# KJ Happenings

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#### **PARASHAT VAERA**

<u>Shemot 6:2 - 9:35</u> <u>Yehezkel 28:25 - 29:21</u>

#### **EREV SHABBAT**

Friday, December 31st
Shabbat Candle Lighting 4:36 pm
Shabbat Arvit – at Home

#### **SHABBAT**

Saturday, January 1st
Shaharit 9:00 am at Kahal Joseph
KJ Kids Korner 9:30 am
Minha, Seuda, Arvit 4:15 pm
Havdallah 5:40 pm

### Weekdays

Sunday, January 2nd Shaharit 7:00 am Talmud Torah Winter Break

#### **ROSH HODESH SHEVAT**

Monday, January 3rd Shaharit 6:15 am

## Weekdays

Tue- Fri, Jan 4th to 7th Shaharit 6:30 am

Masks required indoors at KJ

## Rabbi's Message



## Rabbi Natan Halevy

Shalom Uvracha,

Parashat Va'era continues the story of the exodus from Egypt. I found some very deep

explanations of the plagues which occur. We will discuss the first four plagues.

The first plague involved blood and happened in the month of Tammuz. The zodiac sign of Tammuz is 'Cancer'. Pharaoh and the Egyptians were very knowledgeable about the stars and their signs. This intimate knowledge empowered Pharaoh and the Egyptians, as he claimed, 'The Nile River is mine, I have formed it.'

Hashem's first creation on earth was water. The Egyptians went against Hashem in their worship of the water of the Nile. Hashem revealed his kingship and dominion to the Egyptians and Israel through this water.

At that point in time, the entire world was under the false impression that Hashem had removed his influence and dominion from the world and placed it in the hands of the constellations and nature. This was the reason so much idol worship focused on various heavenly bodies. The plague of blood To sponsor an event or become a member contact our office. Call 310.474.0559, click here to email Sarah, or sign up online below.



## **Shabbat Shalom**

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weakened the power this false belief had on the world up until this point, as everyone heard about the great wonders taking place in Egypt. And, as a result of the plague of blood, the people of Israel were permanently freed from their slavery in Egypt because without water, they were not able to make bricks anymore.

The next plague was frogs. The frogs protested the Egyptians' cruelty to Israel with their noise. The Egyptians lost the tranquility of their lives with the incessant noise. The frogs disrupted the passage of the Egyptians by gathering together and attacking them. The Egyptians tried killing the frogs with fire, yet Hashem miraculously helped the frogs to cool down the fire.

The frog plague occurred in the month of Av, in the constellation of Leo, or the Lion, which is connected with fire. The Egyptians were like mighty lions who took over much of the known world, enslaving many of its inhabitants. The frogs came out of the water onto the dry land to help bring down the Egyptians from their heights, reinforcing the true dominion of Hashem in this realm.

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## **Shabbat Melodies with Hazzan Saeed Jalali**









Rabbi Sacks Family Parasha

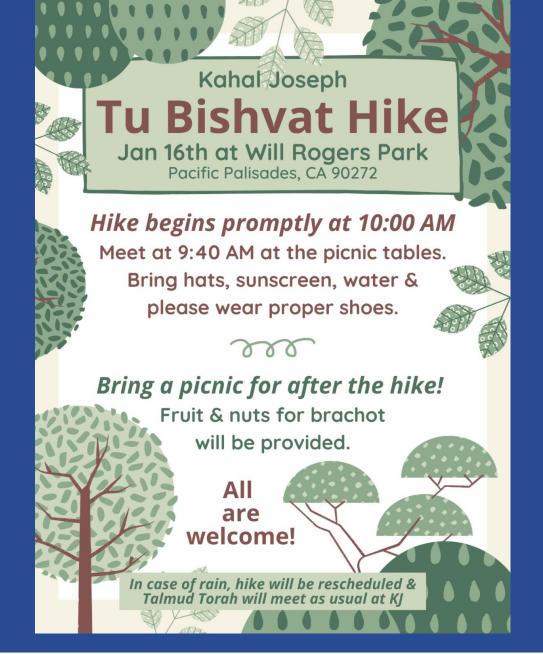
**Chabad Kids' Parasha** 

**Va'era Coloring Pages** 

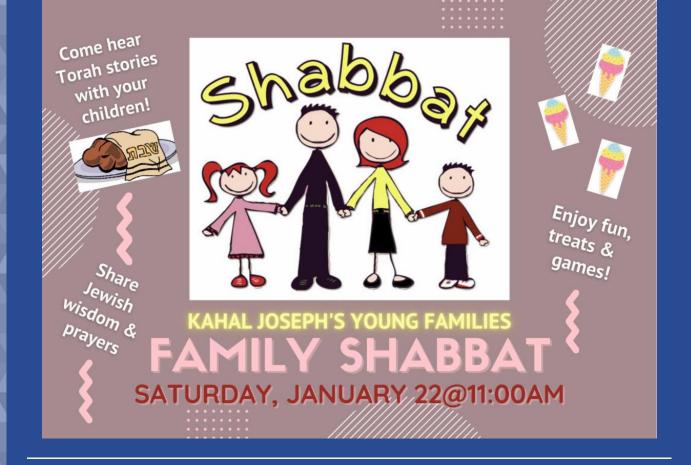
## KJ Tu Bishvat Hike

at Will Rogers Park Sunday, January 16th 2022

In case of rain, hike will be rescheduled and Talmud Torah classes will meet at Kahal Joseph.



