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We apologize for any errors or omissions that may occur in this issue.

Message from the President

It is an honor to be a part of the Kahal Joseph Congregation and to be involved with such a dynamic Board of Directors. It is only with the love and dedication of each of our members that Kahal honors the customs and traditions of our Babylonian ancestry. I thank you for the trust you have shown to me and, as president of Kahal for the next three years, I promise to each of you to exert my best efforts to ensure a strong and vibrant congregation.

Every year when I hear the sounding of the shofar on Rosh Hashanah, I close my eyes and vow to make changes in my life, taking it upon myself to accept challenges and to be sensitive to the needs of others in my community. Our Kahal's activity and success requires the personal output and involvement of each of you, the members and especially the Board of Directors. I

thank each of the returning members for their continued dedication and welcome the new members. I am grateful to be supported by such an enthusiastic team of contributors. We are obliged to Rabbi Ovadia for his zealous support and vision, and we are appreciative of his wife Edna for bringing music to our life. We are thankful to Sr. Hazzan Sass Ezra for his continued dedication and the hardworking office staff Sarah and Dafna.

I look forward to a strong link of friendship and understanding among all members of Kahal Joseph to assist us in a sustained growth. Best wishes for a Happy New Year from my family to all of you.

Moussa Shaaya



A View from the Top

It is once again my privilege to chair a Board of Directors as informed, involved and focused as our new Board members are. As we seek each other's guidance, we would be hard-pressed to do so with Directors who are any less passionate. I look forward to a term that offers up our expert analysis, tools and insights to make the smartest professional decisions possible.

Our elected Vice Presidents and Directors-at-Large, prove nothing short of confidence in their search for the most meaningful opportunities and the right decisions, giving each decision impartial evaluation and unbiased perspective.

Having a Board of Directors as knowledgeable and invested as ours is, will infuse the day-to-day workings of our Synagogue with a management style that will guide our Synagogue over the next three years.

Ronald Einy
Senior Vice President
Chairman of the Board



From the Hazan

To our Rabbi Haim Ovadia, Mrs Edna Ovadia and their family, To our President, Chairman of the Board, and Members of the Board of Directors, To the Ladies of our Sisterhood, To the Kahal Joseph Family, *Tzikoo le Shanim Rabot, and Best wishes for a wonderful New Year from my family to yours.*

Sassoon Ezra
Senior Hazan



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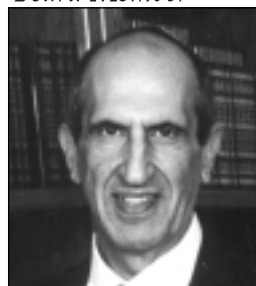
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Shana Tova and our best wishes to

Rabbi Haim & Edna Ovadia and Family
And all the members of Kahal Joseph Congregation.

Congratulations to our new President, Moussa Shaya and
The Board of Directors,

And the Sisterhood Board and its
President, Elsa Singman

From Shaoul and Doris Moshi & Family

Can individuals change the world?

As we begin the Hebrew year of 5766, we have to review our past actions and plan our goals for the future. We must brace ourselves for unprecedented events as religious and political powers in the world take new directions.

In 5765, we have had a year of joy and happiness, but we have also experienced pain and suffering. In Israel, in Europe, and around the world, innocent people have been attacked for no other reason than that they were different. Judaism teaches us that we should care not only about ourselves and about those who are like us, but also about the whole world. We should strive to change this world and human society and to nullify, in our sages' words, "the evil decrees."

How do we do that? Can individuals change the world? The answer is, yes.

There are three elements that can lead us to a better society and to more peaceful living and they are *Teshuva*, *Tefila*, and *Tzedaka* – repentance, prayer, and charity. Repentance is the capacity for looking back at our actions and decisions, criticizing ourselves, and trying to make up for our wrongdoing. It is not always possible to fully compensate those who were hurt by us, though, and that is why a central part of *Teshuva* is to accept upon us that we will never repeat that mistake.

