

KJ Happenings

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Rabbi Halevy's Greeting



KJ Schedule & Readings

Parashat Bamidbar

[Bamidbar \(Numbers\) 1:1 -4:20](#)

[Haftarah: Hoshea 2:1-22](#)

Shavuot Day One: Shemot 19:1–20:23,
Bamidbar 28:26–31, Yehezkel 1:1–28, 3:12

Shavuot Day Two: Devarim 15:19–16:17,
Bamidbar 28:26–31, Habakuk 2:20–3:19

EREV SHABBAT

Friday, June 3rd

Light Candles 7:42 PM



Rabbi's Message

Rabbi Natan Halevy

Shalom U'vracha,

We celebrate the holiday of Shavuot beginning Saturday night. This week's parashah starts:

SHABBAT

Saturday, June 4th

Shaharit 9:00 AM

KJ Kids Korner 9:30 AM

Minha/Arvit 7:15 PM

Havdallah ben Kodesh/Kodesh 8:46 PM

LEL SHAUVUOT

Saturday, June 4th

Candle Lighting after 8:46 PM

Shavuot Learning 10:30 PM to midnight

SHAVUOT, First Day

Sunday, June 5th

Shaharit 9:30 AM

Shavuot Celebration 10:45 AM

Candle Lighting after 8:46 pm

SHAVUOT, Second Day

Monday, June 6th

Shaharit 9:00 AM

Havdallah 8:47 PM

Weekdays

Tue-Fri, June 7-10

Shaharit 6:30 AM

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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.

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“Hashem spoke to Moshe in the desert of Sinai in the tent of meeting.” With these words, the Torah hints at how a person may come closer to the spiritual level of Moshe. First, we must emulate his humility, a quality associated

with Mt. Sinai. Second, we must realize life is a temporary journey on the way to higher realms, just as the tent of meeting was a temporary structure in the desert.

Why is humility important? Humility changes our interactions with others and improves our relationships for the better. We have relationships with people in the present, and also with those who came before us and with the knowledge they bequeathed to us, Hashem’s teachings, the Torah. The giving of the Torah is compared to a marriage between Hashem and the Jewish people. And, humility is integral to the union of marriage.

Marriage contains 3 rituals: the giving of the ring, a *ketubah* marriage contract, and the union between husband and wife. The ring represents peace. When there is abundance in the home, there is peace in the home, and vice versa. Peace created within the people of Israel draws down blessings and is the way to the Torah. The marriage document, or *ketubah*, creates a record of the lineage of the family, or in this case, of the nation of Israel. A peaceful agreement creates the basis for trust, cooperation, collaboration—the foundations of a growing, thriving union.

Hashem offered the Torah to the other nations before offering it to the Jewish people. But these nations were not able to go through with these three spiritual rituals. By staying grounded and connected to Hashem at Mt. Sinai, we embraced and internalized the Torah, and we continue to develop our inner connection to Hashem’s teachings and mitzvot throughout the generations.

It is important to note that Hashem descended to Mt. Sinai and gave the Torah to living people, souls in bodies, as well as to all other generations. Through giving the Torah to the children of Israel, Hashem initiated the fulfillment of mitzvot in this world.

Before being given to a living people, mitzvot weren't able to impact this physical world in a permanent way. Only once people could make choices and take actions based upon the mitzvot, could the mitzvot have a physical effect on the world. When Israel was given the commandments in the Torah, the mitzvot changed the world forever.

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Shabbat Kiddush

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in loving memory of
Tilda Levy, z"l

by
Shaul Levy & Family



Congratulations Jennifer & Efi Keren

Mazal Tov Jennifer & Efi Keren on the birth of a baby boy on Friday,
June 3rd, 2022, the 4th of Sivan 5782.

Besiman Tov to grandparents Renee & Norman Reiz of Kahal, to
grandparents Eti & Tzvika Keren of Rishon Letzion Israel, to great
grandfather Sr. Hazzan Sassoon Ezra, and to all the aunts, uncles, and
cousins and the entire family.

The Kahal Joseph community wishes you joy on this happy occasion.

Shavuot Melodies with Hazzan Saeed Jalali



Click to listen to the [Shavuot Playlist](#) created by KJ's Hazzan Saeed Jalali!



