

# KJ Happenings

10 Shevat 5781 | 23 January 2021

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## Weekly Schedule

### PARASHAT BO

Shemot 10:1 - 13:16

Haftara, Yeshayahu 18:7 - 19:25

*We now say Barekh Alenu in the Amidah.*

### EREV SHABBAT

*Friday 1/22*

Candle Lighting 4:55 pm

Minha & Arvit – at Home

### SHABBAT

*Saturday 1/23*

Shaharit & Musaf - at Home

Minha, Seuda & Arvit - at Home

Havdallah 6:00 pm

### TU B'SHEVAT

Tu B'Shevat Virtual Seder

*Thu 1/28@4:30 pm*

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3460303686>

### WEEKDAYS

*Sunday-Friday*

Shaharit – at Home

Minha & Arvit - at Home

### Membership & Sponsorship

To sponsor an event or become a member contact our office. Call 310.474.0559 or [click here to email Sarah](#).

## Rabbi's Message

Rabbi Natan Halevy  
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Shalom u'vracha,

The ten plagues which Hashem brought upon Egypt had a deeper meaning, beyond releasing Israel from the bondage of Egypt, which led to the covenant with Hashem at Mt. Sinai. The plagues had an extremely significant influence on the Egyptians and the entire world, especially in regards to their knowledge of Hashem.

Pharoah deemed himself a deity. Egypt prided itself on being the world center of idol worship. The plagues arrived with a specific time frame and order. Moshe would warn Pharaoh and the Egyptians about each plague for 3 weeks. These time periods were extremely stressful and created great anxiety for the Egyptians. Then, each plague would last for a week. This month-long period impacted the astrological star sign of each month. Egypt worshipped these constellations. The first plague of blood affected their waters. This occurred in the month of Tammuz, related to the star sign of cancer, connected to water. Why start with water? Because the creation of the earth began with water, Hashem said 'now the time has come for Me to reveal My kingship on this earth.'

This began the process of liberating the majority of the world from the mistaken beliefs they were immersed in.

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# TU B'SHEVAT Community Seder

Thursday, 28th January 2021 • 4:30 PM

**ZOOM ID 3460303686**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3460303686>



[Click HERE to Join Rabbi Halevy, Thu 1/28@4:30 pm](#)

**Join in the fun from home!**

**Create a seder plate filled with delicious fruit for Tu B'Shevat**

- Before Thursday, find foods and fruit tidbits for blessing.
- Prepare to taste the seven species linked with the land of Israel:
  - *wheat*
  - *barley*
  - *grapes*
  - *figs*
  - *pomegranates*
  - *olives*
  - *dates*
- Also prepare to bless wine (or grape juice). If possible, try to have both a red and a white variety.
- For kids, feel free to use foods they love ( for example, Fig Newton cookies or malt balls made with barley).

**Happy Tu B'Shevat**

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Norma & Sam Dabby  
**Talmud Torah**

Virtual Classes on Zoom

*January 24th to February 28th*

Six Class Session

**Tuition: \$60/student**

[Click here for information & registration](#)

**Register Now!**

**Contact Talmud Torah Director, Molly Jalali**

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# **SAVE THE DATE! PURIM 2021**

**Tuesday, February 16, 2021**

**Baking for Purim with Iraqi Pastry Demo**

Morning of Sunday, February 21, 2021

Purim Children's Online Festivities

**Evening of Sunday, February 21, 2021**

**Purim Celebration for Adults**

**with Music & Piano Raffle**

Thursday, February 25, 2021

Fast of Esther

## **MEGILLAH READING**

**EVENING OF THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 25TH**

**MORNING OF FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 26TH**







## KAWAI PIANO RAFFLE

VIRTUAL  
DRAWING AT  
PURIM NIGHT  
CELEBRATION

FEBRUARY 21, 2021  
VIA ZOOM

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TICKETS FROM  
2020 & 2021  
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## KJ Learning & Shabbat Melodies



A Shabbat Message from Rabbi Halevy



[Bo 1, Hazzan Saeed Jalali](#)



[Haftarat Bo, Hazzan Jalali](#)



[Tehillim 126, Hazzan Saeed Jalali](#)



[Tehillim 127, Hazzan Saeed Jalali](#)

## 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](#)



# Annual Commemoration of the Bagdad Hangings

January 24th at 8:30 am PST

<https://zoom.us/j/96173930977?pwd=dWkyY1FLRDVkeDMxTlJKVGhpVDNldz09>

Meeting ID: 961 7393 0977

Passcode: 757598

The Community of Babylonian Iraqi Jews of Montreal invites you to join us in commemorating and honouring the memory of 10 innocent Jews slaughtered in Baghdad's Tahrir Square, on January 27, 1969.

