

KJ HAPPENINGS

Science and Torah

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"In the beginning G-d created the heaven and the earth" (1:1). Light, sky, land, vegetation, animals and humans. The Torah's description of creation is summarized in thirty-one short verses. The Ramban notes the obvious, that the process of creation cannot be understood from the Biblical text.

The story of creation, like every other in the Torah, is there to teach a moral lesson. The supposed conflict between creationism and science is based on a misunderstanding of what the Torah is all about. The Torah is not interested in explaining science but rather in giving moral guidance to scientists.

Even more important, by definition, there can be no conflict between Torah and science. To assert that science and Torah are in conflict is to deny the Creator. The opening verse of the Bible tells us that G-d created the heaven and the earth; not how G-d did it, but that G-d did it. G-d created the rules of nature as He created nature itself. Maimonides opens his monumental code of law by stressing this point, "the foundation of foundations and the pillar of wisdom is to know that there is a First Cause and He brought all that there is into existence".

Torah and science join harmoniously together, both representing differing manifestations of the same G-d. We have yet to plumb the full depths

of science nor have we succeeded in fully understanding all of Torah. An apparent conflict means that we are either deficient in our understanding of science or deficient in our understanding of Torah - or perhaps both. To assert that the conflict is irreconcilable is to assert disunity in the creative process.

On a practical level, denying the grandeur of science even when it conflicts with pre-existing notions of our understanding of Torah is misguided at best, as it serves to drive people away from religion. We have to work hard to find a solution but if we cannot, we must admit it.

The Torah begins by teaching us that we should never think that we can fully understand it. The thirty-one terse verses of creation starkly point out that despite the brilliance of man, there is so much we do not and will not understand. While this is more readily apparent in trying to decipher the mysteries of creation, it is equally true for the less esoteric parts of Torah. The Torah is so rich, so deep, so multilayered that new layers of understanding, are opened before us the more we delve into it. And yet there are parts that will remain forever hidden from us.

G-d has created a most beautiful and complex world, both physically and spiritually. We must make every effort to delve into the depths of Torah and the depths of nature as we strive to come closer to G-d, the creator of the heaven and the earth.

Shabbat Shalom

Parashat Beresheet

Torah (§): Gen. 1:1–6:8, 146 Pesukim
Hertz 2–20; Stone 2–29
Haftara (§): Isaiah 42:5–21
Hertz 21–23; Stone 1130
Tefillot: Mashiv Haruah, Hakhrizat
Heshvan (Tue & Wed)

KJ Schedule

Erev Shabbat

Friday, October 25th

Candle lighting.....	5:49 pm
Happy Minyan	5:30 pm
Minha	5:50 pm
Kabbalat Shabbat & Arvit	6:30 pm

Yom Shabbat

Saturday, October 26th

Shaharit.....	8:30 am
Keriat HaTorah.....	10:15 am
Sermon	11:20 am
Musaf	11:30 am
Chumash Shiur, class w/Rabbi Halevy	4:45 pm
Minha	5:15 pm
Seuda Shelisheet	6:00 pm
Arvit.....	6:45 pm
Havdala.....	6:52 pm

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Thank You Diana Gazal

Kahal Joseph thanks Diana Gazal
for her donation of candy
to sweeten the
Simhat Torah holiday

for the children
of the KJ community
who attended our
festive hakafot
& celebration

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Sunday, October 27th

Selihot	6:30 am
Shaharit	7:30 am
Talmud Torah	9:45 am

Weekdays

<i>Mon, Thu-Fri, October 28, November 1-2</i>	
Shaharit	6:25 am

Rosh Hodesh Heshvan

<i>Tuesday & Wednesday, October 29-30</i>	
Shaharit	6:05 am

Next Shabbat

<i>Friday-Saturday, November 2-3</i>	
Candle lighting	5:42 pm
Happy Minyan	5:15 pm
Friday Minha	5:45 pm
Shaharit	8:30 am
Class w/Rabbi Halevy	4:45 pm
Saturday Minha	5:15 pm
Havdala	6:45 pm

Condolences

With sorrow we send our deepest
condolences to the family and friends of
Evelyn Itzhaki, z"l

Evelyn bat Simha, who was born March 15, 1935
in Baghdad, Iraq and who passed away in Los
Angeles on the 25th of Tishrei 5780, Thursday
October 24th 2019.

