

# KJ Happenings

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## Weekly Schedule

PARASHAT BAMIDBAR

[Bamidbar 1:1 to 4:20](#)

[Haftara Yoshia 2:1-22](#)

### EREV SHABBAT

*Friday, May 14th*

Candle Lighting 7:29 pm

Minha & Arvit – at Home

48th Night of Omer

### SHABBAT

*Saturday, May 15th*

Shaharit at KJ! 9:00 am

*(First 50 pre-registered members)*

[Click to Pre-Register](#)

Minha, Seuda, Arvit at Home

Havdallah 8:27 pm

49th Night of Omer

### Shavuot!

*Sunday Eve, May 16th*

*Monday, May 17th*

- Shaharit w/PreReg 9:00 am
- Shavuot Party 5:30 pm

*Tuesday, May 18th*

- Shaharit w/PreReg 9:00 am

### Weekdays

Shaharit at KJ!

*with pre-Registration ONLY*

Sunday at 8:00 am

Wed-Fri at 7:00 am



## Rabbi's Message



Rabbi Natan Halevy  
Bsd

Shalom Ubracha.

Baruch Hashem we are reaching the holiday of

Shavuot. Every year, the Torah is given anew and we experience a glimmer of the G-dly revelation at Sinai. The revelation builds on the past occurrences, so we continuously reach higher levels on Shavuot than we have before.

The Torah describes our nation as being of one mind and heart when we were preparing to receive the Torah. The recent terrible events that have taken place in Israel have shown us how vital that unity truly is.

We read Parashat Bamidbar (translated as 'in the desert') before Shavuot. Another name for Bamidbar is 'The Book of Numbers,' as it begins with a national census. The Zohar comments that Hashem counts us as a sign of his love for us. This is likened to a shepherd who continuously counts his flock to make sure that no sheep is missing.

The act of counting is central to our spiritual

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### Shabbat Kiddush

is sponsored by  
our dear members  
Rebecca & David Kohan  
and  
Maryam & Jack Shadi

service. We count in anticipation of Shabbat every week, and we count during the natural cycle of life and as part of the cycle of the Jewish year. Circumcision takes place on the 8th day of life as this covenant signifies a connection to Hashem which is beyond the limits of nature. The laws of ritual purity observed in our nation are based on counting. We sanctify the moon seven days after Rosh Hodesh's new moon.

During the cycle of the Jewish year, we count Sefirat HaOmer for 49 days in anticipation of Shavuot. The fiftieth day is a revelation from Hashem which is a result of our efforts of purifying and refining our thoughts, emotions and bodies during the Omer period.

Hashem is showing us how precious and valuable time on this earth is.

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**Shavuot at KJ**  
**Morning Prayers**  
with Pre-Registration ONLY  
**9:00 am**

Join  
Rabbi Natan Halevy  
& Hazzan Saeed Jalali  
at Kahal Joseph

**May**  
**17 & 18**  
**2021**

First 50 pre-registered  
members arriving may attend

[Click HERE to Pre-Register](#)

Come hear  
the Ten  
Commandments  
with your  
children!



Receive the  
Torah like  
the first  
time!

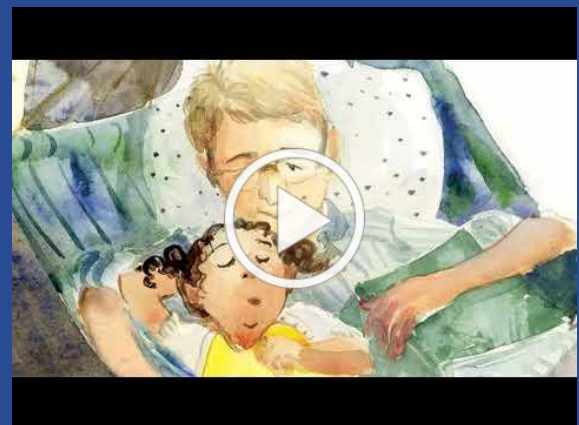
Enjoy  
delicious  
dairy  
treats &  
ice cream!

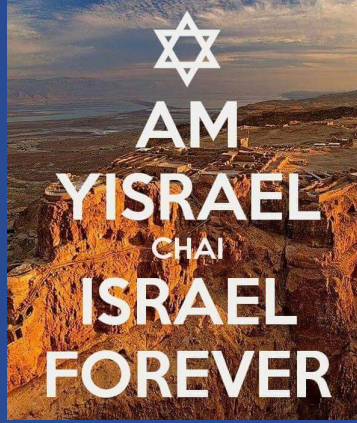
**KAHAL JOSEPH'S YOUNG FAMILIES**  
**SHAVUOT PARTY**  
**MONDAY, MAY 17TH@5:30PM**

**Megillat Ruth for Shavuot with Hazzan Jalali**



## KJ Family Fun & Learning





## News from Israel & Ways to Support Israel

[Arutz Sheva](#)

[Jerusalem Post](#)

[Algemeiner](#)

[Israel Forever](#)

[Open Dor Media](#)

[IAC Israel American  
Council](#)



**Daily Morning  
Prayer Services  
Begin May 2nd at KJ**  
with Pre-Registration ONLY  
Shabbat & Holidays 9:00 am  
Sunday 8:00 am  
Monday to Friday 7:00 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*

**Mazal Tov**  
to Yaniv Wozniak  
& his Family  
on his upcoming  
Bar Mitzvah



Yaniv will be called  
to the Torah on  
Thursday, May 20th  
& Shabbat, May 22nd

## 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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### 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  
Albert Nissan ben Victoria  
Mark Jonah  
Reuven Halevi ben Batsheva  
David ben Tova

### In Memoriam

*We remember these yahrzeit anniversaries from May 15th to 22nd 2021. We light memorial candles, donate tsedaka, & attend Shabbat services to honor the memory of our loved ones.*

#### 4 Sivan / Shabbat, May 15th

Victoria Cohen Victoria bat Hanina  
Pary Arnov Cohen Tzipora bat Rahel

#### 5 Sivan / Sunday, May 16th

Ezra Kelly Elias Levi Ezra Kadoori Eliyahu Levi  
Sara Moses Sara bat Sarah  
Turan Pourati Turan bat Aghajan  
Khodadad Zakariyaie Moshe Haim

#### 6 Sivan / Monday, May 17th

Tahereh Hakimipour Tahereh bat Kokab

#### 8 Sivan / Wednesday, May 19th

Rivkah Kohanzadeh Rivkah bat Shimon  
Maurice David Sasson Menashe ben David  
Aziza Judah Aziza bat Rahel

Odette bat Louise

Dina bat Simha / Diana Solomon

Rachel Bakhash / Rahel bat Dina

Fouad Salem / Hayeem ben Naima

Noach Yaakov ben Tzipporah

Ori ben Nuphar Chaia

9 Sivan / Thursday, May 20th

Ester Bekhore

Ester Ezekiel Ester bat Amam

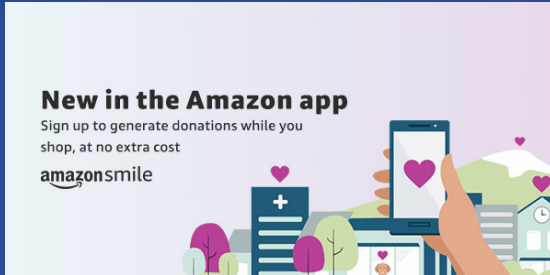
10 Sivan / Friday, May 21st

Mazli Hagooli Mazal bat Rahel

Massouda Kay Massouda bat Khatoun

Mozelle Lelah Mazal Tov bat Ester

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