The complete process of repentance as described by Maimonides is as follows. The first stage is the recognition of the sin. It is not easy to admit that we have done something wrong, but without this acknowledgement the repentance will be superficial, as we will only be trying to please the other side without experiencing true regret. The second stage is the confession, as we say out loud what our sin was and express our regret. This vocalization makes sure that we reveal our feelings and stand by our decision. The third stage is the commitment to never again perform the sin or make the mistake.

This three-step process of repentance applies when we refer to a sin that concerns God, like not keeping Shabbat or not eating kosher food; but when we deal with a transgression against another human being, for example in sins such as stealing, cheating or bad-mouthing, the process of *Teshuva* is not complete until

we have asked the person for forgiveness and have paid back damages.

The second component for changing the world is *Tefila*, or prayer. When we pray we acknowledge that we are not omnipotent, that there are many things that we lack, and that we rely on God for help. We also allow ourselves to focus on the inner self and to connect with our spirituality.

Additionally, when we pray with a crowd we draw upon the power of the many, and we thus elevate our community as well.

Finally, the third component for improving the world is *Tzedaka*, or charity. Charity is the way to translate our decisions and our newfound spirituality into action. Giving not only involves a physical transaction, but also a process of identifying with others, understanding their needs, and shifting the center of gravity from us and ourselves to the rest of the world and to human beings in general.

Our sages have noted an interesting phenomenon: *Teshuva*, *Tefila*, and *Tzedaka* can also be named *Tzom*, *Kol*, and *Mamon*. These three words each have the numerical value of 136, signifying that they are all of equal importance. We must engage in all three processes in order to succeed in our mission of improving the world. When combined, the numerical value of the three words equals 408, which is the numerical value of the Hebrew word *Zot*.

Zot is a word that appears in the verse dealing with the service of the High Priest on Yom Kippur: *With Zot Aharon shall enter the Holy of Holies*. The rabbi explained that in order to reach the level of entering the Holy of Holies, we must follow the guidelines of repentance, prayer, and charity.

May we have the merit of following these concepts, changing our lives, and improving the world around us, thus bringing upon ourselves blessings and the best year ever,
Shana Tova



Rabbi Haim Ovadia

OUR BEST WISHES TO
THE KAHAL COMMUNITY

From

ELIZABETH & SHAOUL LEVY
AND FAMILY



Members of the Community wrapping Purim gifts for the Battalion.

Battalion 601

Community knows no boundaries

By Dafna Ezran

Kahal Joseph's fundraising drive for Battalion 601 of the Israeli Defense Forces was a great success.

A little background on the Israeli Defense Forces, also known as the IDI, is helpful in understanding the significance of this project. To begin, the mindset in the Israeli military and its connection to ordinary citizens are rather different than they are in the United States. In Israel, every teenager is drafted into the army upon graduating from high school. Every parent can foresee, from the time their child is born, that at some point he or she will be placed in great danger to defend their country and their home. Everyone has a relative on active duty.

The synagogue's direct assistance to the Battalion, therefore, is extremely important. Not only does our contribution help the soldiers by improving their physical conditions, but it also conveys the message that, despite the geographical distance and the difference in life style, we are aware of their tremendous sacrifice and we support them morally and physically.

Especially in these times when the media and the universities often condemn Israel, and specifically its military, on moral grounds, it is important for the soldiers to know that others have faith in their ability to

shoulder the responsibility of defending Israel and of acting ethically in difficult situations.

This message is particularly relevant for Battalion 601 since its soldiers are always on the front line and have suffered many losses. Our concerted efforts have helped the Battalion purchase necessary life-saving equipment and gear for the soldiers as well as enhance their living conditions, such as night-vision scopes and bullet-proof vests.

