

23 Kislev 5780

21 December 2019

# KJ HAPPENINGS

## SEC Cooking at KJ!

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Around 100 women gathered at Kahal last Wednesday to share and taste Sephardic and Ladino recipes made for Hanukkah. The recipes hailed from around the globe, including Spain, Turkey, Iraq, Morocco, Israel, France and Syria. The cooking demonstrations featured Kahal Joseph president Yvette Dabby, Betty Sassoon, Esther Avrahamy, Laurence Wannon, Sharona Shabtay, Rachel Emquies Sheff, and longtime SEC member Sharon Gomperts who also emceed the evening.

Sheff maintains the SEC's food page on Facebook, where she welcomes posts about Ladino and Sephardic recipes. "We are just a group of friends who love to cook," Gomperts said. "We're not professional," Sheff said. "We just want to get together and share with each other what we make at home." Each chef chose to make a comfort food recipe. Sheff made rosquitas and burmuelos doughnuts; Gomperts and Dabby made a vegetarian Iraqi aruk; Shabtay made a cooked Matbuch salad; Avrahamy made beef bourekas; Sassoon made Moroccan fish; and Wannon made chicken and olives.

During the demonstrations, the women provided laughs, modifications and stories to accompany their preparations. While the homegrown chefs showed off their skills, the audience followed along in recipe booklets provided by the SEC, where they could take notes, make modifications and write questions. Avrahamy eyeballed lots of spices including allspice and cinnamon in her meat mixture for her foot-long bourekas. While not everyone puts in a lot of spices, if any, in



boureka meat, she said, "I'm Syrian. I add allspice to everything and I just love it."

Each recipe had multiple variations because every woman in the room made each recipe differently, and would say so. The phrases, "Well, I usually do this" and "I do that" were heard often during each demonstration. Audience members added quick tips to their notes taken from both those doing the demos and simultaneous comments by those in the crowd around them.

The demo concluded with dessert made by Sheff. While she quickly created the dough for rosquitas cookies, she saw people appear timid to take on a "tricky" dough. "This recipe is fool-proof," Sheff promised. "There's no real way to mess it up." Sheff said the dessert came from her mother. "We basically had no recipe until a few years ago," she said. Because there were so many out there, she created a recipe that resembled what she grew up with. Sheff, who oversaw the event, believes in trying new recipes and wants others to have the confidence to do so. "Don't be afraid," she said. "It's delicious and it's something different than what you'd normally see."

"That's the beauty of food," Gomperts added. "It brings people together."

## Parashat Vayeshev

### Hanukkah starts Sunday night

Torah: Gen. 37:1–40:23, 112 Pesukim

Hertz 141–151; Stone 198–221

Haftara: Amos 2:6–3:8

Hertz 152–154; Stone 1142–1143

Tefillot: Mashiv Haruah, Hakhrazat Tevet

## KJ Schedule

### Erev Shabbat

*Friday, December 20th*

Candle lighting .....	4:29 pm
Minha .....	4:25 pm
Kabbalat Shabbat & Arvit .....	5:00 pm

### Yom Shabbat

*Saturday, December 21st*

Shaharit .....	8:30 am
Keriat HaTorah .....	10:15 am
Sermon .....	11:20 am
Musaf .....	11:30 am

Minha .....	4:05 pm
Seuda Shelisheet .....	4:40 pm
Arvit .....	5:20 pm
Havdala .....	5:33 pm

*Sunday, December 22nd*

Shaharit .....	7:30 am
Talmud Torah .....	9:45 am
<b>Hanukkah Party .....</b>	<b>11:00 am</b>

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## Trade Kids Club Wristbands for Prizes at Hanukkah Party

**Please join us  
for a wonderful Hanukkah party  
this Sunday 12/22!**

We will have  
arts and crafts, music, fun activities,  
a moon bounce, donuts & pizza.

We will be trading in  
Kahal Joseph Kids Club  
wristbands for prizes!

**So please make sure your kids  
bring their wrist bands!**

Looking forward to see you there.

## Condolences

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

**Maximus Edwin Jonah, z"l**

*Moshe ben Meir* who just passed away at  
the age of sixteen in a tragic car accident.

