

KJ Happenings

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PARASHAT BESHALLACH

[Shemot 13:17-17:16](#)

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EREV SHABBAT SHIRA

Friday, January 14th

Shabbat Candle Lighting 4:47 pm

Shabbat Arvit – at Home

SHABBAT SHIRA

Saturday, January 15th

Shaharit 9:00 am at Kahal Joseph

KJ Kids Korner 9:30 am

Minha, Seuda, Arvit 4:15 pm

Havdallah 5:52 pm

Sunday, January 16th

Shaharit 7:00 am

Talmud Torah meet at

Will Rogers Park picnic tables for

KJ TU BISHVAT HIKE 9:45 am

Tu Bishvat

Monday, January 17th

Shaharit 6:30 am

Weekdays

Tue- Fri, Jan 18th to 21st

Shaharit 6:30 am

Masks required indoors at KJ



Rabbi's Message



Rabbi Natan Halevy

Shalom,

This week's parasha is the pinnacle of our nation's departure from Egypt. Pharaoh himself drove us out, as he was so overwhelmed with the

finality of the last plague that he finally gave up. However, very soon after having let Israel leave, Pharaoh and the Egyptians regretted making this decision. Egypt began a chase with the entire army to force the return of Israel to slavery.

As the children of Israel stood at the Sea, they saw Egypt's army amassing behind them. They were extremely terrified. Although, they had been experiencing freedom from slavery for a year and had witnessed all the plagues that had taken place to create their liberation, a big part of them was still connected to the slave mentality. It's not so easy getting rid of an attitude or identity when one has been subjected to slavery for as long as they had been in Egypt.

Confronted with the Egyptian army's pursuit, different groups among the nation had differing opinions about what they should do in the situation. One faction wanted to commit suicide by jumping in the Sea. Another faction wanted to return to Egypt and the familiarity of slavery. A third faction wanted to fight against the Egyptians. A fourth faction thought prayer to G-d was their best option.

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Moshe answered all of these groups with this verse: "Don't be afraid, Stand firm and see Hashem's salvation that He will wreak for you today, for the way you have seen the Egyptians is [only] today, [but] you shall no longer continue to see them for eternity. The Lord will fight for you, but you shall remain silent."

In other words, Moshe was advising the people of Israel, 'Stand still, and don't jump in the sea! You will never see the Egyptians again after today, and you aren't returning to Egypt and slavery! Hashem will fight for you, and there is no need for you to fight against them! Be silent, and don't pray at this moment!'

Hashem then said to Moshe "Speak to the children of Israel, and tell them to travel onward."

Although they had left Egypt, the people of Israel's true liberation didn't occur until the splitting of the Sea. Hashem was pushing us in the direction of the Sea and away from Egypt and all that it represented for a reason.

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AMAZON SMILE for KJ

This Sunday! KJ Tu Bishvat Hike

at Will Rogers Park, January 16th@9:45am

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

A Shabbat Greeting from Rabbi Natan Halevy



Shabbat Melodies with Hazzan Saeed Jalali



KJ Family Resources





KJ Family Shabbat
January 22nd 2022

Come hear
Torah stories
with your
children!



Share
Jewish
wisdom &
prayers

Shabbat



Enjoy fun,
treats &
games!

KAHAL JOSEPH'S YOUNG FAMILIES

FAMILY SHABBAT

SATURDAY, JANUARY 22@11:00AM

KAHAL JOSEPH'S NORMA + SAM DABBY

TALMUD TORAH

CLASSES RESUME SUN 1/9/2022

ENROLL YOUR CHILD TODAY +

JOIN OUR FABULOUS YEAR OF

FUN, GAMES, + JEWISH LEARNING AT KAHAL

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Community Notices



Masks Required at All Times at Kahal Joseph

Dear congregants,
Please help us keep everyone safe and keep Kahal Joseph open.
We ask that you WEAR YOUR MASKS INSIDE THE BUILDING.

Thank you for your efforts to keep our community healthy and strong,
Kahal Joseph's Board of Directors

Condolences to the Family of Odette Amira Sarraf, z"l

With great sorrow we send our deepest condolences to the family and friends of our dear member Odette Amira Sarraf, *Odette Amira bat Louise v'Bakhash*, z"l. Born in Baghdad, Iraq on September 7th 1944, she passed away in New York on Wednesday, January 12th 2022, the 10th of Shevat 5782.

Odette was a longtime member of Kahal Joseph. She was always ready to volunteer and lend a hand. Her contributions of time and effort to Kahal's annual Purim Baking for our community baskets and to the organization of social events helped make our synagogue a warm and welcoming place to be. Her presence will be sorely missed.

Odette is survived by her loved ones: her children Eddy (Sandra) Sarraf, Sandra Daniel, Anita (Yaakov) Yousfan; her grandchildren Danielle Sarraf, Gabrielle Sarraf, Ryan Sarraf, Ethan Daniel, Michael Daniel, Jonathan Daniel, Oren Yousfan, Natalie Yousfan, Amanda Yousfan; her siblings Cosette Yousfan, Maurice

Bakhash, Vivian Safir, Gilda Mashaal, Nadia Bakhash, Rita Lerner; her extended family and friends.

Odette was predeceased by her dear husband, Nadhim Sarraf, z"l.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to Odette'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
Shimon ben Yosef v'Leah / Simon Saul
Shmuel ben Yaacov v'Tova / William McAbian

Tal ben Alona Basha
Meir Iny / Meir ben Sabiha
Ezra ben Farha
Sassoon Ezra
Sylvia Cohen

Mehry bat Miriam Hakimipour
Tilda Levy

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Aliza bat Rahel
Aliza bat Victoria

Chaya Chana bat Batya
Miriam bat Yetta
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 15 to 22, 2022. We light memorial candles, donate tsedaka, & attend Shabbat services to honor the memory of our loved ones.

13 Shevat / Shabbat, January 15th

Shelia Cohen Sulha Khatoon bat Rivka
Nanejan Davoudian Nanejan bat Hacham Mola Rebbe
Alex Sassoon
Kitty Sassoon Khatoon bat Salha Mitana

14 Shevat / Sunday, January 16th

Joseph Sassoon Yoseph Hyam ben Aharon

Shaul Saberi Shaul Shimon ben Haim
Albert Harry Saltoun Avdala ben Eliyahu

15 Shevat / Monday, January 17th
Joseph Mussry Yoseph ben Yaacob Saleh
David Sarraf David ben Ezra

16 Shevat / Tuesday, January 18th
John Judah Yehudah Hai ben Yehudah
Menashe Sarraf Menashe ben Yousef
Yehudah Sarraf Yehudah ben Mordechai
Saul Sassoon Shaul ben Sasson

17 Shevat / Wednesday, January 19th
Simon Irani Shimon ben Eliyahu
Ashraf Nassi Ashraf bat Haim Moshe

18 Shevat / Thursday, January 20th
Raphael Mizrahie Raphael Hai ben Eliyahu Mordechai
Manachi Kemareh Menashe ben Ezra

19 Shevat / Friday, January 21st
Florence Cohen Farha bat Simha
Doris Shemtov David Doris bat Kahela
Sassoon Moshe Sassoon Sasson ben Moshe

20 Shevat / Shabbat, January 22nd
Edward David Ezra ben Meir Shemtov
Nissim Moondani Nissim ben Moondani
Georgette Solomon

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