In addition to the direct donations, we were also able to send special gifts for Purim. The young men and women in the Battalion received printed T-shirts and Purim baskets to cheer them during the holidays. These gifts were accompanied by handmade cards and messages prepared by the Kahal Joseph Talmud Torah students, by women in the synagogue's Rosh Hodesh group and by many other members of Kahal Joseph community.

Thanks to the many individuals who contributed time, effort and funds to make this project a success. And, as always, our endeavors to help others have nourished us and raised our spirits as well. Our commitment to Israel has fostered solidarity within our community. And our work on behalf of the Battalion is something we should contemplate with pride in our collective accomplishment.

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Norma & Sam Dabby Talmud Torah

Talmud Torah Finishes with a Flourish at Year's End

By Dafna Ezran

On June 26, 2005, Kahal Joseph's Norma and Sam Dabby Talmud Torah completed one year of consistent study during which they improved their grasp of Hebrew, honed their understanding of Jewish holidays, and learned the nuances of several Sephardi cultures. The community feted them and their accomplishment at a graduation program and brunch organized by Suzy Assia, Vice President of education.

The program focused on the theme of peace in the world, in Israel, and in us; and the children presented a number of songs exploring this issue. The children's poise and knowledge bespoke their commitment to learning and demonstrated Talmud Torah Director Edna Ovadia's devotion to these youngest members of Kahal Joseph Congregation.

Cued by Mrs. Ovadia and their teachers, the students presented a three-part program, first showcasing the youngest children, then the older students. Finally, they performed together. Representing the spectrum of youth, they inspired a room full of parents, relatives, and friends with energy and joy.

Following the children's performance, the crowd enjoyed brunch in a setting exquisitely and lovingly decorated by Elsa Singman. The tables were festooned with sparkles and balloons, the stage, anchored by flags, and the atmosphere throughout was festive. In addition, the light buffet, catered by Diana Gazal appealed to children and adults alike. As everyone enjoyed the brunch, the students received certificates and touching gifts – bookcovers hand-crafted by their parents.



Students demonstrate their skills in Tefillah



Performing a song about Peace to the world



Graduates Demi Itzhaki and Jonathan Assia with Edna Ovadia

A Glamorous Celebration of Kindness

Kahal Joseph's Annual Gala Dinner was a Hit



Emily Shaaya played a tribute to her parents.



Jasmine Azouz Sang
"You've got a Friend"

By Ronald Einy

The success of our "Legacy of Kindness" fundraising banquet was attributed to one of the most elegant evenings Kahal Joseph has every produced. February 13, 2005, the Grand Ballroom of the Regent Beverly Wilshire, with honorees beloved throughout our community, members, friends and supporters all came together to share in the tribute with commitment to our Synagogue and its "Legacy."

The evening, made up of so many highlights, opened with our choir of our members' children that set the musical tone that inspired everything afterwards. Mrs. Edna Ovadia has given our choir a harmonic self-confidence and melodic brilliance.

The premier of our short film "Keeping True to Our Legacy" was presented to thunderous ovation by the audience who were astounded by the many programs, advancements and the progress of our Synagogue that this film portrayed and profiled, while showing the development and influence our Synagogue bears throughout the world today.



Kahal Joseph choir perform under direction of Mrs. Edna Ovadia.



**Blessing the Hallah,
Messrs. Nassim H. Mussry and Joe Samuels**

Our honorees each contributed to the night with speeches of heartfelt personal reminiscences and historical perspective. Shaoul and Doris Moshi, Moussa and Sholeh Shaaya, and Hessed Award Recipients, Mordecai and Sheila Cohen, each shared their years of devotion and love for Kahal Joseph, its past, present and more so, its future.

Jasmine Azouz sang a beautiful rendition of the Carole King hit "You've got a Friend". Emily Shaaya, daughter of our honorees Moussa and Sholeh, played a piano tribute to her parents. Her virtuosity on the piano and her classical musical background is seen so rarely in young musicians today.

