

KJ Happenings

14 Sivan 5780 | 6 June 2020

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Weekly Schedule

Kids Club Sunday 6/7@10am

[Click HERE to Zoom to Kids Club](#)

[Click here to contact Rabbi Halevy and be added to the Kids Club.](#)

Torah Reading: Naso

[Bamidbar/Numbers 4:21-7:89](#)

Haftara Reading

[Shoftim/Judges 13:2-25](#)

Candle lighting Fri 6/5: 7:43 pm

Havdala Sat 6/6: 8:47 pm

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

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](#).

Parasha Resources

- [Parasha with Rabbi Sacks](#)
- [Chabad Kids Parasha](#)
- [Parashat Naso with Bim Bam](#)
- [Parasha at Bar Ilan University](#)
- [Piyutim--Songs for Shabbat](#)

Rabbi's Message

by Rabbi Natan Halevy
BSD



Shalom,

We read the Torah throughout the year. We learn about the travails of our ancestors in Egypt, and subsequently for 40 years in the desert. Why did they need to go through this challenging experience? And what do we achieve by learning about it every year?

Obviously, their journey in the desert goes beyond the physical journey and the stops they took. Indeed, this journey is connected to a higher purpose of refining and purifying the desolate energy that was found in the desert. They travelled with the holy tabernacle, the Ark and other holy objects. These helped reveal a powerful Godliness that refined every part of their journey.

The spiritual journey through the desert was also preparation for our journey throughout our nation's history including this current time. We are travelling through a desert in this present situation. On a physical level, a desert is hot and not conducive to the growth of life. Snakes and scorpions are found there. These physical elements of a desert have their corresponding negative spiritual energies which can be expressed in our world. At certain times, they are felt more powerfully in the world. When we see the world consumed with chaotic emotions and behaviors which lead to actions of destruction and suffering, this is the desert of the spirit.

We know Hashem has created duality in this world. There are different directions and polarities that people are attracted to.

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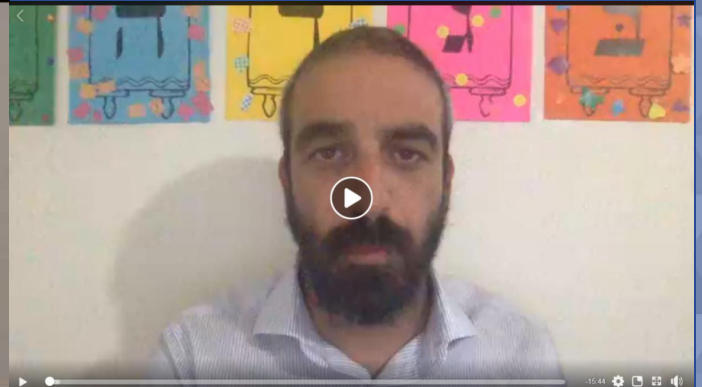
A Message about this Week's Torah Portion



Haftara chanted by Hazzan Saeed Jalali



A Message for Our Times from Rabbi Halevy



Psalms 2 and Parashat Naso



Here's our Adult Class Schedule...

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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.

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



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
Sue Kaufman at stk5147@aol.com or Marsha Novak at marlynov@gmail.com

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 humbled by the community's resilience and the ongoing community support efforts, and by the medical experts on the forefront of the crisis. And we are immensely grateful for the steps we can take to our shuls, schools, and other public spaces to be safe and functional.

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 developing and updating recommendations, guidelines for reopening, we must proceed with caution, recognizing the extreme gravity of the situation we are facing and their impact on the lives of our community members and future generations. We must not forget the many lives and the suffering caused and we must not let the current relief for local conditions, based on observed medical opinion and the values and halachic approaches, compromise our health.

This document presents the basic principles that should guide the decision and planning of our shuls and communities throughout the crisis. They have primarily to do with the essential support of community assembly, conduct in other public spaces, and the safety of our members. As such, this guidance is not intended to replace the guidance of local health departments at this point. It is simply a framework to guide the decision-making and planning of our shuls and communities.

The drafting of this document was overseen by our dedicated medical advisory board, with the guidance of our Poskim, Hacham Tzvi Lieberman, Rabbi and Hacham Shimon Lieberman, Rabbi. It has been reviewed and approved by Hacham David Sacks, Rabbi and Hacham Shimon Lieberman, Rabbi.

The shuls continue to evolve and thus these recommendations and guidelines are formulated based only 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 our health departments.

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In Memoriam

We remember these yahrzeit anniversaries from June 6th to 13th 2020. We light memorial candles, donate tsedaka, and attend Shabbat services to honor the memory of our loved ones.

15 Sivan / Sunday, June 7th
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