**He is survived by his parents**

Joy and Michael Jonah

**his grandfather**

our dear, longtime member

Mark E. Jonah

**family and friends.**

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

*Min hashamayim tenuhamu.*

## In Memoriam

We remember *yahrzeit* anniversaries from Dec 21 to 28,  
2019. We light memorial candles, give *tsedaka*, & attend  
Shabbat services to honor our memory of loved ones.

**23 Kislev / Shabbat, December 21st**

Gorjeh Youssefzadah *Gorjeh Youssefzadeh*

Ronald Meyer Ronen Sasson *ben Avraham*

Joseph Azar *Yosef Sion ben Yaacov*

**24 Kislev / Sunday, December 22nd**

Regina David *Regina bat Salha Matana*

Lily Jacob *Leah bat Masooda*

Mansour Sedaghat *Mansour ben Benayahu*

Joseph Hayim Yaakov *Yossef Hayim Yaacov*

**25 Kislev / Monday, December 23rd**

Rachel Moses *Rachel bat Hannah*

Mordechai Nathan *Mordekhai ben Mordekhai*

**26 Kislev / Tuesday, December 24th**

Dan Darwish *Daniel ben Rahamim*

Sassoon Jacob Jonah *Sassoon ben Yaakov*

Yitzhak Sinder *Yitzhak ben Shimon*

**27 Kislev / Wednesday, December 25th**

*Yoseph Rahamim ben Yaacov Shalom*

**28 Kislev / Thursday, December 26th**

Joseph Jacob Yosef *ben Avraham Hayim Yaacov*

*Habeeba bat Aziza*

**29 Kislev / Friday, December 27th**

Ralph Isaac *Raful ben Yehezkel ben Mulla Rahamim*

Simcha Ezra Isaac *Simcha bat Masooda*

## 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 • Joseph Sassoon

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### Hanukkah I to IV

Mon-Fri, December 23rd to 27th

Shaharit..... 6:05 am

Mon-Thu Evening, December 23rd-26th

Light Hanukkah Candles II to V..... after dark

Friday Evening, December 27th

Light Hanukkah Candles VI

just before Shabbat candles

### Next Shabbat / Hanukkah VI & VII

Fri-Sat, December 27 & 28

Candle lighting..... 4:32 pm

Friday Minha..... 4:30 pm

Shaharit..... 8:30 am

Saturday Minha ..... 4:00 pm

Havdala ..... 5:37 pm

## Sponsor a Kiddush or Seuda Shelisheet!

**Celebrate a family milestone!**

**Honor the memory of a loved one!**

**Share a simha with the community!**

**Celebrate and commemorate with  
your Kahal Joseph community by  
sponsoring a Kiddush or Seuda  
Shelisheet for all to enjoy**

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



## CELEBRATE WITH KAHAL

- ♦ Children's Hannukah Party, Sun 12/22@11 am
- ♦ Bat Mitzva Club w/Bracha Halevy, Sun 1/5
- ♦ Family Shabbat, Sat 1/11@10:45 am
- ♦ Tu Bishvat Community Hike, Sun 2/9
- ♦ Purim Baking for Community Baskets, Sun 2/23
- ♦ Purim Megillah, Mon & Tues 3/9 & 3/10

## KJ Family Shabbat

**Celebrate Shabbat with your kids!**  
**Saturday, January 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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## Hanukkah: Halakhot and Blessings

- **Where should I light?** The aim is *persume nissa*, or "publicizing the miracle." Therefore, the candles should ideally be placed where they will be seen by passersby.
- **When should I light?** The candles should be lit as soon as it is fully dark; if that is not possible, they may be lit all night. Either way, they should burn for at least 30 minutes.
- **How many lamps?** Sephardim have a custom of lighting one Hanukkah lamp per household. Ashkenazim have the custom of having one per person, even for children.
- **How do I assemble the lamp?** Place the candles from right to left, but light from left to right.
- **On Shabbat?** Light first, then the Shabbat candles. After Shabbat, read Havdala and then light.

