

KJ Happenings

12 Tammuz 5780 | 4 July 2020

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Weekly Schedule

[Kids Club, Sunday@10am](#)

Zoom ID 87398506772

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For more information click [here](#) to message Rabbi Halevy.

Torah Reading: [Hukkat Balak](#)

[Numbers 19:1–25:9](#)

Haftara Reading

[Micah 5:6 to 6:8](#)

Candle lighting Fri 7/3 7:50 pm

Havdala Sat 7/4, 8:53 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](#).

Jewish Resources

- [Parasha with Rabbi Sacks](#)
- [Chabad Kids Parasha](#)
- [Shaboom! for Kids](#)
- [Parasha at Bar Ilan University](#)
- [Zemirot Song List](#)

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Rabbi's Message

by Rabbi Natan Halevy
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Shalom,
This week's Parasha discusses the commandment, or mitzvah, of preparing the red heifer. This is one of the most abstract mitzvot in the Torah. It is also very relevant to the time we are in.

This commandment and its processes relate to ritual purity. Purity is connected to becoming clean from something which is impure or unclean, something which negatively affects our ability to engage in life. We need purity in order to attain holiness. Holiness involves removing something from its original level and sanctifying it, elevating it. Holiness leads us to closeness with G-d. In addition, purity is something that can't be seen or perceived with our physical eyes. Nevertheless, it helps us guard our beings and bodies on a physical level.

This process of creating and protecting ritual purity can be better understood by considering how we protect our health around Covid-19. The virus is something we cannot tangibly see or feel, yet it has such a powerful influence in the way we live our lives. We are highly aware of its existence with our mind and with our entire being. Some are more susceptible to it than others. Yet we must all keep a vigilant watch.

The Zohar shares that the mitzvah of the red heifer relates to the process of breaking down the power of spiritual confusion, negative judgment, and evil in the world. There are times when the forces of evil are stronger than others. During these challenging periods, we need the energy of the red heifer. Hashem knew that we wouldn't be able to physically fulfill this mitzvah at all times in history. However, by reading and studying about this mitzvah, we are able to draw down the spiritual effects of the commandment into whatever situation we may find ourselves in.

Hashem calls the mitzvah of the Red Heifer, 'Chukat Hatorah,' or 'the decree of the Torah.' This mitzvah is a law that we are incapable of understanding; it is

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beyond the comprehension of our intellect. Even King Solomon, *Shlomo HaMelech*, who was the wisest of all men couldn't comprehend this mitzvah.

This week's parasha also discusses the passing of Miriam and Aharon.

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Celebrating KJ's Bat Mitzvah Club *directed by Rebbetzin Bracha Halevy*



Kahal Joseph's Bat Mitzvah Club, under the care and guidance of Rebbetzin Bracha Halevy, just celebrated a whole year of learning!

These lovely teenage girls have studied throughout these months, despite the challenges. They have learned about Jewish texts and customs, crafted together, prepared for Jewish holidays, and contemplated their responsibilities as adults and full members of our community.



We hope that each Bat Mitzvah Club girl will take these spiritual and practical lessons with her throughout her life. Mazal Tov to Kahal Joseph's next generation!

Shabbat Learning & Melodies at Kahal *with Rabbi Natan Halevy and Hazzan Saeed Jalali*



[Parasha with Rabbi Halevy](#)



[A Shabbat Message](#)



Balak: Hashem Blesses Yisrael via Bilaam



Haftara for Balak, Hazzan Saeed Jalali

Let's Create a KJ Book Club!



We'd like your input!

Members have asked us to restart KJ's book club. Help us make a fun, dynamic program.

Take our survey, and let us know what you like and how to best shape a book club for KJ's community!

[Click for KJ Book Club Survey](#)



Here's our Adult Class Schedule...

WAKE UP with PSALMS & Rabbi Halevy

Weekdays@10AM

Kahal Joseph
on Facebook
or Youtube

Come Back to Torah

Evenings at 8:30 PM

KJs Facebook or Youtube
with Rabbi Halevy
Monday through Thursday

Kahal Joseph on What's App

- Get inspirational messages!
- Find out what's happening in the KJ community
- Learn Torah, Jewish thought, and more
- Hang out with friends!

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Refuah Shelema

Sassoon Ezra
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
Chaya Rachel bat Simcha Ruhama
Dina bat Rahel
Rahel bat Ramah Regina
Karen bat Chana Meir
Eti Esther bat Fortuna
Eliahu Shalom ben Avigayil

In Memoriam

We remember these yahrzeit anniversaries from July 4th to 11th 2020. We light memorial candles, donate tsedaka, and attend Shabbat services to honor the memory of our loved ones.

12 Tammuz / Shabbat, July 4th
Eshagh Sarraf Eshagh ben Yehuda

14 Tammuz / Monday, July 6th
Rachel Meyer Judah Rachel bat Aziza
Joe Elisha Yosef ben Sassoon

15 Tammuz/ Tuesday, July 7th
Mazal Sawdayi Mazal bat Rima Cohen

17 Tammuz / Thursday, July 9th
Abdallah Ezra Abdallah ben Ezra Itzhak

18 Tammuz / Friday, July 10th
Naamat Zelkha Naamat bat Simha

19 Tammuz / Shabbat, July 11th
Rachel Joseph Rachel bat Masuda

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

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