

# KJ HAPPENINGS

## Rabbi's Message

By Rabbi Natan Halevy

Shalom,



In this week's torah portion, Hashem tells Abraham the famous message that begins with the words, "lekh lekha." He commands Abraham "Go for yourself from your land, from your birthplace, from your father's home to the land I will show you." The verse continues with the promise of abundant blessings.

There are a myriad of explanations about this deep verse. G-d is telling Abraham that his sojourning is for his greater good. This would begin the laying of a foundation for a great nation. A nation that would inherit the teachings of the one, true, living G-d. We would inherit the Torah, which helps us bridge the physical and spiritual worlds.

Abraham started to develop his connection with G-d at a very young age. He was born into a confused world. He had to have the courage to forge his own path which didn't fit with the mainstream way of thinking. He ascended from spiritual level to level until he started to receive messages from G-d.

Just when he may have thought he had lifted himself high enough, G-d tells Abraham he needs to travel away from everything he knows. His prior exploration was the basis for his initial

conversation with G-d, but now he needed to go even further to draw on levels of spirituality the world hadn't experienced before. Abraham was constantly striving to reach higher and higher. He didn't satisfy himself with the work and service he had done on the prior day, but rather looked at each day as a new challenge.

This teaches a powerful lesson about achieving great things in this world. We must constantly work and realize we are connected with energy that is tied up with the infinite G-d. The second we become complacent we lose the innovative spirit and zest that brought us to this point.

This can be seen with the current model of business in the modern world. The top companies never rest on their laurels. They always innovate and conduct more research to gain insight into the minds and hearts of their existing customers and potential clients. Similarly, creative writers and artists seek to see things with fresh eyes and to stretch their abilities. And, in their homes, every day parents strive to learn and improve how they raise their children.

As human beings we constantly change and grow. This is one of the powerful, clear lessons of the parasha. "Lekh lekha", go out from the place where you are comfortable, reach beyond who you are today, and challenge yourself to achieve greater levels within yourself.

In the merit of our constant striving for good, may we merit to see the great legacy that we plant growing in the world. Amen.

## Parashat Lekh Lekha

Torah: Gen. 12:1–17:27, 126 Pesukim

Hertz 45–60; Stone 54–77

Haftara: Is. 40:27–41:16

Hertz 60–62; Stone 1133–1134

Tefillot: Mashiv Haruah, Birkat Halevana

## KJ Schedule

### Erev Shabbat

*Friday, November 8th*

|                                |         |
|--------------------------------|---------|
| Candle lighting.....           | 4:36 pm |
| Minha .....                    | 4:45 pm |
| Kabbalat Shabbat & Arvit ..... | 5:30 pm |

### Yom Shabbat

*Saturday, November 9th*

|                            |                 |
|----------------------------|-----------------|
| Shaharit.....              | 8:30 am         |
| Keriat HaTorah.....        | 10:15 am        |
| <b>Family Shabbat.....</b> | <b>10:45 am</b> |
| Sermon .....               | 11:20 am        |
| Musaf .....                | 11:30 am        |

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| Minha .....            | 4:25 pm |
| Seuda Shelisheet ..... | 5:00 pm |
| Arvit.....             | 5:30 pm |
| Havdala.....           | 5:39 pm |

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## Condolences

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

**Ezra A. Ben-Ari**

*Ezra ben Moshe, z"l*

who passed away suddenly and unexpectedly  
early Tuesday, November 5th 2019  
the 7th of Heshvan 5780.

Born in Iraq during the late summer of 1939, Ezra Ben-Ari immigrated to Israel during the 1950s with his parents and many brothers and sisters. He served in the Israeli army; and, he met his wife Yael, an American student, in Israel as well. They fell in love, married, and immigrated to the United States in the mid-1960s. Once here, Ezra began a life-long career in sales representing maintenance supplies and equipment.

The Ben-Ari family frequently attended Kahal Joseph, especially during the High Holy Days. Throughout the family's years of participation, Ezra had a special regard for Senior Hazzan Sassoon Ezra. After learning in Jewish day schools from a young age through high school, the Ben-Ari family's two boys remained active in the greater Jewish community, attending Kahal Joseph services often.

Ezra Ben-Ari was a good man, devoted to his sons (and grandchildren), and proud of his heritage.

**He is survived by** his siblings in Israel; his former wife Yael Ben-Ari; his sons Michael Ben-Ari, in Israel & Daniel Ben-Ari, in Los Angeles; five grandchildren, extended family and friends

Funeral services and shiva took place in Israel.

