

# KJ Happenings

24 Shevat 5781 | 6 February 2021

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## Weekly Schedule

### Ten Commandments PARASHAT YITRO

Shemot 18:1 - 20:23

Haftara, Yeshayahu 6:1 - 13

### EREV SHABBAT

*Friday 2/5*

Candle Lighting 5:09 pm

Minha & Arvit – at Home

### SHABBAT

*Saturday 2/6*

Shaharit & Musaf - at Home

Birkat Hahodesh Adar

Minha, Seuda & Arvit - at Home

Havdallah 6:14 pm

### Talmud Torah

[Click here to register!](#)

*Sunday Mornings*

*1/24 to 2/28*

### WEEKDAYS

*Sunday-Thursday*

Shaharit – at Home

Minha & Arvit - at Home

### ROSH HODESH ADAR

*Erev Rosh Hodesh, Thu 2/11*

*Rosh Hodesh, Day I, Fri 2/12*

*Rosh Hodesh, Day II, Shabbat 2/13*

### Membership & Sponsorship

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## Rabbi's Message

Rabbi Natan Halevy  
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Shalom uvracha,

We read the Ten Commandments in this week's parasha of Yitro. Many know of the 'debate' among the tall mountains. Each declared its virtues and asked Hashem to be chosen as the site for giving the Torah to Israel. In comparison, Mt. Sinai felt small, inadequate, and not fitting for this honor. For the very reason of this true humility, Hashem chose it to be the mountain where we would receive the Torah. Humility is one of the most crucial factors for internalizing the Torah's values in one's life.

Our parasha also reminds us of another story. When Hashem was creating the days each day had a reciprocal partner, except for Shabbat. Shabbat was the odd day out and said 'I have no partner!' Hashem said, 'Israel will be your partner.'

In this story, Hashem reminds us to partner with Shabbat, a partnership emphasized in the Ten Commandments: 'Remember the day of Shabbat to sanctify it.' Shabbat is one of the most powerful ways we continuously reconnect with Hashem. Through preparing for Shabbat during the week, our life is infused with the sanctity of Shabbat.

Shabbat also blesses the rest of the days of the week. This seems to be a contradiction. We must prepare for Shabbat during the week, yet Shabbat is the source of the blessings related to all these preparations? This duality is related to the fine balance between humility and self-empowerment that we navigate in our lives. Maintaining this balance is also connected to maintaining the blessings.

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## KAHAL JOSEPH PURIM BAKING

*Join KJ's Virtual Baking Extravaganza*  
Wednesday, February 17th@7:30 pm  
with Yvette Dabby & Bracha Halevy

**Iraqi Delights for All! Hamantaschen for Kids!**

*Find recipes for delicious pastries and  
prepare the dough & fillings before meeting.*

[www.kahaljoseph.org/community/iraqi-cooking/](http://www.kahaljoseph.org/community/iraqi-cooking/)

Join us on Zoom for the live event

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

Click for Recipes to Prep

Click to JOIN ZOOM Tue 2/16@7  
pm

## CHILDREN'S PURIM PARTY

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



Sunday, Feb 21 at 11 am

Click to JOIN PURIM PARTY Sun 2/21@11  
am



# KJ Learning & Melodies for Shabbat and Purim



Welcome Shabbat with Rabbi Halevy



Yitro 1, Hazzan Saeed Jalali



Haftara for Yitro





JOIN PURIM MEGILLAH READING

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## KAWAI PIANO RAFFLE

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## 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





**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 TT Director, Molly Jalali**

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**If You Missed These Programs . . .View the Videos Here**

**Baghdad Hanging Commemoration 2021**

and

**Nancy Khedouri, Jewish Member of Bahrain Parliament**

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**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>**

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**Condolences to the Family of Florence Cohen, z"l**

With great sorrow we send our deepest condolences to the family and friends of Florence Cohen, *Farha bat Simha*, z"l, who passed away on Monday, February 1st 2021, the 19th of Shevat 5781.

Florence is the sister of our dear, longtime member Hannie Kelly who, with her husband David, z"l, has been very active in Kahal and supportive of our synagogue, and who remains involved with Kahal Joseph's Sisterhood. Florence is the aunt of Kahal's devoted Board member and former Vice President, Jonathan Kelly.

Florence was born in India and spent her early years there. In 1955, she immigrated to London, England where she met and married her beloved husband, Benson Cohen, and where they raised their family together. She is survived by: her husband Benson; her children Sophie (Bunim, z"l) in Israel and Simon (Gila) in England; her siblings Sarah (Albert), Hannie (David, z"l), and Ruby; her sister-in-law Rebecca (Benny, z"l); her five grandchildren; her nephews and nieces; extended family and friends.

