

KJ Happenings

22 Iyar 5780 | 16 May 2020

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Weekly Schedule

Torah Reading: Behar Behukotai

Candle lighting: Fri 5/15@ 7:29 pm

Havdala: Sat 5/16@ 8:34 pm

Yom Yerushalayim: Fri 5/22

Tefilla Note: *Summer prayers, Barchenu & Morid Hatal in Shmone Esre (Amida).*

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For information about KJ's Norma & Sam Dabby Talmud Torah & registration for next year

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Membership & Sponsorship

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

Learning Resources

- [Family Parasha with Rabbi Sacks](#)
- [Omer Insights, Chabad](#)
- [Torah with Bim Bam](#)
- [Resources for Kids, Chabad](#)
- [Sephardic Havdala Song](#)
- [Hebrew Songs for Kids](#)

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Rabbi's Message

by Rabbi Natan Halevy
BSD



Shalom,
This week's parasha begins, "And the Lord spoke to Moses on Mount Sinai, saying, Speak to the children of Israel and you shall say to them: When you come to the land that I am giving you, the land shall rest a Sabbath to the Lord. You may sow your field for six years, and for six years you may prune your vineyard, and gather in its produce, But in the seventh year, the land shall have a complete rest a Sabbath to the Lord; you shall not sow your field, nor shall you prune your vineyard. You shall not reap the aftergrowth of your harvest, and you shall not pick the grapes you had set aside [for yourself], [for] it shall be a year of rest for the land."

Why was this divine commandment of Shemittah (the Sabbatical year, when fields are left fallow) particularly related to Mt. Sinai? After all, the entire Torah was taught to Moses at Sinai.

Shemittah, perhaps to a greater degree than other commandments, tests a Jewish person's faith in Hashem because it explicitly calls upon each of us to demonstrate our confidence in Hashem's bounty, our belief in Hashem's power and providence. "If you ask, 'What will we eat during the seventh year—we have not sown and harvested?' I will give you My blessing . . ." This is a difficult test, undramatic; there is no heroic martyrdom involved. There is no reason for its fulfillment but faith in Hashem, and without faith, its fulfillment is impossible. As Sinai is symbolic of Judaism, Shemittah is symbolic of devotion to Judaism.

We have our own Shemittah every week—the Shabbat day, a day we devote to rest and uplifting our spirit to Hashem. It recharges our bodies and souls with special energy from high above. The weekly Shabbat has a twofold role. It is the day "from which all successive days are blessed"—the source of material and spiritual sustenance for the week to follow. It is also the "culmination" of the week—the day on which the week's labors and efforts are harvested and sublimated, and their

inner spiritual significance is realized and brought to light.

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The Sephardic and Mizrahi Jewish Roots of Los Angeles

L.A.' Chayim!, L.A's exhibit for Jewish Heritage Month, will introduce you to two groups of Jews — Sephardic as defined as Jews expelled from Spain in 1492 and Mizrahi as defined as Jews who are the descendants of the Jewish communities that had existed in the Middle East and North Africa from biblical times to today. Under these umbrella titles are found many groups of Jews from different countries such as Morocco, Syria, the Balkans, Turkey, Rhodes, Iran, Iraq, and Tunisia each with their own unique as well as blended cultural traditions. Our goal with L.A.' Chayim! is to introduce you to some of the exciting contributions Sephardic and Mizrahi Jews have given to Los Angeles since they began to arrive in the early 1850s, while also sharing more about their heritage with you. Make sure to check the videos for some familiar faces (Neil Sheff, Rabbi Bouskila), modern Sephardic music, and more.

Haftara & More with KJ Hazzan Saeed Jalali



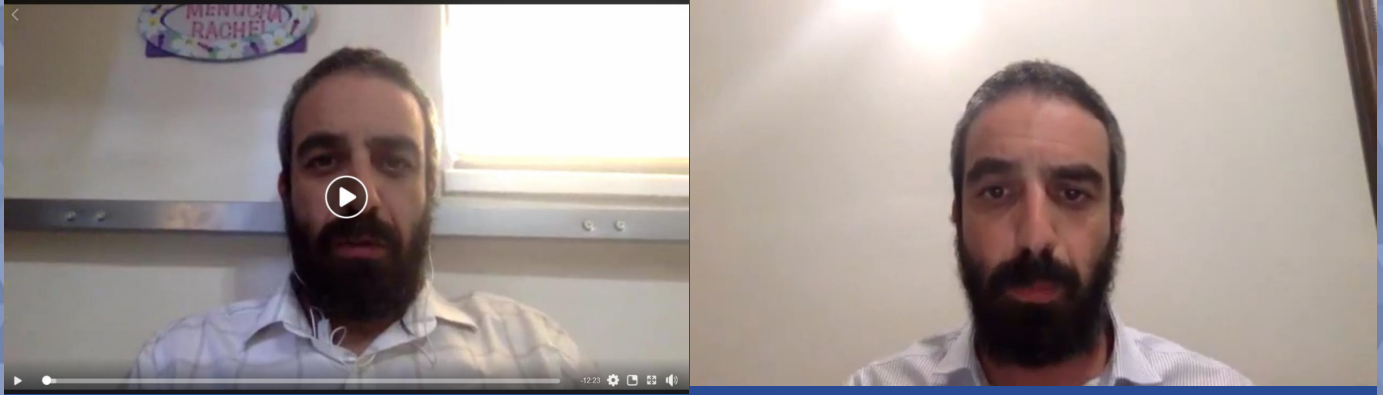
Learning for Shabbat

with Rabbi Halevy

Dvar Torah for Behar Behukotai & Positivity Class

Dvar Torah for Behar Behukotai

Class on Positivity



Here's our Class Schedule...

