

# KJ Happenings

2 Elul 5780 | 22 August 2020

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## Weekly Schedule

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

Zoom ID 868 9047 0888

Torah Reading: Shofetim

[Devarim 16:18 - 21:9](#)

4th Haftara of Consolation

[Isaiah 51:12-52:12](#)

Candle lighting Fri 8/21, 7:14 pm

Havdala Sat 8/22, 8:16 pm

It is customary to sing Selihot early in the morning during the month of Elul from through 9/18.

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 here to email Sarah](#).

## Jewish Resources

- [Parasha with Rabbi Sacks](#)
- [Chabad Kids Parasha](#)
- [Parasha with Bim Bam](#)
- [Parasha at Bar Ilan University](#)
- [What are Selihot?](#)

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## Rabbi's Message

by Rabbi Natan Halevy  
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Shalom,

This week, we read Parashat Shoftim which discusses the Torah's legal system. The Torah describes the lofty standard that we should strive towards in regards to our legal system:

“You shall set up judges and officers for yourself in all your cities that Hashem, your G-d, is giving you, for your tribes, and they shall judge the people [with] righteous judgment. You shall not pervert justice; you shall not show favoritism, and you shall not take a bribe, for bribery blinds the eyes of the wise and perverts just words. Justice, justice shall you pursue, that you may live and possess the land the Lord, your God, is giving you.”

Proper judgement is the foundation for a healthy society. Judges and officers should be of the highest quality representing the best caliber of people, with abundant wisdom and objectivity in order to pursue truth and justice to the fullest. Pirkei Avot states, “Without the fear of law, one man would swallow another whole.” People need direction in this world. This principle seems to be an inherent part of our human nature, our psychology, and even our physiological makeup.

Another interpretation of the verse discussing the appointment of judges relates it to the judges and officers we place over our own bodies and over our behavior. One word for ‘cities’ in Hebrew is ‘sh’arei’ which also means ‘gates.’ The Torah is telling us to place judges and officers to watch over the ‘gates’ of our bodies. Our eyes, mouth, nose and ears are the portals of our body where sensory experiences enter our bodies. We must be conscious of what we allow to enter our body and beings.

We must also take care in how we express ourselves through these parts of our being. King Solomon said, “Ha’hayim ve’hamavet b’yad halashon,” which means, ‘Life and death are in the power of the tongue.’ We can see the power of words and how they are used in modern culture.

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Every day, people are using words and platforms to advance their causes and ideals for what they believe is best for society.

The Torah can be explained in many ways. In this parasha, the Torah emphasizes the awesome power and responsibility we have that can influence the world in a positive and significant way.

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## **Shabbat Learning & Melodies at Kahal**

*with Rabbi Natan Halevy and Hazzan Saeed Jalali*



[Shabbat Message from Rabbi Halevy](#)



[Fourth Haftara of Consolation  
with Hazzan Jalali](#)

## **KJ Kids Club for Shofetim** with Bracha & Rabbi Halevy, 8/16



## **The Essence of the Month of Elul**

*Women's Group with Bracha Halevy*



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## KJ Upcoming Events

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Join our community on  
Sunday, August 23rd  
for the next KJ Kids Club  
with Bracha and Rabbi Halevy!

*Come join us at  
Kahal Joseph  
**Kids Club**  
with Rabbi & Bracha  
Sundays@10am  
Email [rabbihalevy@kahaljoseph.org](mailto:rabbihalevy@kahaljoseph.org) for info  
Meeting ID 868 9047 0888*



**Refuah Shelema**

### In Memoriam

We remember these yahrzeit anniversaries from August 22nd to 29th 2020. We light memorial candles, donate tzedaka, and attend Shabbat services to honor the memory

Sassoon Ezra  
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  
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  
Rachel Bakhsh / Rahel bat Dina

of our loved ones.

**2 Elul / Shabbat, August 22nd**

Charles Mussry *Charles ben Yaacov Saleh*  
Saltanat Kohan *Saltanat bat Avraham*

**3 Elul / Sunday, August 23rd**

Hooman Farahmand *Hooman Moshe Haim ben Sarah*  
Ramah Mingail *Ramah Regina bat Avraham Shalom*  
Hakohen

**4 Elul / Monday, August 24th**

Edward Kelly

**5 Elul / Tuesday, August 25th**

Aharon Shalom *Elisha Arakie Hacohen*  
Lil Bir *Leah bat Girji*

**7 Elul / Thursday, August 27th**

Yaacov Aboulafia *Yaacov ben Sarah*  
Anita Wozniak *Hana bat Hilda*  
Anne Melhado *Hana bat David*

**8 Elul / Friday, August 28th**

Rachel Ezra Jacob *Rahel bat Lulu*  
Naji Ezra Helali *Naji ben Avraham*  
Clara Mekies *Clara bat Rachel*  
Yamin Sassoon *Yamin ben Sassoon*  
Paul Shayne *Pinchas ben Chaim Hacohen*

**9 Elul / Shabbat, August 9th**

Sam Dabby *Shimon ben Haskel*  
Hilda Deborah *Habiba bat Farha*  
Rachel Hayim Mingail *Rachel Hayim bat Miriam*

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