

KJ Happenings

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Weekly Schedule

PARASHAT EMOR

Vayikra 21:1 to 24:23

Haftara Yehezkel 44:15-31

EREV SHABBAT

Friday, April 30th

Candle Lighting 7:18 pm

Minha & Arvit – at Home

34th Night of Omer

SHABBAT

Saturday, May 1st

Shaharit at KJ! 9:00 am

(First 50 pre-registered members arriving may attend)

Minha, Seuda, Arvit at Home

Havdallah 8:22 pm

35th Night of Omer

WEEKDAYS

Sun-Fri, May 2-7

Shaharit at KJ!

with pre-Registration only

Sundays at 8:00 am

Mon-Fri at 7:15 am

Minha & Arvit at Home

36th to 41st Nights of Omer

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
Bsd

Shalom U'vracha,

This week's Parashah delves into the laws of purity and holiness prescribed for

Kohanim. The Torah states, "They shall be holy to their God, and they shall not desecrate their God's Name, for they offer up the fire offerings of the Lord, the food offering of their God, so they shall be holy...You shall sanctify him, for he offers up the food offering of your God; he shall be holy to you, for I, the Lord Who sanctifies you, am holy."

Sacrifices were a significant function of the Temple, also known as the Bet HaMikdash. This made the Kohanim, or priests, an integral part of the Temple. Even in this day and age, after the destruction of the Temple, we are commanded to honor Kohanim. They are called first to the Torah and afforded other honors. They are blessed by blessing us.

This holiness is also a directive for all of Israel as stated in the Torah, "I will be sanctified in the midst of the children of Israel." When we received the Torah, we were elevated to a higher status as a nation: "Thus shall you say to the house of Jacob and declare to the children of Israel: 'You have seen what I did to the Egyptians, how I bore you on eagles' wings and brought you to Me. Now then, if you will obey Me faithfully and keep My covenant,

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you shall be My treasured possession among all the peoples. Indeed, all the earth is Mine, but you shall be to Me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.' These are the words that you shall speak to the children of Israel."

This became a fixed part of nature when we received the Torah. We became connected to the highest energies of all of creation. We were empowered to reveal tremendous holiness in this material realm.

There are different manners and levels of holiness.

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**Shabbat Kiddush
is sponsored by
our dear members
Rebecca & David Kohan**

KJ Celebrates Lag BaOmer at Picnic

Over 50 people joined Kahal Joseph's Lag Ba'Omer celebration in Holmby Park on Thursday, April 29th. Many young families from our community participated in games, arts and crafts along with a BBQ that was enjoyed by all!

We would like to thank everyone who participated in the Piano Raffle for supporting Kahal Joseph and wonderful events like these that bring us together as a community. We especially thank our Piano Raffle winner, Louise Nathan, who donated her winnings to Kahal Joseph!

We also thank our dear Rabbi and Bracha Halevy for their dedication and work in creating a lovely event. Their efforts were supported by Menocha Halevy, the Castel girls, Merna Ironi and Melissa Ironi whose help we greatly appreciate. We also thank Merna Ironi for donating toys for the kids to enjoy.

We look forward to many more joyous events, holiday celebrations and happy times to come at Kahal!



Celebrating Lag BaOmer and Jacob Isaac's birthday



together! (above) Games in the park (right)



And the winner of the piano raffle is ... Louise Nathan!



Families enjoy picnicking with the KJ community.

Shabbat Melodies & Shavuot Prep with Hazzan Jalali



KJ Family Fun & Learning



More Torah Resources

[Chabad Parasha for Kids](#)

[Games for Kids](#)

[Parasha with Rabbi Sacks](#)

[Coloring Pages](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS



Daily Morning Prayer Services Begin May 2nd at KJ with Pre-Registration ONLY

Shabbat 9:00 am

Sunday 8:00 am

Monday to Friday 7:15 am

Join
Rabbi Natan Halevy
& Hazzan Saeed Jalali
at Kahal Joseph

First 50 pre-registered
members who arrive may
attend services.

