

KJ Happenings

7 Nisan 5781 | 20 March 2021

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Weekly Schedule

PARASHAT VAYIKRA

[Vayikra 1:1 to 5:26](#)

[Haftara Yeshayahu 43:21-44:23](#)

EREV SHABBAT

Friday 3/19

Candle Lighting 6:46 pm

Minha & Arvit – at Home

SHABBAT

Saturday 3/20

Shaharit at Kahal!

9:00 am to 11:00 am

Open to Members who have pre-registered online ONLY! First

arrived, first admitted, 50 MAX

Minha, Seuda & Arvit - at Home

Havdallah 7:50 pm

WEEKDAYS

Sunday, March 21st at 9:30 am

PASSOVER PARTY! at KJ KIDS

with Bracha and Rabbi

Click HERE to JOIN

Sunday-Wednesday, Friday

Shaharit – at Home

Minha & Arvit - at Home

Thursday, March 25th

Siyuum Bechorot

for the Fast of Firstborns

8:00 am at Kahal Joseph

Attendance open to those with

Online Preregistration ONLY

(Taanit Bechorot without Siyuum, dawn to dusk)

Thursday, March 25th at night

Bedikat Hametz/Search for Hamets

NEXT Motzei Shabbat is Erev Pesah!



Rabbi's Message

Rabbi Natan Halevy
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Shalom U'vracha,

This week's Parasha Vayikra picks up after the inauguration of the tabernacle. The Zohar comments: "Ask for yourself a sign from the Lord, your God: ask it either in the depths or in the heights above."

When looking at the earlier and later generations (of our nation), we notice a difference between them. The earlier generations were able to look into the higher spiritual wisdom of the Torah (as they were more knowledgeable in this matter). This enabled them to form words as they were given to Moses at Mount Sinai. Every letter transmitted to Moshe at Sinai flew with angels and powerful revelations.

These words of the Torah had great power and the ability to impact our reality, creating change in this world. Even the sinners in our nation knew this wisdom. Indeed, all the nation knew the abundant secrets and mysteries found in the letters of the Torah. This enlightenment enabled us to affect physical creation in powerful ways. This power connects to the Hebrew word 'ot' for 'a letter.' The same word can also mean 'a sign.'

The Zohar implies that generating these signs and wonders is a simple, even ordinary, feat when one knows the method of the Torah to accomplish this. Although the majority of us may no longer know this mystical power consciously, this doesn't mean we aren't able to tap into this amazing power.

All of the Torah is connected to the 'Tree of Life,' while physical objects of creation are connected with the 'Tree of Knowledge.' By learning Torah and

First Seder Night

Saturday, March 27th after 7:55 pm

Membership & Sponsorship

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

fulfilling mitzvot, we receive spiritual sustenance and nourishment from the 'Tree of Life.' In the words of Shlomo: "It is a tree of life for those who grasp it, and those who draw near it are fortunate."

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KAHAL JOSEPH CONGREGATION

**ONLINE PRE-REGISTRATION
REQUIRED TO ATTEND
SHABBAT & HOLIDAY PRAYER
SERVICES WITH RABBI NATAN HALEVY**

www.kahaljoseph.org

Click HERE to PRE-REGISTER

Siyuum Bechorot for Fast of Firstborns Thursday, March 25th at 8:00 am

Shabbat Morning Services March 20th & 27th from 9 to 11 am

PASSOVER SERVICES, SUNDAY, MARCH 28th at 9:00 am

First 50 pre-registered members who arrive will be admitted.

MAX CAPACITY 50 PEOPLE

Click HERE to Pre-Register

Learning with Rabbi Halevy



Rabbi Halevy's Pesah Message

UPCOMING EVENTS

KAHAL JOSEPH PRESENTS
BRACHA & RABBI
HALEVY'S



**PASSOVER
PARTY! at
KJ Kids Club**

Sunday, March 21, 2021 | 9:30 AM
Click [HERE](#) to Join on Zoom

[HTTPS://US02WEB.ZOOM.US/J/34603
03686](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3460303686)

KAHAL JOSEPH CONGREGATION

SIYUM BECHOROT FOR THE FAST OF FIRST BORN

Thursday, March 25, 2021 • 8:00 AM

LIVE! at Kahal Joseph Congregation
Online Pre-registration Required!