Evelyn was a wonderful and loving mother,
grandmother, and wife. The world was a brighter
place with her in it. Her strength and perseverance
will forever inspire those who knew her and whom
she surrounded with love.

She is survived by her children Rafi (Alexandra)
Itzhaki and Edna (Ronnie) Shahrabani; her
grandchildren Demi and Brendon Itzhaki,
Elan and Andrea Shahrabani; extended family
and friends.

She was predeceased by her husband, Reuven
Itzhaki, z"l.

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

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
Habiba bat Farha • Chaya Rachel bat Simcha
Ruhama Dina bat Rahel • Rahel bat Ramah Re-
gina • Karen bat Chana Meir
Eti Esther bat Fortuna • Ezra ben Rahel
Eliahu Shalom ben Avigayil • Mark Jonah
Albert Nissan ben Victoria • David ben Tova
Reuven Halevi ben Batsheva
Shaoul ben Lulu

In Memoriam

We remember these yahrzeit anniversaries
from October 26 to Nov 2, 2019. We light
memorial candles, donate tsedaka, and attend
Shabbat services to honor the memory of our
loved ones.

27 Tishre / Shabbat, October 26th

Abraham Kattan *Abraham ben Eliyahu Kattan*

28 Tishre / Sunday, October 27th

Georgina Amron *Girji Hoogi bat Farha*
Florence Levi *Farha bat Masouda*

29 Tishre / Monday, October 28th

Elias Aslan
David Isaac *David ben Eliyahu Itzhak*
Jack Jonah *Yaakov ben Yitzhak*

30 Tishre / Tuesday, October 29th

Irving Henry Pack *Yitzhak ben Moshe*

1 Heshvan / Wednesday, October 30th

Nissan Gad *Nissan ben Avraham*
Joseph Aaron Judah *Yoseph ben Aharon*
Yehudah

2 Heshvan / Thursday, October 31st

Ovadia Drori *Ovadia ben Avraham*
Khalil Naghdi *Matatyahou ben Eliyahu*
David ben Yaacov Shalom

3 Heshvan / Friday, November 1st

Yaacov Levy *Yaacov ben Shaul Halevy*
Sassoon Solomon *Sasson Yaacov Yosef*
Shlomo

4 Heshvan / Shabbat, November 2nd

Sam Bekhor *Shmuel ben Yaacov*
Hilda Gillis *Haviva Hilda*
Grace Saltoon *Garziee bat Masouda*

Events at Kahal Joseph

- ◆ Bat Mitzvah Club, Sunday, November 3rd
- ◆ Pink Challah Bake, Thursday, November 7th@7:00 pm
- ◆ Family Shabbat, Saturday, November 9th@10:45 am
- ◆ Family Shabbat, Saturday, December 7th@10:45 am
- ◆ Children's Hannukah Party, Sunday, December 22nd
- ◆ Family Shabbat, Saturday, January 11th@10:45 am
- ◆ Tu Bishvat Community Hike, Sunday, February 9th
- ◆ Purim Baking for Community Baskets, Sunday, February 23rd
- ◆ Purim Megillah, Monday & Tuesday, March 9th & 10th



KJ Family Shabbat

Celebrate Shabbat with your kids!
Saturdays 11/9, 12/7 & 1/11 @ 10:45 am
Upstairs Synagogue with Rabbi Halevy
Sing together, learn together, pray together
Spiritual, accessible service at Kahal Joseph

Join KJ Kids Club! Earn bracelets & tokens!
Collect them for prizes during Hannuka!
Kiddush Luncheon to follow services

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October 26th 2019
 Shabbat afternoon at 4:45 pm

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- *Rabbi for lifecycle events
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- *Preferential rates for space rentals, Talmud Torah tuition and children's programs

You support...

- *Adult Education programs
- *Social events
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- *Keeping Kahal here for you when you need it!

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Join us for a pink challah bake and learn the latest in women's health,
cancer risk, and questions to consider for you and your family.

Kahal Joseph Congregation

Thursday, November 7th at 7pm

10505 Santa Monica Blvd, Los Angeles, CA 90025

\$18 suggested donation with proceeds to Sharsheret

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Hear from our panel featuring:

Dr. L. Joel Kessler, OGBYN, St. John's Health Center

Jenna Fields, MSW, MA, CA Regional Director Sharsheret



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