With Ruben Berci leading the Skye Michaels Orchestra, the night was filled with love, music, togetherness and generosity.

Our Synagogue's values, tzedaka, Judaism and Hessed, made for a most classy fusion through which the energies of our community's life flows, all coming together to equal one wonderful evening.

Our Honorees



SHOLEH & MOUSSA SHAAYA

Proud members of Kahal Joseph, have been committed to its growth and prosperity. Moussa served as a Board member and is currently the President of Kahal. This couple is also involved in several other charitable and educational organizations here and in Israel.



DORIS & SHAOUL MOSHI

For the last 25 years Kahal Joseph has played a central role in their lives, and in return this couple opened their hearts and have always worked to strengthen our congregation.



SHEILA & MORDECAI COHEN

The Hessed Award was bestowed on this couple for their longstanding support of the synagogue and their key role in perpetuating our Sephardic culture and traditions.



A Year in Pictures:

A Retrospective of Kahal's Recent Events and Celebrations

By Dafna Ezran

The year 5765 brought many occasions to celebrate at Kahal Joseph.

Beginning with Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, the synagogue was filled to capacity with the diverse members of our community who enjoyed and welcomed Rabbi Ovadia's special gift of communicating about Judaism on multiple levels. Sukkot and its festivities were marked by a sukkah celebration at the Rabbi's house as well as the Hachnasat Sefer Torah. We welcomed a new torah scroll with a jubilant procession through the streets, a

ceremony, and concert. The joy of Hanukkah soon followed, enriched by the Talmud Torah's holiday performance and the Sisterhood's annual party for the children.

Also in the fall, Yvette Dabby and Florence Shamash coordinated with Hazzan Sassoon Ezra's family to produce a Women's Day event dedicated to the memory of Daisy Ezra. The women of Kahal enjoyed brunch while listening to representatives of the Israel Women's Network discuss the social and legal situation of Israeli women. Mary Zekaria also gave a presentation about archetypal goddesses and women's behavior patterns. The

day culminated with a poetic tribute to Daisy in a slide show and a beautiful, bittersweet song by Marlene, Daisy's daughter.

Throughout the winter, the community convened for a number of festive Shabbat Dinners filled with song, prayer and delicious cuisine. In January, the Friday night event also included an informative presentation by author Edwin Black about the history of oil exploration in Iraq and its impact on the Jewish community. And, of course, throughout the year a number of individuals along with the Sisterhood sponsored Kiddushes that encouraged the community to mingle and enjoy one another's company following services.





In winter and early spring, elections for the Board of Directors took place following an elegant Legacy of Kindness Gala at the Regent Beverly Wilshire. Those who attended the gala witnessed inspiring presentations about the year's honorees – Hesed Award recipients Sheila and Mordecai Cohen and honorees Doris and Shaoul Moshi, and Sholeh and Moussa Shaaya. The Talmud Torah entertained the crowd with a beautifully orchestrated presentation. And, a new brief film documenting Kahal Joseph's accomplishments screened. The dinner, the band, and the competitive raffle sales completed a fine evening.

Spring also occasioned a fundraising drive on behalf of Israel's young soldiers in Battalion 601. Kahal Joseph sent funds directly to the Battalion as well as packaging special T-shirts and

Purim baskets for Israel's young protectors.

The spring holidays were inaugurated by Tu B'shvat. The Talmud Torah hosted a planting party, coordinated by its Director, Edna Ovadia, and Edna Itzhaki. The Tu B'shvat event included individual crafts for the kids as well as the potting of a tree to brighten the halls of Kahal Joseph. Then, in honor of Purim, the Sisterhood's Children's Purim party sported a mini-carnival prepared by Ora Elzran. On Purim itself, the community gathered for an appropriately and resoundingly noisy Megillah Reading and, the following evening, a Scudat Purim meal.

