

# KJ Happenings

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## A Shabbat Greeting from Rabbi Halevy



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### SHABBAT SHEKALIM PARASHAT VAYAKHEL

[Vayakhel, Shemot 35:1-38:20](#)  
[Shekalim, Shemot \(Exodus\) 30:11-16](#)  
[Haftara, Melachim Bet 11:17-12:17](#)

### EREV SHABBAT SHEKALIM

*Friday, February 25th*  
Shabbat Candle Lighting 5:27 pm  
Shabbat Arvit – at Home



## Guest Message

**Rabbi Jonathan  
Sacks, zt"l**

What do you do when  
your people have just  
made a Golden Calf, run

## SHABBAT SHEKALIM

*Saturday, February 26th*

Shaharit 9:00 am at Kahal Joseph

Birkat Hachodesh, Adar II

KJ Kids Korner 9:30 am

Minha, Seuda, Arvit 5:20 pm

Havdallah 6:32 pm

## *Sunday, February 27th*

Shaharit 7:00 am

Talmud Torah 9:45 am

## Weekdays

*Mon- Wed, February 28-March 2*

Shaharit 6:30 am

## ROSH HODESH, ADAR II

*Thursday & Friday, March 3-4*

Shaharit 6:30 am

*Masks required indoors at KJ*

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## Shabbat Shalom



riot, and lost their sense of ethical and spiritual direction? How do you restore moral order – not just then in the days of Moses, but even now? The answer lies in the first word of today's

parsha: Vayakhel. But to understand this, we have to retrace two journeys that were among the most fateful in the modern world.

The story begins in the year 1831 when two young men, both in their twenties – one from England, the other from France – set out on voyages of discovery that would change both of them, and eventually our collective understanding of the world. The Englishman was Charles Darwin. The Frenchman was Alexis de Tocqueville. Darwin's journey aboard the Beagle took him eventually to the Galapagos Islands where he began to think about the origin and evolution of species. Tocqueville's journey was to investigate a phenomenon that became the title of his book: Democracy in America.

Although the two men were studying completely different things, the one zoology and biology, the other politics and sociology, as we will see, they came to strikingly similar conclusions – the same conclusion God taught Moses after the episode of the Golden Calf.

Darwin, as we know, made a series of discoveries that led him to the theory known as natural selection. Species compete for scarce resources and only the best-adapted survive. The same, he believed, was true of humans. But this left him with serious problem: If evolution is the struggle to survive, if the strong win and the weak go to the wall, then all ruthlessness should prevail. But this is not the case. All societies value altruism. People esteem those who make sacrifices for the sake of others. This, in Darwinian terms, doesn't seem to make sense at all, and he knew it.

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## Purim Preview & Shabbat Shekalim Melodies with Hazzan Saeed Jalali



## KJ Family Resources



[Rabbi Sacks Purim for Families](#)



[Chabad Kids' Parasha](#)

[Purim Coloring #1](#)

# Purim Events at Kahal!

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## PURIM BAKING

### IS BACK AT KJ!

Bake for KJ's Community Gift Baskets

Sunday, March 6th

10:00 am

Bake traditional Iraqi treats for Purim

*Share your skills & learn something new  
with delicious pastries prepared for gift baskets!  
Kahal's bakers share Purim joy with all in our  
community. Baking with us is a mitzvah too!*

[Click HERE to RSVP for Purim Baking](#)

*Please RSVP for this year's Purim Baking for Community Gift Baskets by  
clicking the button above or by calling Sarah in Kahal Joseph's office at  
310.474.0559*

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A festive background for a Purim party featuring a gold crown, colorful confetti, and a purple and gold color scheme.

# Kahal Joseph PURIM PARTY

Sunday March 13, 2022  
10:00 am @ Roxbury Park

*Build-a-Basket  
Megillah Quiz Game & Prizes  
Amazing Kids Co. Entertainment!  
Hamantaschen & Pizza*

A green and yellow Purim mask with decorative elements, set against a background of red and yellow circles and green stars.

KAHAL JOSEPH CONGREGATION  
**PURIM MEGILLAH!**  
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 16TH @ 7:30 PM  
COSTUMES & NOISEMAKERS  
& MORE MEGILLAH READINGS!  
THURSDAY, MARCH 17TH 7:15 AM  
10:00 AM & 5:00 PM FOR FAMILIES  
IT'S A MITZVA TO HEAR THE MEGILLA!

KJ Community Notices

# COMMUNITY SERVICE@KJ

**KJ TEENS! EARN HOURS TO MEET  
YOUR SCHOOL'S REQUIREMENTS**

**HOURS AT KAHAL ARE ROUNDED UP!**

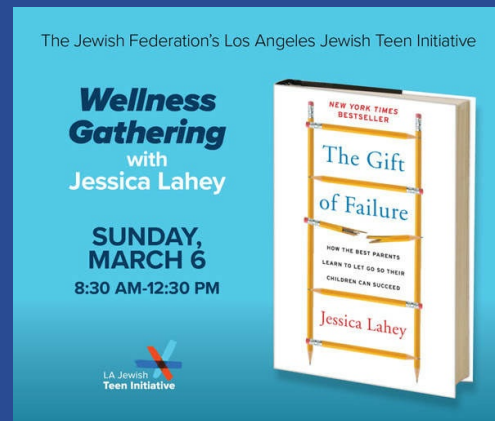
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## Family Wellness: The Gift of Failure

Parents of tweens and teens — and youth educators — are invited to join LAJTI and the L.A. Jewish community on Sunday, March 6, 2022, for a morning Wellness Gathering with keynote Jessica Lahey who will discuss themes from her book *The Gift of Failure*. \* Breakfast, learning, reflection, guided meditation led by Robin Wald, and book signing by Jessica Lahey included. The first 36 people to register will receive complimentary parking issued by LAJTI, so don't wait!



**Register for Family Wellness Gathering**

## 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

## Refuah Shelema

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

Modi ben Yvonne  
Zvi Moalim  
Asher ben Esther Hannah  
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  
Yvonne Moalim  
Florice Newberry  
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

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## In Memoriam

*We remember these yahrzeit anniversaries from February 26 to March 5, 2022 (25 Adar I to 2 Adar II). We light memorial candles, donate tsedaka, & attend Shabbat services to honor the memory of our loved ones.*

### **25 Adar I / Shabbat, February 26th**

Rivka Blank Rivka bat Sarah Hannah

### **26 Adar I / Sunday, February 27th**

Moses Solomon Noah Moshe ben Shlomo Noah  
Yaghoub Partiyeli

### **30 Adar I / Thursday, March 3rd**

Sylvia Daniels

### **1 Adar II / Friday, March 4th**

Yosef Soffer Yosef ben Eliyahu  
Joseph Mingail Yosef ben Haim Baruch

**2 Adar II / Shabbat, March 5th**

Abraham Aslan Avraham ben Meneshe

Aaron J. Moses Aharon ben Yosef

Mordecai Abraham Cohen Mordecai Hyam ben Farha v'Avraham Shalom Hacohen

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