shaharit & Kaparot 6:30 AM

Mincha 2:00 PM

Children's Room 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM

Candle Lighting & Fast Begins 6:10 PM

Kol Nidre 6:00 PM

### **Yom Kippur**

#### **Wednesday, October 9**

Shaharit 7:00 AM

Children's Room I 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM

Children's Room II - 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM

Mincha 4:00 PM

Neila 5:30 PM

Havdala & Fast Ends 7:14 PM

## SUKKOT

### **Erev Sukkot**

#### **Sunday, October 13**

Children's Sukkah Party 11:30 AM

Mincha 6:00 PM

Arvit 6:30 PM

Candle Lighting 6:03 PM

### **Sukkot, Day I**

#### **Monday, October 14**

Shaharit 8:30 AM

Keri'at HaTorah 10:30 AM

Mincha 6:00 PM

Arvit 6:30 PM

Candle Lighting 7:06 PM

### **Sukkot, Day II**

#### **Tuesday, October 15**

Shaharit 8:30 AM

Keri'at HaTorah 10:30 AM

Mincha 6:00 PM

Arvit 6:30 PM

Havdala 7:04 PM

### **Hol HaMoed Sukkot**

#### **Weekdays**

Wednesday-Friday, October 16-18

Shaharit 6:00 AM

### **Erev Shabbat**

#### **Friday, October 18**

Mincha 5:45 PM

Kabbalat Shabbat & Arvit 6:00 PM

Candle Lighting 5:57 PM

## In Memoriam

We remember these yahrzeit anniversaries from October 5 to 12, 2019. We light memorial candles, donate tzedaka, and attend Shabbat services to honor the memory of our loved ones.

### **8 Tishrei / Monday, October 7th**

David Sassoon *David Hai Menashe Sasson*

### **9 Tishrei / Tuesday, October 8th**

Rachel Cohen *Rachel bat Simha*

Soleiman Mizrahi *Shlomo ben David*

### **10 Tishrei / Wednesday, October 9th**

Flora Jacob *Farha bat Dina*

Hilda Sassoon *Habiba bat Toba*

Kelly Zelkha *Khadoori ben Nazem*

Abe Abraham

### **12 Tishrei / Friday, October 11th**

Ian Carlos *ben Mishelle*

Edna Jonah *Simha bat Ruth*

Ezekiel Ezra Judah *Yehezkel Ezra ben Meir Yehudah*

Sassoon Lelah *Sasson ben Aharon*

Moshe *ben Yaacov Shalom*

## Refua Shelema

Sassoon Ezra • Moselle Amron • Sally Amron • Sylvia Cohen  
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Yetta • Miryam bat Malka • Moshe Ezra ben Mazal Tov • Habiba  
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**Upstairs Synagogue with Rabbi Halevy**

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**KAHAL JOSEPH CONGREGATION**

## **TORAH CLASS WITH RABBI NATAN HALEVY**

**October 5th 2019**

**Shabbat afternoon at 5:00 pm**





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

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

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## **SUKKAH PARTY** for Kids & Families

13th October 2019 • 11:30 AM

RSVP 310.474.0559 or  
[rabbihalevy@kahaljoseph.org](mailto:rabbihalevy@kahaljoseph.org)



## **Celebrate Simhat Torah!**

Monday, October 21, 2019

Minha 5:55 pm ■ Arvit 6:25 pm

*Hakafot & Celebration to follow*

Friendship ♦ Family



Dancing ♦ Singing