Click [HERE](#) to preregister

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

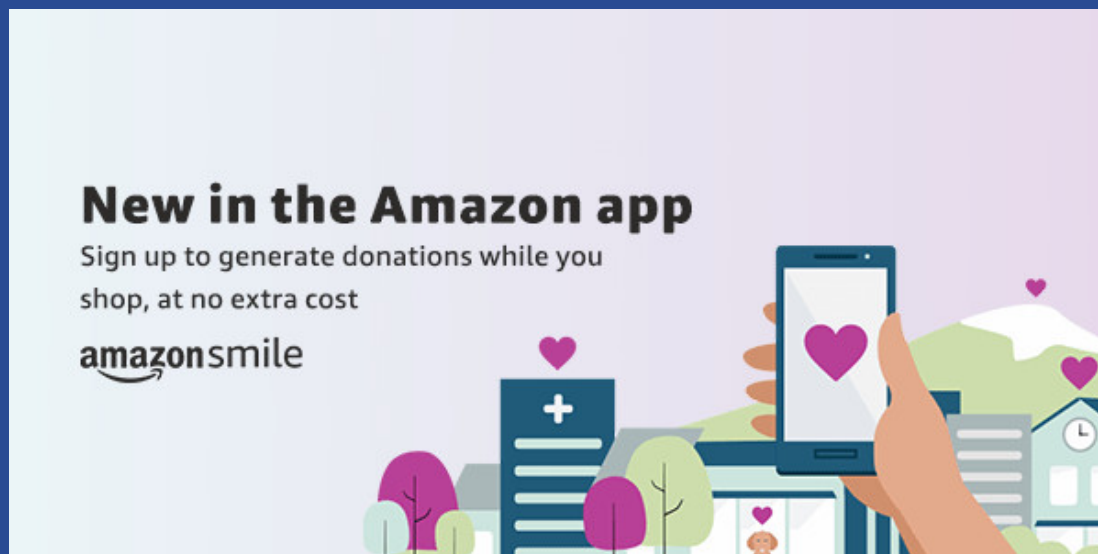
MAX CAPACITY 50 PEOPLE

[Click HERE to Pre-Register for Services](#)

Talmud Torah
Spring Zoom Session
Sunday Mornings at 10 AM
April 18th to June 6th



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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 of Emil Horesh, z"l (1937-2021)

With sorrow we send our deepest condolences to the family and friends of Emil Horesh, z"l. Born on June 17, 1937, he passed away on Friday, April 23rd 2021, the 11th of Iyar 5781, in Atlanta, Georgia.

Emil is the brother-in-law of our dear, longtime members Evelyn Salem, Yvette Khalili and Edmond Hagooli.

Emil is survived by his wife Yvonne Horesh, his children Allen (Vicky) Horesh and Cindy (Edward) Snitzer, his daughter-in-law Michelle Horesh, his granddaughters Stacy, Maya, Abigail, and Zoe, extended family and friends. Emil was predeceased by his son Joseph Horesh, z"l.

Funeral services took place in Atlanta last Sunday. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Vera'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 Hakimipour

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

In Memoriam

We remember these yahrzeit anniversaries from May 1st to 8th 2021. We light memorial candles, donate tsedaka, & attend Shabbat services to honor the memory of our loved ones.

19 Iyar / Shabbat, May 1st

Helen Ezra Shemtob Habiba bat Lulu

21 Iyar / Monday, May 3rd

Lulu Ezra Azoory Lulu Katoon bat Masooda

Michael David Adrian Meyer Michael David ben Yoseph Meir

Murad Saddick Mordechai ben Sasson

Maisie Solomon

22 Iyar / Tuesday, May 4th

Ezekiel Joseph Yehezkel ben Itzhak Yoseph

Grace Mussry Grace bat Toba

Iran Rojhani Iran bat Monavar

Sara Gindi Sara bat Miriam Hanono

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

Noach Yaakov ben Tzipporah

Ori ben Nuphar Chaia

23 Iyar / Wednesday, May 5th

Moshe Bensabat *Moshe ben Clara*

Sally Saul *Salha bat Simcha*

24 Iyar / Thursday, May 6th

Hilda Wozniak *Habiba bat Farha*

Judah Freddy Bekhore *Yehuda Faraj ben Yosef*

Simcha Nazarian *Simcha bat Habiba*

Serosh Besharat

26 Iyar / Shabbat, May 8th

Sarah Elias *Sarah bat Ester*

Cecile Sassoon Masliah *Aziza bat Habiba*

Ezra Ellis

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