

KJ Happenings

7 Sivan 5780 | 30 May 2020

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Weekly Schedule

Torah Reading: Shavuot

Candle lighting:

Shavuot I, Thu 5/28 7:39 pm

Tikkun LeI Shavuot, Thu 5/28

Shavuot II, Fri 5/29@ 7:39 pm

Havdala: Sat 5/30@ 8:43 pm

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 [Click HERE](#) to contact Molly

Membership & Sponsorship

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

Shavuot Resources

- [Celebrate Shavuot at Home](#)
- [Shavuot Kids Party](#)
- [Shavuot with Bim Bam](#)
- [Shavuot Insights](#)
- [SEC Shavuot Booklet](#)
- [Partners in Torah 30 Minute Shavuot Guide](#)
- [Rabbi Sacks Study Guide](#)

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Rabbi's Message

by Rabbi Natan Halevy
BSD



Shalom!

Shavuot is the holiday in which we relive the events that truly made us a nation of Hashem, namely receiving the Torah at Mount Sinai. This monumental event was the culmination of our exodus from Egypt and the completion of the purification process that began at Passover.

When we reach Shavuot, we will have counted 49 days in which we are elevated every day, until we reach the 50th gate. This 50th portal represents a higher level of spiritual comprehension. A deeper perception of Hashem that can only be felt in our souls. The 50th day is not counted by us, rather it is bestowed as a gift from Hashem, beginning with the night of Shavuot. We do not count the 50th day, for we are not able to achieve this level on our own. We must prepare ourselves as much as possible to be a vessel for the lofty revelation that occurs on the Shavuot festival, the giving of the Torah. And indeed, every year, the revelation we receive is higher than years before. This is according to the rule, "we elevate in matters of holiness."

The purpose of the Torah is to help us achieve the unification and connection of the spiritual and material realms. Before the Torah was given, physical objects were not permeated with holiness. There was a divide between the spiritual and material that could not be bridged. The Torah was given to us in our bodies for the purpose of the refinement and illumination of our physical existence with spiritual light.

When Moshe came up to heaven to receive the Torah, the angels made a claim before Hashem. "What is this son of a woman doing between us? How can you give the precious Torah to People that are imperfect?" The angels felt that it was disrespectful that the Torah be given to us in our corporeal form.

Hashem instructed Moshe to answer their argument.

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Go to KJ's Shavuot Guide for more music, recipes, videos, & memories from Iraq!

More KJ Shavuot Recipes



Penne & Cheese, Yvette Dabby



Pavlova, Michael Benayoun

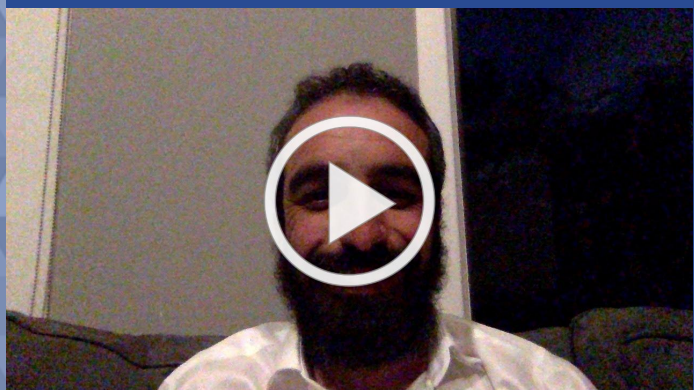


Calzone, Penina Solomon

[Click here for more Shavuot recipes from around the world...](#)