A short month after Purim, Rabbi Ovadia supervised the koshering of Kahal's kitchen for Pesah and hosted a traditional Seder Dinner to avail us of Pesah's wonderful rituals and

melodies. Then, for Yom Ha'atzmaut, the Rabbi organized a heartfelt Shabbat program with prayers for the state of Israel and the Jewish people. A sunny Picnic in the Park in honor of Yom Yerushalayim heralded the year's end as the community relaxed with a barbecue, backgammon tournament, and children's sports.

All these events did not even touch upon so many other happenings at Kahal – the new library of books for the children's Shabbat program, the Women's Rosh Hodesh Group and Monthly Sisterhood Coffee Nights, and Rabbi Ovadia's adult education classes which included two fantastic new offerings, courses on the Kabbalah and Jewish History. With such a plethora of knowledge and joy at Kahal Joseph Congregation, we can only thank Hashem and hope that he blesses us with another plentiful year.



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FAMILY,
AND KAHAL COMMUNITY

A HAPPY AND HEALTHY
NEW YEAR

AND WELL OVER THE FAST

HANNIE & DAVID KELLY
and FAMILY

Member Spotlight

Community Author Gets Rave Reviews

The following are excerpts from the Jerusalem Post article written by Yona Sabbar about

"The Emergence of Modern Hebrew Creativity in Babylon"
A book by Lev Hakak.

It is often assumed that since the "Golden Age" of Hebrew literature in Spain, Jews in Muslim Countries had not produced secular Hebrew literature worthy of our literary canon. [In his book, Lev Hakak] reveals the colorful budding of secular Hebrew literature in Iraq from 1735 to 1950. The Jews of Iraq wrote in Hebrew, Arabic, and Judeo Arabic. The Arabic literature they published targeted the general public. Writing in Arabic reflected their desire to participate in Iraqi nationalism and express universal themes at once. Most of these authors such as Anwar Shaul, Shalom Darwish and Samir Naqash, continued writing in Arabic after arriving in Israel. Others such as Shmuel Moreh and Sasson Somekh (both winners of the Israel Prize) turned to academic life and research. Some such as Shimon Balas and Sam Michael, shifted to writing in Hebrew.

An example of the influence of European literature on Hebrew creativity in Iraq can be found in the poem "Daughter of Babylon" by Shelomo Yishaq Nissim (pp. 158-159): "Awake daughter of Babylon, the Mother of the Talmud... Show strength in knowledge of languages and sciences, But do not desert the (biblical) prophets. Open a book of history, And find out how great was Israel." Hakak offers a brief comparison of this poem with one by Yehuda Leib Gordon, "Awaken, My People" (1863), and concludes that while Gordon's suggestion was that a Jew should be a Jew at home and a man in the street (which became the motto of "enlightened" Jews), Shelomo Yishaq Nissim endorsed being a Jew and a man at home and in the street. It appears that Shelomo Yishaq Nissim's poem is also a dialogue with these Jews who hoped to assimilate into Iraqi society: he is calling on them to remain faithful to the deep roots of Judaism, to the Hebrew language and the land of Israel while

incorporating modernity and universalism.

Another author Hakak writes about is Shelomo Bekhor Hut-sin (1843-1892).

Hakak describes him as a man of intellectual energy who, among his other Hebrew activities, published more than 150

articles and missives in periodicals of his time, and who reported about various events in the Jewish life of Iraq, Kurdistan and Persia. In his written work, Hut-sin emphasized tradition, faith, and knowledge of Judaism. He was also an advocate of studying foreign languages, honoring women, learning a craft and acquiring scientific knowledge. He did not find any contradiction between faith and secular knowledge and values.

Hakak presents secular Hebrew poetry, stories, articles, literary research and even a play that he gathered from various books and periodicals published in Europe, Israel, Iraq and India. Hakak's book will add an important, until now unknown aspect of the history of Hebrew literature, expanding its dimensions in Near Eastern countries.