Baghdad Radio invited citizens to "come and enjoy the feast", being brought in on buses. 500,000 people reportedly attended the hangings, and danced and celebrated as these innocent Jews were brutally tortured and publicly hung in a shameful and barbaric spectacle unmatched anywhere in the Arab world.

At that time, there were 2000 Jews in a population of 10 million. They were law abiding, never protesting in public and yet they were under constant supervision, terrified of the authorities and the general public, deprived of their civil liberties, bank accounts frozen, dismissed from their jobs, and prohibited from leaving the country under penalty of imprisonment and death.

## Names of the Victims

Ezra Naji Zilkha, 60, of Basra  
Charles Raphael Horesh, 45, of Baghdad  
Fouad Gabbay, 35, of Basra  
Yeheskel Gourji Namerdi, 32, of Basra  
Sabah Haim Dayan, 25, of Basra  
Daoud Ghali, 21, of Basra  
Naim Khedouri Helali, 21, of Basra  
Heskel Saleh Heskel, 17, of Basra  
Daoud Heskel Barukh Dellal, 20, of Basra  
Jamal Hakim, 17, of Basra



There will be a number of speakers that were present on that day in Iraq to share their experiences followed by a brief address by Charles Shemie – President of the Spanish & Portuguese Synagogue of Montreal, David Nathaniel – President Community of Babylonian Iraqi Jews of Montreal, and memorial prayers by Rabbi Maimon Pinto & Cantor Daniel Benlolo.

Sunday, January 24th 2021  
8:30 am PST

There will be a commemoration for the victims of the 1969 hangings in Baghdad. The speakers will include our beloved President of Kahal Joseph, Yvette Dabby as well as Lisette Shashoua Ades, David Gabbay, and Norma Ishayek.

To join the commemoration go to Zoom ID 961 7393 0977 and use password 757598.

## Los Angeles County Large-Scale Vaccination Sites Open Vaccine Eligibility Now Includes County Residents Aged 65 Years and Older

To make vaccination appointment please visit:  
<https://carbonhealth.com/covid-19-vaccines>



### Refuah Shelema

Michael Amron  
Gabriel Naghdi / Gavriel ben Rahel  
Ezra ben Farha

### In Memoriam

We remember these yahrzeit anniversaries from January 23rd to 30th 2021. We light memorial candles, donate tzedaka, & attend Shabbat services to honor the memory of our loved ones.

10 Shevat / Shabbat, January 23rd

Sassoon Ezra  
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

Naima Dabby Naima bat Chahla

**11 Shevat / Sunday, January 24th**  
Malaci Khamani Serah bat Simcha

**12 Shevat / Monday, January 25th**  
Abraham M. Cohen Avraham Shalom Mordechai Yitzhak  
Hacohen  
Matthew Ellenhorn Matatyahu ben Shmuel  
Maurice Kadoorie Moshe ben Saleh  
Rachel bat Masooda  
Edward Mussry Ezra Haskel ben Yaakob Saleh

**13 Shevat / Tuesday, January 26th**  
Sheila Cohen Sulha Khatoon bat Rivka  
Nanejan Davoudian Nanejan bat Hacham Mola Rebbe  
Alex Sassoon

**14 Shevat / Wednesday, January 27th**  
Shaul Saberi Shaul Shimon Haim  
Albert Harry Saltoun Avdala ben Eliyahu

**15 Shevat / Thursday, January 28th**  
Joseph Mussry Yoseph ben Yaakob Saleh  
David Sarraf David ben Ezra

**16 Shevat / Friday, January 29th**  
John Judah Yehudah Hai ben Yehudah  
Menashe Sarraf Menashe ben Yousef  
Yehudah Sarraf Yehudah ben Mordechai  
Saul Sassoon

**17 Shevat / Shabbat, January 30th**  
Simon Irani Shimon ben Eliyahu  
Ashraf Nassi Ashraf bat Hayim Moshe

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