Learning for Shavuot

and a Positivity Class with Natan Rabbi Halevy





Ten Commandments & Shavuot II Haftara with Hazzan Saeed Jalali



Megillat Ruth with KJ Hazzan Saeed Jalali





*Come join us at
Kahal Joseph
Kids Club*

with Rabbi & Bracha

Sunday, June 7th@10am

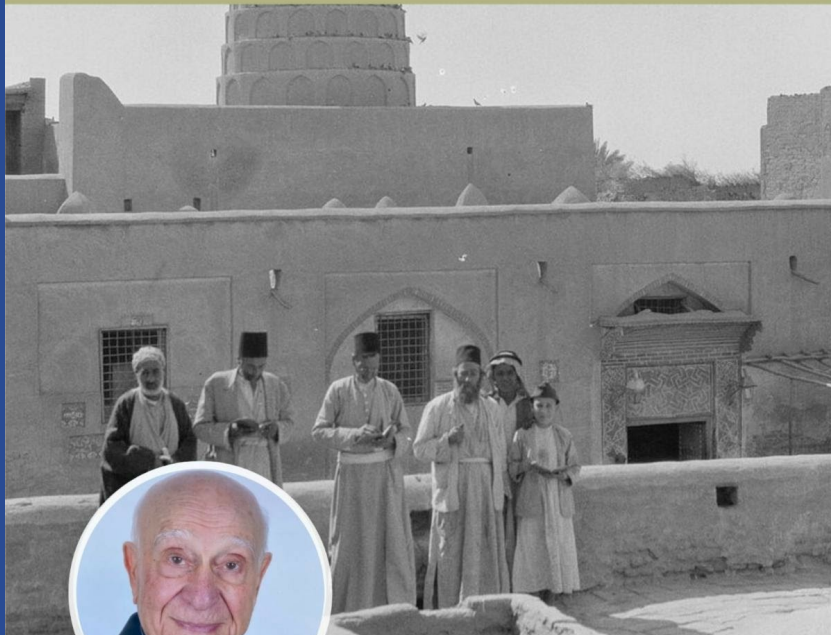
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Meeting ID 87398506772 Password: KJ KIDS

Click to register for Joe Samuels' JIMENA talk, Mon 6/1@11am

Remembering the Farhud

WITH JOSEPH SAMUELS



JUNE 1ST, 2020 | MONDAY

11:00 AM PT | 2PM ET

9:00 PM ISRAEL

ONLINE WEBINAR VIA ZOOM



JIMENA
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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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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 mutual respect in the handling of this crisis. And we are cautiously awaiting the day when we can return to our shuls, schools, and synagogues and to the full range of community 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 announcing recommendations regarding the reopening, we must proceed with caution. Recognizing the inherent gravity of the situation we are dealing with, we must respect the lives of our community members and fellow citizens. We must run through the many issues and the conflicting guidelines and we must chart the course suited for local conditions, based on informed medical opinion and the values and halachic imperatives conveyed by our Rabbis.

This document presents a series of principles that should guide the decision-making and planning of our shuls and communities throughout the country. They have primarily on the essential support of communal worship. Guidance on other matters will follow. **As each shul differs, the responses to these guidelines must NOT apply to any reopening should be done at this point.** It is simply a framework to guide the process that leadership will need to anticipate and plan for.

The guidance of this document was informed by our study and feedback from the Rabbinical Council of America, the Rabbinical Council of the Orthodox Union, and the Rabbinical Council of the Orthodox Union. It has been reviewed and approved by Haim David Cohen, CEO of the Orthodox Union, and Rabbi David S. Saperstein, President of the Orthodox Union.

The shul continues to evolve and thus these recommendations and guidelines are formulated based solely on our early public information and advice. As shuls, shuls and communities must evolve before the guidelines provided by local and national authorities, including the CDC and local health departments.

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Condolences to the Family of Sara Gindi, z"l



With great sorrow we send our deepest condolences to the family and friends of Sara Gindi, *Sara bat Miriam and Isaac Hanono, z"l*, who passed away in Mexico City. Memorial services took place there last week. She is the sister of our longtime member Alice Zekaria.

Sara Gindi is survived by her loved ones: her husband Albert Gindi; her children Adela Sherabati, Elias Gindi, Isaac Gindi and Miriam Gindi; her sister Alice Zekaria; her nieces and nephews Lily, Mary, Ruthie, Leon, and Ike; her grandchildren, great-grandchildren, extended family and friends.

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



Refuah Shelema

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 Miriam bat Yetta
 Miryam bat Malka
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 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
 Odette bat Louise
 Dina bat Simha / Diana Solomon

In Memoriam

We remember these yahrzeit anniversaries from May 30th to June 6th 2020. We light memorial candles, donate tsedaka, and attend Shabbat services to honor the memory of our loved ones.

8 Sivan / Sunday, May 31st

Aziza Judah Aziza bat Rahel
 Maurice David Sassoon Menashe ben David
 Rivkah Kohanzadeh Rivkah bat Shimon

9 Sivan / Monday, June 1st

Ester Bekhore
 Ester Ezekiel Ester bat Amam

10 Sivan / Tuesday, June 2nd

Mazli Hagooli Mazal bat Rahel
 Massouda Kay Massouda bat Khatoun
 Mozelle Lelah Mazal Tov bat Ester

12 Sivan / Thursday, June 4th

Abraham Lurie Avraham Lurie
 Abdullah Zekaria Sion Abdulla Zekaria

13 Sivan / Friday, June 5th

Florence Amron Farha Hanah bat Garzi
 Sulman Soffer Sulman Sion Soffer

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