

KJ Happenings

19 Kislev 5781 | 5 December 2020

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Weekly Schedule

PARASHAT VAYISHLAH

[Beresheet 32:4 - 36:43](#)

[Haftara, Ovadia 1:1 -21](#)

Songs for Shabbat

[Nivhar Yedid](#)

Beginning this week we switch to Barekh Alenu in the Amidah on Motsei Shabbat

EREV SHABBAT

Friday 12/4

Candle Lighting 4:25 pm

Minha & Arvit – at Home

SHABBAT

Saturday 12/5

Shaharit & Musaf – at Home

Minha, Seuda & Arvit - at Home

Havdallah 5:28 pm

WEEKDAYS

Sunday 12/6

Virtual Talmud Torah

classes by Zoom!

[Email our Director, Molly Jalali](#)

Sunday-Friday

Shaharit – at Home

Minha & Arvit - at Home

HANNUKAH

1st Night, Thu 12/10, light one candle at dark

2nd Night, Fri 12/11, light two long-lasting Hannukah candles just before lighting the Shabbat candles

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Guest Message

by Rabbi Yanki Tauber
BSD



The Cosmic Twins

Our sages tell us that before G-d created our world, He created an “earlier” state of existence—the world of Tohu (“Chaos”). But this was a world of “much light and scant vessels.” As a result, the vessels burst and the light escaped. G-d then created “our” world—the world of Tikkun (“Correction”), constructed with “broad containers and scant light” that allow it to function and endure.

(“Light” (or) is the Kabbalistic term for an emanation of Divine energy; “containers” (*kelim*) are the Divine forces that channel, define, and focus the “light.” A soul, for example, is a “light,” while a body is a “vessel.” A world, whether physical or spiritual, consists of lights deriving from the Divine power to reveal and bestow, and vessels deriving from the Divine power to define and delimit.)

There was a reason for this “debacle.” G-d desired that our “correct” world should be built upon the ruins of Tohu, so that we should delve beneath its surface to unearth the “sparks of holiness” that are the residue of this primordial world, tap their potent potential, and ultimately integrate the two realities, capturing the immense light of Tohu in the broad vessels of Tikkun.

The Kabbalists see Esau and Jacob as the embodiment of the cosmic twinship of Tohu and Tikkun.

Esau is the raw, untamed energy of Tohu. He is a destructive force, because he lacks the discipline and control that would channel this energy in a useful, constructive way. But he is also a very powerful force—far more powerful than the constricted and defined energies that animate Jacob’s correct and orderly world. The challenge, as we said, is to bring together the cosmic twins in a way that exploits the best of both worlds: to marry the immense energy of Tohu with the focus and control of Tikkun.

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The struggle to achieve this synergy is the life-history of the biblical twins, and the essence of human history as a whole. Esau and Jacob emerge from the same womb (where they were already fighting), and the rest of their lives is defined by the effort to bring them back together.

[Click to read more.](#)

Celebrate Hannukah with Kahal on Zoom

Kids! Thu 12/10@4:30 pm KJ Community, Sat 12/12@6:00 pm

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Hannukah**





KJ Hannukah Celebration

Zoom ID 346 030 3686

Motzei Shabbat
Saturday@6pm
w/Rabbi Halevy

12.
12.
20.

Musical Havdallah
Menorah Lighting
Words to Inspire

Melodies & Learning: Hannukah & Shabbat



Hekhalo, a Pizmon for Hannukah

Tehillim Lamed / Psalms 30
Ya Hatsel Yona Mehaka





Pizmon for Shabbat Vayishlah

SEC's Sephardic Festival of Lights! 

 **Tuesday, December 15, 2020**
5pm PT / 8pm ET

THIS HANUKKAH, COME CELEBRATE 40 AMAZING YEARS WITH THE SEPHARDIC EDUCATIONAL CENTER!!

  

JOIN EMMANUELLE CHRIQUI, YEHORAM GAON, DANIELA RUAH, HAMSA ALUMNI, RABBIS AND SUPPORTERS FROM AROUND THE GLOBE! CANDLELIGHTING, SEPHARDIC MUSIC AND MORE!!

SEC... 40 years of Sephardic Light!

[Click to Register for SEC's 40th Anniversary Hannukah Event](#)

This year marks the 40th Anniversary of the Sephardic Educational Center (SEC), and we are proud of the many successful achievements of the SEC over these past 40 years. An online 40th Anniversary celebration, with Hanukkah candle lighting and music, will take place on **Tuesday Night, December 15th on the 6th Night of Hanukkah**. The program will feature greetings, tribute videos, Sephardic and Israeli music, and of course Hanukkah candle lighting. We look forward to seeing you on December

Help in Troubled Times

Dear community,

In these challenging and sometimes difficult times, Rabbi Halevy is available to listen, offer spiritual counseling and helpful resources. [Click here to send him a message.](#)

Wishing you peace, health, and sustenance,

Board of Directors

[Send a Message to Rabbi Halevy](#)

Condolences to the Family of Esther Duke, z"l (1926 - 2020)

With great sorrow we send our deepest condolences to the family and friends of Esther Duke, *Esther bat Mazal Tov and Sassoon Elisha*, z"l, who passed away in Los Angeles on Wednesday, December 2nd 2020, the 16th of Kislev 5781. Esther was born in Singapore in July of 1926. In each place she lived, she was devoted to her family, friends, and community, and shared her life experiences, traditions and customs with those around her. Esther is the sister of Rita Hanin and the mother of Shelley Duke, our dear longtime members. She was deeply cared for by her siblings, children, grandchildren, and family. She is survived by her loved ones: her siblings Rita Hanin, Katie (Dr. Aaron) Shovers, Flexie Silpa, Saul (Flora) Elisha; her daughters Renee (Norman) Lazarine, Melanie (Marvin) Rosenberg, Shelley (Ernest) Duke Breig; her grandchildren & great-grandchildren; extended family and friends. Esther was predeceased by her husband, Maurice Duke, z"l. 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

Sassoon Ezra
Sally Amron
Sylvia Cohen
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

In Memoriam

We remember these *yahrzeit* anniversaries from December 5th to 12th 2020, on which fall the 19th to the 26th of Kislev 5781. We light memorial candles, donate *tsedaka*, & attend Shabbat services to honor the memory of our loved ones.

20 Kislev / Sunday, December 6th

Alec Jacob Jones Avraham ben Yaacov
Moshe Nissan Moshe ben Hayim

21 Kislev / Monday, December 7th

Abdollah Shahrabani

22 Kislev / Tuesday, December 8th

Joseph Israel Yosef ben Rabbia
Ezekiel Isaac Raymond Yehezkiel ben Mulla Rahamim
Edmond Kamara Edmond ben Selim
Meir Sawdayi Meir ben Shaul

23 Kislev / Wednesday, December 9th

Ronald Meyer Ronen Sasson ben Avraham
Gorieh Youssefzadeh

Eti Esther bat Fortuna
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
Fouad Salem / Hayeem ben Naima

Joseph Azar Yosef Sion ben Yaakov

24 Kislev / Thursday, December 10th

Regina David Regina bat Salha Matana
Lily Jacob Leah bat Masooda
Mansour Sedaghat Mansour ben Benayahu
Joseph Hayim Yaakov Yosef Hayim Yaakov

25 Kislev / Friday, December 11th

Rachel Moses Rachel bat Hannah
Morris Nathan Mordekhai ben Mordekhai

26 Kislev / Shabbat, December 12th

Dan Darwish Daniel ben Rahamim
Sassoon Jacob Jonah Sassoon ben Yaakov
Yitzhak Sinder Yitzhak ben Shimon

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