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

*Min hashamayim tenuhamu.*

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*Sunday, November 10th*

Shaharit ..... 7:30 am  
Talmud Torah..... 9:45 am

**Weekdays**

*Monday-Friday, November 11th-15th*

Shaharit ..... 6:25 am

**Veteran's Day / Monday, November 11th**

**Next Shabbat**

*Friday-Saturday, November 15-16*

Candle lighting ..... 4:31 pm  
Friday Minha ..... 4:25 pm  
Shaharit ..... 8:30 am  
Saturday Minha ..... 4:20 pm  
Havdala..... 5:34 pm

### Morning Minyan is Where It's At!

There is a warm place for you in the happy camaraderie of Kahal's morning minyan. Any day is off to a great start when it begins with prayer and friendship. The best part? It doesn't just feel good, it's a mitsva too!

### 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 • Dina bat Rahel  
Chaya Rachel bat Simcha Ruhama  
Rahel bat Ramah Regina • 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 November 9 to 16, 2019. We light memorial candles, donate tsedaka, and attend Shabbat services to honor our memory of loved ones.

**11 Heshvan / Shabbat, November 9th**

Jacob Silas Mussry *Yaacov ben Saleh*  
Naji Perry

**12 Heshvan / Sunday, November 10th**

David Dallal  
Flora Rahamim Pinhas  
Joseph Jacob *Yoseph ben Yaacov Azoory*  
Lulu Ezra Baroukh  
Yair Tbibi *Yair ben Menashe*

**13 Heshvan / Monday, November 11th**

Isaac Ezer *Itzhak ben Shaul*  
Akhtar Sarraf *Khanom Agha bat Kokab*  
Yehuda Refael *ben Pinhas*

**14 Heshvan / Tuesday, November 12th**

Haskel Kelly  
Albert Simon *Albert Yeheskel Moshe*  
Helen Zakoo *Habiba bat Mazli*

**15 Heshvan / Wednesday, November 13th**

Eliyahu Benzaquen *Eliyahu ben Yaacov*

**16 Heshvan / Thursday, November 14th**

Reuben Jacob *Reuben Hayeem ben Yaacov*

**17 Heshvan / Friday, November 15th**

Molok Aghalar (Bension) *Malka bat Menashe*  
Eric Kelly *Eliyahu ben Saleh Moshe Kadoorie*  
Touba Rangcar *Tova Rangcar*  
Haim Saleh *Haim ben Aziza*  
Mida Simon *Masooda bat Ghala*

**18 Heshvan / Shabbat, November 16th**

*Yeshaiiah ben Yaacov Shalom*  
Hazan Gabriel Solomon *Gavriel ben Shlomo*



Class@8pm  
w/Rabbi Halevy

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the gift of purpose

how our patriarchs &  
matriarchs changed  
the world

*KJ Family Shabbat*  
*This Weekend!*

**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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## Upcoming KJ Events

- ◆ Family Shabbat, *This Saturday! November 9@10:45 am*
- ◆ Rabbi's Class: *The Gift of Purpose*, Wednesday, Nov 20@8:00 pm
- ◆ Bat Mitzva Club w/Bracha Halevy, Sunday, December 1st
- ◆ Family Shabbat, Saturday, December 7@10:45 am
- ◆ Rabbi's Class: *Light of Hanukkah*, Wednesday, Dec 18@8:00 pm
- ◆ Children's Hannukah Party, Sunday, December 22
- ◆ Family Shabbat, Saturday, January 11@10:45 am
- ◆ Tu Bishvat Community Hike, Sunday, February 9
- ◆ Purim Baking for Community Baskets, Sunday, February 23
- ◆ Purim Megillah, Monday & Tuesday, March 9 & 10

## Membership Benefits Everyone!

### You get...

- \*To be a part of the Kahal family
- \*High Holy Days tickets
- \*Rabbi for lifecycle events
- \*Pastoral counseling
- \*Preferential rates for space rentals, Talmud Torah tuition and children's programs

### You support...

- \*Adult Education programs
- \*Social events
- \*Children's education & programs
- \*Prayer minyanim
- \*Keeping Kahal here for you when you need it!

**Contact the office at 310.474.0559 or speak with Rabbi Halevy to join!**





# Bat Mitzva Club

*Kahal Joseph's innovative program for girls 11 to 13*



Our first Bat Mitzva session was a blast!

We discussed how, at age twelve, our G-dly soul fully enters our bodies. We painted treasure boxes; we enjoyed delicious doughnuts; and we wrote in our very own journals what it means to each one of us to reach the Bat Mitzva milestone.

We can't wait to continue the fun and discussions in our next session on Sunday, December 1st! Bat Mitzva Club is an ongoing program which meets the first Sunday of every month, so feel free to join us at any time!

If you have questions or would like to register, please contact Bracha Halevy at 516.220.2453.

