

KJ Happenings

26 Kislev 5781 | 12 December 2020

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Weekly Schedule

PARASHAT VAYESHEV

[Beresheet 37:1 - 40:23](#)

[Hannukah, Numbers 7:18-23](#)

[Haftara, Zachariah 2:14 -4:7](#)

Sharing Jewish Traditions

[Hassidic Pop w/Zusha](#)

We now say Barch Alenu in the Amidah on Motsei Shabbat. During Hannukah, we say Hallel every day. This Shabbat we bless the new Jewish month of Tevet.

EREV SHABBAT

Friday 12/11

Candle Lighting 4:26 pm

Minha & Arvit – at Home

SHABBAT

Saturday 12/12

Shaharit & Musaf w/Birkat Hahodesh

Minha, Seuda & Arvit - at Home

Havdallah 5:29 pm

[HANNUKAH PARTY on ZOOM@6pm](#)

WEEKDAYS

Sunday 12/13

Virtual Talmud Torah

[Email our Director, Molly Jalali](#)

Sunday-Friday

Shaharit – at Home

Minha & Arvit - at Home

HANNUKAH, 2nd to 8th nights

Fri 12/11 to Thu 12/17

On Friday, light two long-lasting Hannukah candles just before lighting the Shabbat candles

ROSH HODESH TEVET

Erev Rosh Hodesh, Tue 12/15

Rosh Hodesh, Wed 12/16



Rabbi's Message

by Rabbi Natan Halevy
BSD



The name 'Chanukah' comes from the re-inauguration of the temple after it had been desecrated by the Greeks. It was a perilous period of our history. Israel had been spiritually oppressed by Antiochus and the Greeks. Many Jews, seeking security, began assimilating into Greek culture.

The Chanukah miracles were a tremendous spark of hope for Israel. Hashem brought salvation in the darkest of times. This experience reinforced the spirit of Israel, showing them that there is always hope, no matter how dire the circumstances.

In a most challenging time, Israel reached a new level of spiritual service. The nation demonstrated tremendous self-sacrifice in many ways, rising to the task of opposing oppression and standing up to a formidable adversary. This service elicited a spiritual response from Hashem who rescued them, physically and spiritually, during a time of dire need. This strengthened the bond between Hashem and Israel forever after.

The sages foresaw the influence Chanukah would have in the future, and embedded the experience of Chanukah in our tradition and in the story of Israel. They described it as a special holiday, "vehayamim haelu nizkarim venaasim," these days are remembered and celebrated.

Through our celebration of Chanukah and other Jewish holidays, Hashem's spiritual influence and the energies elicited by these holidays are drawn down into our world with renewed and increased strength. Our world contains spiritual light and darkness. At times the darkness seems so strong that there is no light that can illuminate it. Chanukah reminds us that no matter how strong the darkness may appear to be, we are always connected to Hashem, the most powerful light in existence who is the source of all.

Redacted from Rabbi Halevy's article published in 'The Accidental Talmudist'

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Happy 90th Birthday to KJ's Senior Hazzan Sassoon Ezra

The Kahal Joseph Community & Board of Directors wish our beloved Senior Hazzan Sassoon Ezra and his devoted family good health, well-being, happiness, peace, and joyful smachot for years to come. Mazal Tov on his 90th Birthday!

Celebrate Hannukah with Kahal on Zoom

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

Click [HERE](#) to JOIN KJ on
Hannukah



**KJ Community
Hannukah**

Zoom ID 346 030 3686

12.12.20

Motzei Shabbat
Saturday@6pm
w/Rabbi Halevy

KJ Senior Hazzan
Sassoon Ezra
90th Birthday
Celebration

Musical Havdallah
Menorah Lighting
Words to Inspire

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**Melodies & Learning with KJ:
Hannukah & Shabbat**



[Rabbi's Shabbat Message](#)



[Full Hallel, read each day of Hannukah](#)



[Vayeshev, Aliya 1](#)



[Haftara, Shabbat Hannukah 1](#)

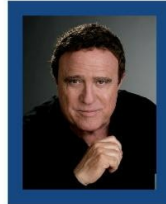


SEC's Sephardic Festival of Lights!



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 15th!

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 Aharon Gazala, z"l

With great sorrow we send our deepest condolences to the family and friends of Aharon Gazala, z"l. Born in Iraq in September of 1941, he passed away December 4th 2020, the 19th of Kislev 5781, during Erev Shabbat. Aharon was a special gentleman who was very devoted to his family and community. He was a good friend to Kahal Joseph, and his presence will be deeply missed. He is survived by his loved ones: his wife Habiba; his children Jacob (Mirav) Gazala and Uzy (Armi Ruth) Gazala; his grandchildren Eliran, Ori Aharon, Elinor, Ariel and Yonathan; his extended family and friends. Our thoughts and prayers go out to his 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
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

In Memoriam

We remember these yahrzeit anniversaries from December 12th to 19th 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.

26 Kislev / Shabbat, December 12th

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

27 Kislev / Sunday, December 13th

Yoseph Rahamim ben Yaacov Shalom

28 Kislev / Monday, December 14th

Joseph Jacob *Yosef ben Avraham Hayim Yaacov*
Habiba bat Aziza

29 Kislev / Tuesday, December 15th

Ralph Isaac *Raful ben Yehezkel Mulla Rahamim*
Simcha Ezra Isaac Simcha bat Masooda

1 Tevet / Wednesday, December 16th

Saul Mizrahie *Shaul ben Eliyahu Mordechai*
Jack Sassoon *Yaacov Yoseph ben Sassoon*
Victoria Saul

2 Tevet / Thursday, December 17th

David ben Ezra

3 Tevet / Friday, December 18th

Isaac Jacob *Itzhak ben Yaakov*
Vicky Messiah *Rahma Victoria bat Khatoon*

4 Tevet / Shabbat, December 19th

Seemah Meyer Simha bat Azizah

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