10505 SANTA MONICA BLVD, LA 90025



[Click HERE to Pre-Register](#)

Only a few tickets left . . . get yours now!



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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

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Condolences to the Family and Friends of Vera Levi, z"l

With great sorrow we send our deepest condolences to the family and friends of Vera Levi, z"l, *Yael bat Eugene*, who passed away on Tuesday, March 16, 2021, the 3rd of Nisan, at 101 years old. Vera is the wife of Kahal Joseph's beloved and gifted founder, Rabbi Elias Levi, z"l, and the mother of our dear member, Judy Lurie.

Vera was born on June 4, 1919 in Breslau, Germany, to Margot and Eugene Altmann. Her path out of Germany was as a youth aliyah, which brought her to Kibbutz Ein Harod. She was 16 years old, her formal education had come to an end, and she didn't know if she would ever see her family again. She would spend a decade in Israel, and those difficult years were the ones that she would later acknowledge as forging her character and her path in life.

Vera discovered the beauty of Judaism and her fervent love for Eretz Yisrael on the kibbutz. Following two years at Ein Harod, she remained in what was then the British Mandate of Palestine. Because of her English language skills, she was signed by the Royal Air Force (RAF) to work in Ismailia, Egypt, as a member of the Women's Auxiliary Air Force (WAAF) tracking and plotting "friend or foe" aircraft.

When she was reunited with her parents and brother in San Francisco, she met and married the founding rabbi of our synagogue, Elias Levi, z"l, and became our dear rabbanit whom so many have cherished through the decades, turning to her for guidance, wisdom, and--always--cheer. A "Sephardi at heart," she fell in love with the Iraqi traditions and the wisdom of traditional Judaism. She was the first to say that while "Elias and I couldn't have come from more different worlds"--when they found each other, she was home.

She is survived by her children Sylvia, Ruth, Judith, Ariel; her grandchildren; her great-grandchildren; extended family and friends.

Funeral services will take place on Friday, March 19th. Due to Covid, the family will be observing a private shiva. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Vera's loved ones. May they be comforted together with all the mourners of Tzion. *Min hashamayim tenuhamu.*



Refuah Shelema

In Memoriam

We remember these *yahrzeit* anniversaries from March 20th to 27th 2021. We light memorial candles, donate *tsedaka*, & attend Shabbat services to honor the memory of our loved

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

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

ones.

8 Nissan / Sunday, March 21st

Ada Ezra *Ada bat Mindel Okin*

Carolyn Frances Ezra *Carolyn Frances bat Norman*

Ezra Sayegh *Ezra ben Yaacov*

Allan Norman Steiner *Alexander Nahum ben Mordechai*

Moselle Amron *Moselle bat Salha Ekaireb*

9 Nissan / Monday, March 22nd

Malka Lurie

10 Nissan / Tuesday, March 23rd

Gohar Mashallah *Gohar bat Aga*

Aziza Sassoon *Aziza bat Miriam*

11 Nissan / Wednesday, March 24th

Kitty Israel Messiah *Khatoon bat Simha*

Abraham G. Solomon *Avraham ben Shlomo Reuven*

12 Nissan / Thursday, March 25th

Flora Cohen *Farha Mitana bat Rahma Regina*

Ralph Ferris *Raful ben Itzhak Faraj Hacohen*

Luna Kadoorie *Luna bat Mazal Cohen*

David Levi Solomon *David ben Shlomo Halevi*

13 Nissan / Friday, March 26th

Asher Atraghji *Avraham Asher ben Ezra*

Bertine Simon *Bertine bat Muzli*

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