Professor Lev Hakak, a longstanding member of Kahal Joseph Congregation, graduated from the Hebrew University in Jerusalem majoring in Hebrew Literature, Political science and Law. His graduate studies in Hebrew Literature were continued first at Tel-Aviv university and then at the University of California where he received his PhD. He began his academic career at the University of California, Berkeley and then moved to UCLA. He is also a licensed attorney in Israel and in California.

Yona Sabbar is a professor of Hebrew and Aramaic Studies, and a graduate adviser in the department of Near Eastern languages and cultures at UCLA.



*Ruby and Joe
Samuels
wish their family
and friends
Shana Tova
May the coming
year be filled with
peace and good
health*

To our friends and
extended family at
Kahal Joseph:

Tizkoo L'Shanim Rabbot
May it be a year of good
health, happiness and
peace.

**Yvette, Joseph, Sharon
Lisa and Nadine Dabby**

May the New Year bring you
and all your families,
good health, happiness
and Shalom.

Suheila, Maurice, Ronnie Ovadia,

**Stella, Omid, Michael and
Mathew Ezer**

We wish all our friends
And members of
Kahal Joseph

A happy and healthy
New Year

**Caroline & David Azouz
and Family**

To Our Families and Friends:

We Wish You a Happy and Healthy New Year

Shana Tova
Gmar Hatima Tova
Manachi Kemareh
Merna, Dror, Danny
& Dennis Ironi

We wish you all
a year of peace
and joy
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Einy
And Family

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Wish you a
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Mazal Tov
On your wedding
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Wish you all a healthy
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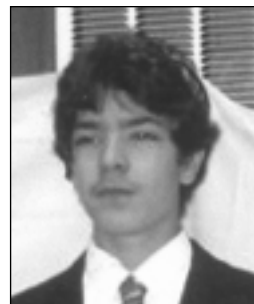
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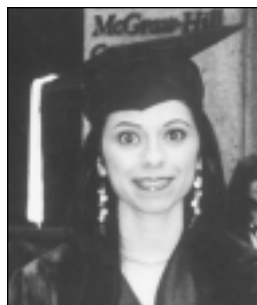
Graduates



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UCSF School of Medicine



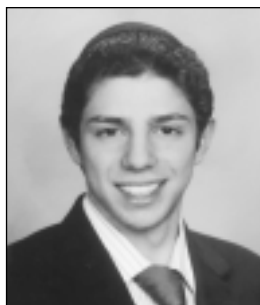
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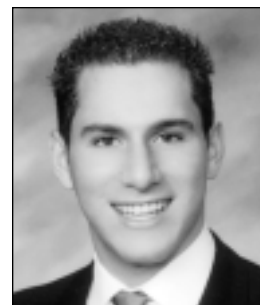
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YULA High School



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Oren Tevet
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UCLA
B.A. Political Science

Jeremy Reiss
Beach High Scholars Academy
Miami, Florida

Upcoming Events

**Sukkot Festival
& Sefer Torah Dedication**
Sunday, October 23rd

Simhat Torah Celebration
Tuesday, October 25th

Children's Hannuka Party
Sunday, December 25th

Purim Party & Carnival
Sunday, March 12th

Milestones

Abe Abraham 80th Birthday

Michael Amron 85th Birthday

Robert Ives 70th Birthday

Moselle & Michael Amron
60th Wedding Anniversary

In Memoriam

Bernard N. Bouchoucha

Jack Cohen

Daisy Ezra

Helen Ezra

Benjamin Judah

Tefaha Perry

Esther Sales

Nadhim Sarraf

Saul A. Sopher

Carl S. Zekaria

Nadhim Sarraf

Dear Nadhim,

You are the symbol of the destiny of our family and of the Jewish people.