### How to light:

On all nights of Hanukkah, light the shamash and then say:

ברוך אתה ה'. אלהינו מלך העולם. אשר קדשנו במצותיו. וצונו להדליק נר חנוכה:

Ba-ROOKH a-TA a-do-NAI e-lo-HE-nu ME-lekh ha-o-LAM a-SHER ki-de-SHA-nu  
 be-mits-vo-TAV ve-tsi-VA-nu le-had-LIK NER ha-nu-KA

You are blessed O Lord, our God and King of the Universe, Who made us holy with Your commandments and required us to light the Hanukkah lamp.

ברוך אתה ה'. אלהינו מלך העולם. שעשה נסים לאבותינו. בימים ההם בזמן הזה:

Ba-ROOKH a-TA a-do-NAI e-lo-HE-nu ME-lekh ha-o-LAM she-a-SA ni-SIM la-a-vo-TE-nu  
 ba-ya-MIM ha-HEM ba-ze-MAN ha-ZEH

You are blessed O Lord, our God and King of the Universe, Who performed miracles for our forefathers, both in times of old and now.

On the first night of Hanukkah only (or the first time you light if you didn't light on the first night):

ברוך אתה ה'. אלהינו מלך העולם. שהחיינו. וקיימנו. והגיענו לזמן הזה:

Ba-ROOKH a-TA a-do-NAI e-lo-HE-nu ME-lekh ha-o-LAM she-he-YA-nu ve-ki-ye-MA-nu  
 ve-hi-gi-A-nu la-ze-MAN ha-ZEH

You are blessed O Lord, our God and King of the Universe, Who gave us life, and sustained us, and brought us to this season.

From left to right, light the candles. After you have begun lighting the candles, sing:

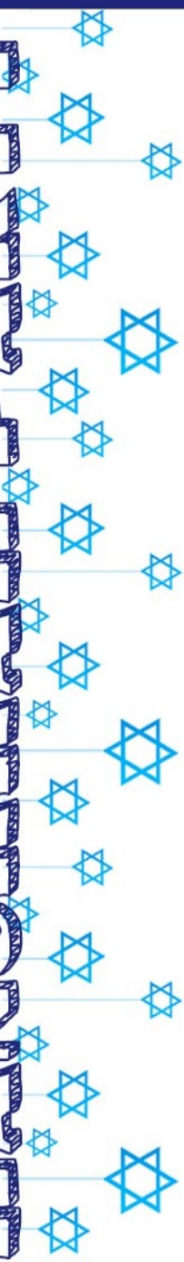
הנרות הללו אנוחנו מדליקין. על הנסים. ועל התשועות. ועל הנפלאות. שעשית לאבותינו.  
 על ידי פהניך הקדושים: וכל שמונת ימי חנוכה הנרות הללו קדש. ואין לנו רשות להשתמש  
 בהם. אלא לראותם בלבד. כדי להודות לשמך. על נסיה. ונפלאותיה. ושועותיה:

Ha-ne-ROT ha-LA-lu a-NAH-nu mad-li-KIN AL ha-ni-SIM ve-AL ha-te-shu-OT ve-AL  
 ha-nif-la-OT she-a-SI-ta la-a-vo-TE-nu AL ye-DE ko-ha-NE-kha ha-ke-do-SHIM ve-KHOL  
 she-mo-NAT ye-ME ha-nu-KA ha-ne-ROT ha-LA-lu KO-desh ve-EN LA-nu reh-SHOOT  
 le-hish-ta-MESH ba-HEM E-la lir-o-TAM bil-VAD ke-DEY le-ho-DOT lish-ME-kha AL  
 ni-SE-kha ve-nif-le-o-TE-kha vi-shu-o-TE-kha

We light these candles for the miracles, rescues, and wonders that You did for our forefathers through Your holy Kohanim. During all eight days of Hanukkah, these lights are sacred. We may not use them but can only look at them, giving thanks to Your name for Your miracles, rescues, and wonders.



# The Kahal Joseph HANUKKAH PARTY



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22  
11AM TO 12:30PM

Join us for  
candlelighting,  
games, crafts,  
friends, food  
and more!

RSVP at

310.474.0559

An event for families & children  
of all ages!