Thank Yous, Recipes, & Photos from KJ's Shavuot Baking Class

Thank you to the Sephardic Spice Girls, Sharon Gomperts and Rachel Sheff, and to Kahal Joseph's Mickey Kahtan for an amazing event.

The Shavuot Baking Class participants had a wonderful time learning to make their own culinary creations while sampling spanakopita and delicious salads prepared by the Spice Girls. Informative demonstrations by the Spice Girls and Mickey Kahtan coached everyone in recreating dairy delights for the Shavuot holiday at home.

Thank you Mickey for your excellent presentation of making the sweet cheese babka. And, thank you for also preparing dough for all participants while donating your time, expertise, and the recipe ingredients.

Thank you to Kahal's home team: Yvette Dabby, Sarah Bouchoucha, Penina Meghnagi-Solomon, Dafna Young, and Yael for helping organize and publicize the event.

Thank you to our up-and-coming generations of young volunteers who are our pride and joy: Eden Castel, Claire Castel, Gabriella Gomperts, Shevi Gomperts & Rebekah Sheff.

What a wonderful night from a fabulous group effort!

Click [HERE](#) for SHAVUOT
RECIPES






**SEPHARDIC SPICE GIRLS
& KAHAL JOSEPH'S
SHAVUOT
BAKING CLASS**

Make & take home to bake creamy, dreamy
Sweet Cheese Babka with KJ's Mickey Kahlan.
Create refreshing, savory Shavuot Salads and Spinach
& Feta Spanakopita with the Sephardic Spice Girls!

TUESDAY MAY 31ST@7PM
A GASTRONOMICALLY GOOD TIME!

ENTRANCE FEE IS \$72 PER PERSON
LIMITED SPOTS AVAILABLE!
SECURE YOUR PLACE, RSVP TODAY
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[More Recipes, Kahal's Master Chefs](#)

[More Recipes, Sephardic Spice Girls](#)

Kahal Joseph Events



CALLING KJ GRADUATES 2022

Share your success, joy, and accomplishments with Kahal Joseph's community! Send us your name, school, grade or degree, along with your photo **by June 8th** to be included in our **KJ Graduates' 2022 Special Issue**. Email info to kjcongregation@gmail.com

[Click HERE to send your GRADUATE'S INFO & PHOTO](#)

KAHAL JOSEPH

TEEN CLUB

SCHOOL'S OUT PARTY

11 JUNE, 2022

10505 Santa Monica Blvd LA CA
ICE CREAM BAR MUSIC PRIZES

Condolences to the Family of Tilda Levy, z"l

With great sorrow we send our deepest condolences to the family and friends of our dear longtime member, Tilda Levy, z"l, who passed away after dark on Monday, May 30th 2022, the 1st of Sivan 5782. She was born in Basra, Iraq in 1926.

Tilda is survived by her beloved children Yvonne Youssefzadeh, Irene Aslan, Shaul Levy, and Pauline Bamdad; her grandchildren, extended family, and friends. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Tilda'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:

Evelyn Salem / Evelyn bat Mazal

Modi ben Yvonne

Zvi Moalim

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
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Tal ben Alona Basha
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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 June 4 to 11, 2022 (5 to 12 Sivan 5782). We light memorial candles, donate tsedaka, & attend Shabbat services to honor the memory of our loved ones.

5 Sivan / Shabbat, June 4th

Ezra Kelly Elias Levi Ezra Kadoori Eliyahu Levi
Sara Moses Sara bat Sarah
Turan Pourati Turan bat Aghajan
Khodadad Zakariyaie Moshe Haim

6 Sivan / Sunday, June 5th

Tahereh Hakimipour Tahereh bat Kokab

8 Sivan / Tuesday, June 7th

Rivkah Kohanzadeh Rivkah bat Shimon
Maurice David Sassoon Menashe ben David
Aziza Judah Aziza bat Rahel

9 Sivan / Wednesday, June 8th

Ester Bekhore
Ester Ezekiel Ester bat Amam

10 Sivan / Thursday, June 9th

Mazli Hagooli Mazal bat Rahel
Massouda Kay Massouda bat Khatoun
Mozelle Lelah Mazal Tov bat Ester

12 Sivan / Shabbat, June 11th
Abraham Lurie Avraham ben Lurie
Abdullah Zekaria Sion Abdullah Zekariah

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