

KJ Happenings

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Weekly Schedule

PARASHAT SHELAH

[Bamidbar 13:1 to 15:41](#)

[Haftara Yehoshua 2:1-24](#)

Blessing of the Month of Tamuz

EREV SHABBAT

Friday, June 4th

Candle Lighting 7:43 pm

Minha & Arvit – at Home

SHABBAT

Saturday, June 5th

Shaharit at KJ! 9:00 am

Birkat Hahodesh

Minha, Seuda, Arvit at Home

Havdallah 8:47 pm

Weekdays

Shaharit at KJ!

Sunday at 7:30 am

Mon-Wed at 6:30 am

Rosh Hodesh Tamuz

Thu-Fri, June 10th-11th

Shaharit at 6:15 am

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,

We read about the story of spies in this week's parasha. Why do we need to read about

this sad story every year? What lesson do we learn from this story of the negativity of the spies towards the land of Israel?

First, this story demonstrates the severity of speaking negatively about Israel. We see this from the severity of the spies' punishment.

The spies spoke about the physical land of Israel; however, their negativity influenced the entire congregation to lose their faith in HaShem. We see the power of this negativity in how it caused the nation to 'cry abundantly'. It turned the excitement of the nation about entering the land of Israel into great sadness and distress. The nation's strong desire to enter the holy land weakened.

Entering Israel was the next stage in our people's redemption from Egypt. We had received the Torah at Mt. Sinai, and the highest level of fulfillment of the Torah takes place in Israel. Some mitzvot can only be performed within the land.

Moreover, the holy land of Israel is a source of life



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for all lands on earth. It can barely be seen on a map but is precious in Hashem's eyes. "The eyes of HaShem are always on the land." HaShem gave our people an opportunity for the spiritual elevation which would result when the nation settled in the land.

Tragic, unfortunate events followed from the spies' report, the people's discouragement, and their loss of faith. Some of these events are quite distant in time . . .

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Shabbat Melodies with Hazzan Jalali



KJ Family Fun & Learning





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KJ Member Joe Samuels' Farhud Essay Debut in Wall Street Journal

Just before the 80th anniversary of the Farhud, Kahal Joseph's dear, longtime member, Joe Samuels, published a personal essay in the Wall Street Journal relating his experiences in the attack on Baghdad's Jewish community. Entitled "When the Mob Came for the Jews of Baghdad," the essay graphically renders the historical trauma endured by Iraq's Jews after millenia of existence in Iraq, known in previous epochs as Babylonia.

[Read the essay](#)

[Enjoy the WSJ article](#)

A graphic invitation for Shabbat services at Kahal Joseph. The text is framed by a decorative border of pink and yellow flowers with green leaves. The text reads: "KAHAL JOSEPH INVITES OUR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF ALL AGES" (curved along the top and sides), "Come celebrate Shabbat services together! Join our Rabbi & Hazzan in our beautiful sanctuary at 9:00 AM on Saturdays", "Shabbat at Kahal" (in a large, pink, cursive font), and "KAHAL KIDS KORNER CHILDREN'S ROOM IS OPEN! SATURDAY 9:30 AM TO NOON".

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**Daily Morning
Prayer Services**
Open to All
Begin May 22nd at KJ
Shabbat & Holidays 9:00 am
Sunday 7:30 am
Monday to Friday 6:30 am

Join
Rabbi Natan Halevy
& Hazzan Saeed Jalali
at Kahal Joseph

*We invite our members
and friends of all ages to
join us daily for
morning services*

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

In Memoriam

We remember these yahrzeit anniversaries from June 5th to 12th 2021. We light memorial candles, donate tzedaka, & attend Shabbat services to honor the memory of our loved ones.

25 Sivan / Shabbat, June 5th

Ronen Navah Ronen ben Avi

26 Sivan / Sunday, June 6th

Daniel Rojhani Daniel ben Shimon Rojhani

George Sassoon Khadoory Hai ben Ezra

Samha Zalkha

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
Noach Yaakov ben Tzipporah
Ori ben Nuphar Chaia

If you would like your name or that of a family member added to or removed from Kahal Joseph's prayers for healing on the Refua Shelema list, please [click here to email us](#).

27 Sivan / Monday, June 7th
Abdallah Joseph Abdallah Faraj Yoseph Isaac Yoseph
Maurice Mathalon Moshe ben Avraham

28 Sivan / Tuesday, June 8th
Rostame Eliassi Mordecai ben Habib
Aziz Daniel Pourati Aziz ben Daniel

29 Sivan / Wednesday, June 9th
Eric Jacob Jonah Ezra ben Yaacov Yonah
Abraham Mashaal Avraham ben Yehezkel

30 Sivan / Thursday, June 10th
Ester Meyer Ester bat Sofi

1 Tamuz / Friday, June 11th
Selina Jacobs
Ezra Kemareh Ezra Yaacov Kemareh
Maurice Morris Moshe ben Abdullah
Lulu Moshi Lulu bat Simha
Abraham Posmentier Abraham ben Isser
Daniel Darwish
Nadhim Sarraf Yitzhak ben Haim

2 Tamuz / Shabbat, June 12th
Djoe Mussry
Isaac Amron
Eugene Cornateanu
Simha Goury Simha bat Lulu
Meyer Edward Nathan Meir ben Ezra

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