Florence was predeceased by her brother Benny, z"l.

Her funeral took place on Tuesday, February 2nd in England. Hannie Kelly will be sitting shiva at the home of her son and daughter-in-law, Jonathan and Sigal Kelly, 1527 Edris Drive, LA CA 90035.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to Florence's loved ones. May they be comforted together with all the mourners of Tsion. *Min hashamayim tenuhamu.*



### Obituary for Sally Amron, z"l

November 8, 1946 - January 11, 2021

Sally Amron was born on November 8, 1946, in Calcutta India, the first child of Michael and Moselle Amron. She came from Iraqi Jewish decent. Sally was educated in Darjeeling, India and England. She left India with her family in 1961, lived in England until 1963 at which time she immigrated on the Queen Mary to America. She settled in Los Angeles and graduated from Fairfax High School.

Sally grew up in some of the most interesting and spiritual times – the cultural revolution of the 60s and 70s. She loved music, history, philosophy and the arts. She was beautiful, wise, had amazing grace, dignity, elegance, and the coolest style. She loved horseback riding, classical piano, dancing, and driving her green MG midget convertible.

In the late 60s, Sally worked as a hair stylist. She later became a graphic designer. She married a Dutch coworker in 1974 and moved to Johannesburg South Africa for several years.

Sally returned to Los Angeles in the late 1970s, divorced, and attended Pasadena Art Institute becoming a talented artist. In her mid-thirties, Sally began to withdraw into her own internal world and spent the next 4 decades living a challenging life in various care facilities. But, Sally was a strong person. At times, she retreated more internally and at other times would give the gift of connecting and sharing her loving, joyous spirit.

It is said that a person's eyes are often the window to their soul. Sally had the most engaging eyes, and, her voice resonated and reflected the very beautiful person inside. She had unwavering integrity and a beautiful soul that in many ways transcended much of the mundane of this world.

Sally died on January 11, 2021, from Covid-19. She is survived by her 100 year old father Michael, her brother David, sister-in-law Jessica and, her four nieces and nephews, Ariel, Benjamin, Abigail and Asher. (*Los Angeles Times Jan. 23 -24, 2021*)

*Our thoughts and prayers go out to Sally's loved ones. May they be comforted together with all the mourners of Tsion. Min hashamayim tenuhamu.*



### Refuah Shelema

Gabriel Naghdi / Gavriel ben Rahel

Ezra ben Farha

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

### In Memoriam

*We remember these yahrzeit anniversaries from February 6th to 13th 2021. We light memorial candles, donate tsedaka, & attend Shabbat services to honor the memory of our loved ones.*

#### 24 Shevat / Shabbat, February 6th

Snira Klein Snira bat Devora

Rachel David Rahel bat Regina

#### 25 Shevat / Sunday, February 7th

Norma Dabby Naima bat Farha

Morton Raymond Einy Mordecai ben Rahamim

Abraham Sales Avraham ben Sassoon

#### 26 Shevat / Monday, February 8th

Moshe Solomon Moshe Hai ben David

Abraham Haim Yaacov Avraham ben Haim

#### 27 Shevat / Tuesday, February 9th

Ezra Avrahamy Ezra ben Yosef

Nathan Bass Natan ben Yisrael

Karen bat Chana Meir  
Eti Esther bat Fortuna  
Ezra ben Rahel  
Albert Nissan ben Victoria  
Mark Jonah  
Reuven Halevi ben Batsheva  
David ben Tova  
Odette bat Louise  
Dina bat Simha / Diana Solomon  
Rachel Bakhsh / Rahel bat Dina  
Fouad Salem / Hayeem ben Naima

**28 Shevat / Wednesday, February 10th**  
Charles Dabby Saleh ben Yehezkel  
Hilda Jacob Haviva bat Masooda  
Nassim Shamash Nassim ben Sarah Khatoon

**29 Shevat / Thursday, February 11th**  
Ramah Duke Rahma bat Salha Khatoun  
Georgia Jiji  
Mordechai Sassoon Mordecai Hayim ben Moshe

**30 Shevat / Friday, February 12th**  
Nagi Avraham Nagi ben Murad  
Shaul Cohen Shaul ben David  
Haim Elazar Haim ben Yisrael  
Catherine Moses Khatoon Matana bat Masouda

**1 Adar / Shabbat, February 13th**  
Yosef Soffer Yosef ben Eliyahu  
Joseph Mingail Yosef ben Haim Baruch

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