

KJ Happenings

16 Elul 5780 | 5 September 2020

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Weekly Schedule

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

Zoom ID 868 9047 0888

Torah Reading: Ki Tavo

[Devarim 26:1 - 29:8](#)

6th Haftara of Consolation

[Isaiah 60:1-22](#)

Candle lighting Fri 9/4, 6:55 pm

Havdala Sat 9/5, 7:52 pm

Selihot with Kahal

Join us to sing Selihot on

Sunday, September 6th at 8:30 AM

Zoom ID 846 1160 3014

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](#)
- [Sephardic Havdala with Joy](#)

Rabbi's Message

by Rabbi Natan Halevy

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Shalom,



This week Torah portion states, "Blessed be you in the city, and blessed be you in the field".

The word for blessed in Hebrew is *baruch*.

A more meaningful translation for *baruch* would be "drawn down." This is related to the process of pulling down a grape vine to the ground to sprout forth another fruit-giving grape vine.

The Torah is telling us that our blessings should be expressed in the world, so that we may see their benefits more clearly. When we keep our blessings only to ourselves, they aren't able to influence the world as much. Rather, our goodness should influence our surroundings, in the "city" and the "field."

This relates to the concept of "a *tzaddik* (a person who does right, or, a righteous person) in a fur coat."

There are two ways to get warm on a cold winter day. One way is to build a fire, which warms everyone else in the room as well. The other way is to wrap yourself in furs, which conserves your warmth but does not generate any heat or warm anyone else. A *tzaddik* whose only concern is with his own righteousness is "a *tzaddik* in a fur coat." However, the Torah believes in *Tikun Olam*, the betterment of the world.

We read this week's Torah portion containing the curses in Parasha Ki Tavo. One of the reasons given for them is "not having served HaShem with joy and a good heart." How could we receive such a harsh punishment for serving HaShem with lack of joy? Isn't just serving HaShem enough?

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High Holy Days Services at Kahal Joseph

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Pre-Registration Form

Shabbat Learning & Melodies at Kahal

with Rabbi Natan Halevy and Hazzan Saeed Jalali

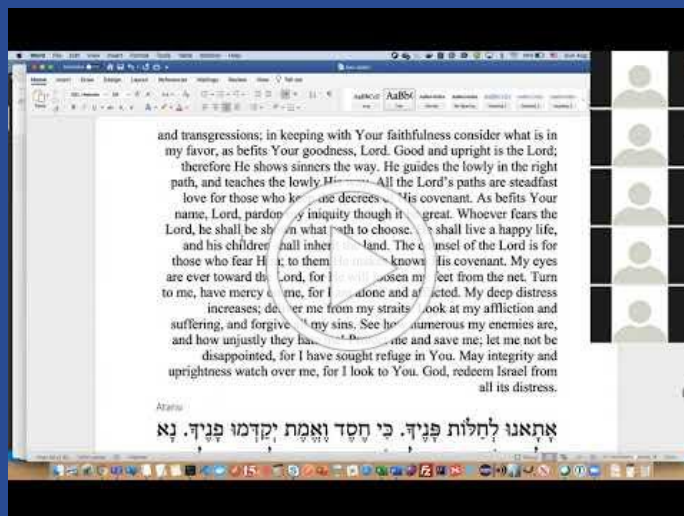


[Selihot Playlist with Hazzan Jalali](#)



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

[KJ Community Selihot w/ Rabbi Halevy](#)



KJ Kids Club for Ki Tavo
with Bracha & Rabbi Halevy, 8/30



KJ Upcoming Events

KJ Sunday Selihot with Rabbi Halevy

September 6th, 8:30 am



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Join our community on
Sunday, September 6th
for the next KJ Kids Club



Saving the Iraqi Jewish Archives, Film Screening

September 13th, 8:00 am PST w/Directors Q&A

3:00 pm PST Screening Only

World Premiere of New Documentary - September 13, 2020 - Two Online Screenings



**"Saving the Iraqi Jewish Archives
A Journey of Identity"**

**Directed by
Carole Basri & Adriana Davis**

**More than a rescue against Time...
It is a rescue of Time**

**World Premiere at
American Sephardi Federation's
23rd Annual
New York Sephardic Jewish
Film Festival**

**September 13, 2020
11:00 am (EDT) & 6:00 pm (EDT)
Live Q&A with Directors after
11:00 am screening**

**For online tickets please visit
www.americansephardi.org/events/**

**To view a trailer of the film visit
www.SavingIraqiJewishArchivesFilm.com**



Refuah Shelema

In Memoriam

We remember these yahrzeit anniversaries from September

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
 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 Bakhash / Rahel bat Dina

5th to 12th 2020. We light memorial candles, donate tzedaka, and attend Shabbat services to honor the memory of our loved ones.

16 Elul / Shabbat, September 5th
 Flower Elias *Farha bat Yochevet*
 Saleh Saleh
 Henry Stockfish *Channoch ben Yitzhak*

17 Elul / Sunday, September 6th
 Gala Nathan *Gala bat Sheikoory*

18 Elul / Monday, September 7th
Rahel bat Rahma Khatoon

19 Elul / Wednesday, September 8th
 Malek Yehuda *Malek bat Yehuda*
 Saul Ezra

22 Elul / Friday, September 11th
 Violet Ezra
 Moselle Jacob *Muzli bat Nuna*
 Batsheva Abraham *Batsheva bat Rachel*

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