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Come Back to Torah

Evenings at 8:30 PM

KJs Facebook or Youtube

with Rabbi Halevy

Monday through Thursday



SAVE OUR INDEPENDENTLY OWNED RESTAURANTS BY SUPPORTING OUR LOCAL HOSPITAL ER UNITS



**DON'T MISS THIS WONDERFUL OPPORTUNITY
TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN YOUR COMMUNITY**



Culinary Caring: Food for Front Liners and Interfaith Solidarity Network

have partnered to help save small independently owned restaurants in Los Angeles by sponsoring meals that will be delivered to hospital ER units to show our gratitude for their courageous devotion and lift the spirits of our front line people during this difficult time.

TO CONTRIBUTE TO THIS CAUSE, PLEASE VISIT:

[HTTPS://WWW.GOFUNDME.COM/F/CULINARY-CARING-FOOD-FOR-FRONT-LINERS](https://www.gofundme.com/f/culinary-caring-food-for-front-liners)

Or go to GoFundMe.com and search for 'Interfaith Solidarity Network'

Sponsor a small independent restaurant

that is struggling due to the coronavirus pandemic. Support them through the kindness of our community as we order 60-120 meals at full price, including all taxes and gratuities to be delivered to hospitals in our area.



If you need further information, please contact

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Community & Synagogue REOPENING GUIDANCE from the Orthodox Union

Dear Members and Friends,

In the interest of our community's long-term health and safety, we accord with the Orthodox Union's position for reopening.

We are following the advice of medical experts and adhering to guidelines supported by

scientific research in determining how and when to reopen Kahal in stages.

For the moment, services and daily functions remain suspended and will be conducted virtually. A two week or more buffer will be added to any general reopening date set by civil authorities. The extra time will allow us to gauge the effects of a policy shift and protect all members of our community.

Kahal's office remains open for business and can be reached at 310.474.0559.

Guidance from the Orthodox Union



GUIDANCE to Shuls and Communities ON REOPENING

**Presented by
the Orthodox Union and the Rabbinical Council of America**

May 8 2020 – 14 Iyar 5780

We continue to grapple with the profound impact of COVID-19 on our physical, emotional and financial health. We are heartened by the community's embrace of the required community mitigation strategies, and by the resultant impact on the flattening of the curve. And we are anxiously awaiting the day when we can return to our shuls, schools, and yeshivas and to the full range of communal life.

We must be clear: the COVID-19 crisis is far from over. While the CDC, federal, state and local governments and health departments are all discussing - and sometimes implementing - roadmaps for reopening, we must proceed with caution, recognizing the immense gravity of the decisions we are making and their impact on the lives of our community members and fellow citizens. We must sort through the many voices and the conflicting guidance and we must chart the course suited for local conditions, based on informed medical opinion and the values and Halachic approaches conveyed by our Poskim.

This document presents thirteen principles that should guide the decisions and planning of our shuls and communities throughout the country. They focus primarily on the eventual reopening of communal davening. Guidance on other matters will follow. **As made clear below, the issuance of this guidance does NOT imply that any reopening should be done at this point.** It is simply a framework to guide the choices that leadership will need to anticipate and plan for.

The drafting of this document was informed by our dedicated Medical Advisory Panel, with the guidance of our Poskim, Harav Hershel Schachter זצ"ל and Harav Mordechai Willig זצ"ל. It has been reviewed and supported by Harav David Cohen זצ"ל and Harav Asher Weiss זצ"ל.

The situation continues to evolve and thus these recommendations and guidelines are formulated based solely on currently available information and advice. As always, shuls and communities must strictly follow the guidelines provided by local and national authorities, including the CDC and local health departments.

Sale of Piano Raffle Tickets will Resume in the Fall

The drawing will take place when daily life has calmed sufficiently.
For those who already purchased tickets, thank you for your patience.

**KAWAI
PIANO
RAFFLE**

**DRAWING AT
CASINO NIGHT**

MARCH 15, 2020
KAHAL JOSEPH

**TICKETS \$50
GOLD**

**PRE-OWNED
BABY GRAND PIANO
WINNER RESPONSIBLE
FOR PICKUP**

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Odette bat Louise



In Memoriam

We remember these yahrzeit anniversaries from May 16th to 23rd 2020. We light memorial candles, donate tsedaka, and attend Shabbat services to honor the memory of our loved ones.

22 Iyar / Shabbat, May 16th

Ezekiel Joseph Yehezkel ben Itzhak Yosef
Grace Mussry Grace bat Toba
Iran Rojhani Iran bat Monavar

23 Iyar / Sunday, May 17th

Moshe Bensabat Moshe ben Clara
Sally Saul Salha bat Simcha

24 Iyar / Monday, May 18th

Judah Freddy Bekhore Yehuda Faraj ben Yosef
Simcha Nazarian Simcha bat Habiba
Serosh Besharat

26 Iyar / Wednesday, May 20th

Sarah Elias Sarah bat Ester
Ezra Ellis
Cecile Sassoon Masliah Aziza bat Habiba

27 Iyar / Thursday, May 21st

Sassoon Elisha Sasson Yosef

28 Iyar / Friday, May 22nd

Hannah Sassoon Hannah Khatoon bat Mozelle Tov
Joseph Hai Ezra Simon Yoseph Hai Ezra Shimon

29 Iyar / Shabbat, May 23rd

Rashel Maslavi Rachel bat Nuna

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