KJ Family Shabbat January 22nd 2022



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## **Community Notices**

## Condolences to the Family of Seemah Saul Betz, z"l

With great sorrow we send our deepest condolences to the family and friends of Seemah Saul Betz, z''l. Born on June 30, 1926 into an extensive and prominent Sephardic Babylonian family from Rangoon, Burma (Myanmar), she passed away last Motzei Shabbat, Saturday evening, December 25th 2021, the 21<sup>st</sup> of Tevet 5782, in Lakewood, Colorado.

A Zoom Shiva will take place on Monday, January 3rd 2022 at 1:00 pm PST at: https://uso6web.zoom.us/j/88903517390?pwd=QWJicWIwWHhsVjVaK3BmR2R4enlOUT09
Meeting ID: 889 0351 7390 Passcode: 123839

Seemah is the sister of our dear, longtime member Simon Saul. Her father, J.R. Saul, z''l, was a founding member and the first President of Kahal Joseph. Her siblings were among the earliest attendees at Kahal, and her brothers accompanied their father, J. R. Saul, z''l as he scouted locations for our synagogue's initial location on Robertson Boulevard.

As a young woman displaced by World War II, Seemah moved from Rangoon to Calcutta, India and found work with the U.S. military in the China Burma India theater of operations. There Seemah met Robert Mares, the father of her children, at the U.S. Army Air Force base, and they married in 1945.

As Robert completed his military service, Seemah was expecting their first child. She journeyed solo from

Calcutta to Taos, New Mexico, making her home in this remote, hometown community. Following Robert's discharge, the family relocated first to Albuquerque, New Mexico and then to Denver, Colorado. However, Seemah and Robert parted ways in 1959, after which she continued to raise her children on her own.

Throughout Seemah's life she worked in administration, spending many years at Martin Marietta Titan Rocket and then with the city of Lakewood, Colorado. She married her second husband, Ray Betz, in 1980.

Seemah is survived by her loved ones: her brother Simon; her children Ramona Cox, Ben Mares, and Josephine Dean; her grandchildren Evelyn, Heather, Natalie, Michele, and Sullivan; her great-grandchildren Sloane, Ryder, Colton, Jacob, Leila, and Morgan; her extended family and friends. Seemah was predeceased by her husband, Ray Betz, of blessed memory, and her brothers, Charlie Saul, z''l and Sauly Saul, z''l.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to Seemah's loved ones. May they be comforted together with all the mourners of Tsion. Min hashamayim tenuhamu.

## **Refuah Shelema**

We wish complete healing of body, mind, and soul to all those who are suffering with illness in our community, including:

Ariella Rivka bat Tziporah
Rylla Elias / Rahel bat Mazal
Ben Elias / Benyamin ben Yohevet
Latif ben Chanina
Alexander ben Yehezkiel and Chana Hai Reiza
Odette bat Louise
Shimon ben Yosef v'Leah / Simon Saul
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Miryam bat Malka

Chaya Rachel bat Simcha Ruhama

Dina bat Rahel

Karen bat Chana Meir

Eti Esther bat Fortuna

Ezra ben Rahel

Albert Nissan ben Victoria

Reuven Halevi ben Batsheva

David ben Tova

Rachel Bakhash / Rahel bat Dina

Fouad Salem / Hayeem ben Naima

Noach Yaakov ben Tzipporah

Ori ben Nuphar Chaia

## In Memoriam

We remember these yahrzeit anniversaries from January 1 to 8, 2022. We light memorial candles, donate tsedaka, & attend Shabbat services to honor the memory of our loved ones.

28 Tevet / Shabbat, January 1st

Joseph David Yoseph ben David Aziza bat Amam Maurice Zekaria Moshe ben Seon Edmund Sayers Ezra Moshe ben Khatoon v'Moshe Hai Ezra

**29 Tevet / Sunday, January 2nd**Mollie Einy Konigsberg *Mazaltov bat Masooda* 

**1 Shevat / Monday, January 3rd**Mozelle Solomon Mozly bat Haviva

2 Shevat / Tuesday, January 4th

Joseph Haighighi Yosef ben Ezra Mahboobeh Haykani Samuel Sheff Shlomo ben Baruch Albert Zekaria Abdullah ben Seon Eddy Sassoon Ezra Meyer ben Binyamin

**4 Shevat / Thursday, January 6th**Khorshid Farzaneh Farahi Rahel bat Esther

6 Shevat / Shabbat, January 8th

Albert Gaub Avner Avraham ben Khatoon Maurice Jacob Jonah Maurice ben Yaacov

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