We were born in Nasseriya, the city of Ur Kasdim, the birthplace of Abraham, our forefather. In 1948, the birth of the State of Israel was a second calling to the Iraqi Jews to leave Babel to go to the promised land. Our family left Iraq in waves 1950 thru 1970 to Israel. Unfortunately, once in Israel, our family was again dispersed throughout the world.

But you continued to be the center, and the cement that united our family. You were our king.

You left behind: your beloved wife Amira, brothers: Uri, Akram, and Kamal, sisters: Habiba, Alweez, Daisy and Berteen, and your children: Eddy, Sandra and Anita, and nine grandchildren.

Your family, friends and business associates appreciated your kindness, generosity, and faithful friendship.

By Kamal Shlomo David
Nadhim Sarraf's brother

Carl S. Zekaria

When the Talmud talks about the importance of having a good name, it was talking about my grandfather. He taught us by example about integrity and ethics, and in doing so he passed on to us his good name. We are lucky for it.

When I was seventeen he taught me his business. We sat together for many hours typing out correspondence to his customers and suppliers all over the world using his old typewriter. He typed with two fingers, when he saw that I could type with three fingers, he promptly passed me the typewriter.

That was him—always jumping at to do something better or faster.

My grandfather is survived by his wife of over 85 years, Helen, his brother Maurice Zekaria, and his four children: Gail, Joseph, Sharon and Stephen, and ten grandchildren.

By Carl J Zekaria
Carl S. Zekaria's grandson

Daisy Ezra












*It has taken such a long time
And still we search to find a way
To tell you just how much we need you
Can't find the words we long to say*

*We watch each day as you continue
To give to those who are in need
You still find time to prove always
That it's best to give and not receive
You've taught us how to give and not receive*

*Through all your love and your devotion
You've opened up your heart for all the world to see
And so today we want to thank you for
Loving us unconditionally*

*You gave us strength to go the distance
And behind us you would always be
But now it's time for us to make you see
You're everything we hope to one day be*

By Marlene Barukh
Daisy Ezra's daughter

October 2005		HIGH HOLIDAYS SCHEDULE				Tishrei 5766	
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Shabbat	
2	 6:16 pm 3 Erev Rosh Hashanah Selihoth 5:00 am Shaharit 6:00 am Minhah & Arvit 6:15 pm	 7:10 pm 4 Rosh Hashanah Shaharit 8:00 am Minhah 6:00 pm	5 Rosh Hashanah Shaharit 8:00 am Minhah 6:15 pm	6 Tzom Gedalia Fast Day The fast ends at 7:09 pm	 6:11 pm 7	8	
9	10	11	 6:05 pm 12 Erev Yom Kippur Selihoth 5:00 am Shaharit 6:00 am Minhah 1 & 2 pm Kol Nidre 5:45 pm	13 Yom Kippur Shaharit 7:30 am Neilah 5:30 pm Fast Ends 6:59 pm	 6:02 pm 14	15	
16	 5:58 pm 17 Erev Sukkot	 6:53 pm 18 Sukkot First Day	19 Sukkot Second Day	20 Sukkot Hol Hamoed <i>Sukkot Party at Rabbi's House</i>	 5:54 pm 21 Sukkot Hol Hamoed	22 Sukkot Hol Hamoed	
23 Sukkot Hol Hamoed <i>Sukkot Festival</i>	 5:50 pm 24 Hoshana Rabba	 6:45 pm 25 Shmini Atzeret <i>Simhat Torah Celebration</i> Evening Hakafot	26 Simhat Torah Morning Hakafot	27	 5:46 pm 28	29	

To our esteemed Rabbi Haim Ovadia
and Edna Ovadia & Family

To the Board of Directors &

To all the Members of Kahal Joseph

We wish you a happy and healthy New Year
and we look forward to an exciting and fulfilling year

Sholeh & Moussa Shaaya & Family

To our Families, Friends and Members

Shana Tova

and

Hatima Tova

May the coming year bring you happiness, peace and good health

Abe Mathalon & Family



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