

# KJ Happenings

3 Nisan 5780 | 28 March 2020

## Weekly Schedule

Torah Reading: Vayikra

Candle lighting: Fri 3/27@ 6:53 pm

Havdala: Sat 3/28@ 7:56 pm

[Click here for more information.](#)

**KJ's Norma & Sam Dabby**  
**Talmud Torah is Meeting Online**  
on Sunday by ZOOM

[Click HERE](#) to contact Molly or your Morah for the link and information

## Membership & Sponsorship

Call 310.474.0559 or [click here to email Sarah](#).

## Resources to Learn Torah and more at Home

- [Aish Torah Resources--Vayikra](#)
- [Rabbi Jonathan Sacks Commentary](#)
- [Chabad Shabbat Resources](#)
- [Resources for Kids--Chabad](#)
- [Resources for Vayikra--BimBam Videos](#)
- [Resources for Kids--IAC Keshet](#)



## Rabbi's Message

by Rabbi Natan Halevy  
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Shalom. We finished reading the book of Exodus last Shabbat. It discusses the details of the Sanctuary's construction: how the Sanctuary was erected and how the Divine Presence came to dwell in it and within each of us. The Sanctuary began its function as the "Tent of Meeting" of G-d and man: the place that is the focus of man's efforts to serve G-d, the site where Hashem communicated with us and made His presence felt within a humanly constructed abode.

The story continues this Shabbat in the parasha of 'Vayikra.' Hashem calls out to Moses from the Tent of Meeting

The Hebrew word 'Vayikra,' which means 'and He called' has an anomaly. The last letter, *alef*, is written smaller than usual. This unusual *alef* teaches us about Moshe. Although he recognized his greatness, he remained 'small' in his own eyes, thinking if someone else had been blessed with the spiritual gifts with which he had been blessed, they surely would have achieved far more than himself. In the Torah, Hashem calls Moshe the 'humblest person on the face of this earth.'

In contrast, Adam's name is spelled with an oversize *alef*. Adam was 'the handiwork of G-d.' G-d attested that Adam's wisdom was greater than that of the angels. However, Adam was highly aware of his own greatness. His pride caused him to overestimate himself and led to his downfall through the sin of the Tree of Knowledge.

In life, we have a task, a way of serving Hashem. We should feel happy for who we are, yet not err on the side of arrogance.

[Click HERE to read more](#)

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# Kahal Launches Website



*New times, New design, & New Content! Visit KJ's new site for Three Minutes of Torah, links to KJ Kids Club online, information about Talmud Torah's online classes and more!*

**CLICK to visit our NEW Website!**

## Passover is Coming!



As we prepare for Passover in our homes, one step involves selling all remaining "hametz" or leavened goods from one or more of the five grains (wheat, oats, spelt, barley, or rye). Visit our new website to have Rabbi Halevy sell your hametz.

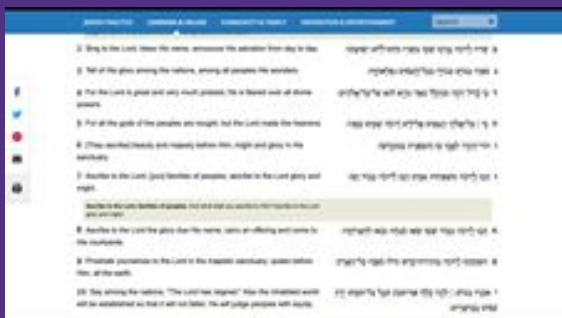
***The deadline for online forms to Sell Hametz is noon on Tuesday, April 7th, 2020***

**Click HERE to Sell Your Hametz**

## Three Minutes of Torah with Rabbi Halevy

*Click the images below, visit our website or go to Kahal Joseph's FB page to hear Rabbi Halevy's messages of comfort and words of Torah wisdom.*

**Psalms 96**



**Hasidut**



**CLICK for more Minutes of Torah**

# LECHA DODI

*A Song to Welcome Shabbat*

[Click HERE](#) to see the lyrics in Hebrew and English transliteration. The translation is below the lyrics. The youtube video below has one of many melodies.



*Piano Raffle tickets are still being offered.  
Drawing will take place at a time to be determined  
due to the postponement of Casino Night.*

*Click on the image below to purchase raffle tickets.*



## KJ Closed until further notice

In accord with state guidelines and with the CDC's recommendations for social distancing, all religious prayer services (minyanim) and programs at Kahal Joseph are suspended. The synagogue is closed until further notice. The office is closed as well.

It is important that we help contain the spread of the corona virus. Reducing contact is the best way to protect everyone including, especially, older members of our community, women who have just given birth, and others at heightened risk of severe illness.

I know this is a very difficult step. I ask all to safeguard our families and friends, along with vulnerable individuals and our

community, by staying home and taking precautions.

Please know that Rabbi Halevy will be conducting classes via Facebook, and that it is possible to pray together virtually, in some fashion, while in our homes.

Wishing everyone health, patience, and peace during these times,

Yvette Dabby, President & Rabbi Natan Halevy



## Refuah Shelema

Sassoon Ezra  
Moselle Amron  
Sally Amron  
Sylvia Cohen  
Esther Duke  
Mehry bat Miriam Hakimpour  
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 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  
David ben Tova  
Joseph Sassoon  
Yosef Haim ben Aharon Elisha



## In Memoriam

We remember these *yahrzeit* anniversaries from March 28th to April 4th 2020. We light memorial candles, donate *tsedaka*, and attend Shabbat services to honor the memory of our loved ones.

### 3 Nisan / Shabbat, March 28th

Hilwa Farha Ezair Hilwa Farha bat Tiffahah  
Jalal Kohan Jalal ben Netanel Hakohen  
Naim Sassoon Naim ben Sasson

### 4 Nisan / Sunday, March 29th

Sammy Dallal

### 5 Nisan / Monday, March 30th

Moses Judah  
Moshe ben Shemuel Somekh

### 6 Nisan / Tuesday, March 31st

Mordechai ben Mattatya  
Moselle Sopher

### 8 Nisan / Thursday, April 2nd

Ada Ezra Ada bat Mindel Okin  
Carolyn Frances Ezra Carolyn Frances bat Norman  
Ezra Sayegh Ezra ben Yaakov  
Allan Norman Steiner Alexander Nachum ben Mordechai

### 9 Nisan / Friday, April 3rd

Malka Lurie

### 10 Nisan / Shabbat, April 4th

Gohar Mashallah Gohar bat Aga  
Aziza Sassoon Aziza bat Miriam

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