

# KJ Happenings

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## Notice to Our Community: Face Masks Recommended at Kahal Joseph

Due to the increase in daily new cases of COVID, the County of Los Angeles has issued a new health recommendation, asking individuals to wear face masks in indoor public spaces regardless of one's vaccination status. We ask that you please bring your face mask and wear it when indoors at Kahal Joseph. Thank you for keeping our community safe!

### KJ Schedule

#### Parashat Balak

[Bamidbar \(Numbers\) 22:2-25:9](#)

Haftarah: Micah 5:6 - 6:8

#### EREV SHABBAT

Friday, July 15th

Light Candles 7:47 PM

#### SHABBAT

Saturday, July 16th

Shaharit 9:00 AM

KJ Kids Korner 9:30 AM

Community Luncheon w/RSVP

Minha/Arvit 7:30 PM

Havdallah 8:50 PM

#### Fast of the 17th of Tamuz

Sunday, July 17th (deferred)

Fast Begins 4:26 AM

Shaharit 7:00 AM

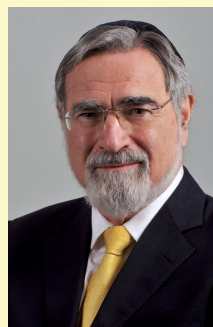
Fast Ends 8:44 PM

#### Weekdays

Mon-Fri, July 18-22



## The Curse of Loneliness



Rabbi Jonathan Sacks, zt"l

...There is, in short, nothing in Judaism to suggest that it is the fate of Jews to be hated. It is neither written into the texture of the universe nor encoded in the human genome. It is not the will of God. Only in moments of deep despair have

Jews believed this, most notably Leo Pinsker in his 1882 tract *Auto-emancipation*, in which he said of Judeophobia, "As a psychic aberration, it is hereditary; as a disease transmitted for two thousand years, it is incurable."

Antisemitism is not mysterious, unfathomable, or inexorable. It is a complex phenomenon that has mutated over time, and it has identifiable roots – social, economic, political, cultural, and theological. It can be fought; it can be defeated. But it will not be fought or defeated if people think that it is

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Jacob's fate to be hated by "Esau" or to be "the people that dwells alone," a pariah among peoples, a leper among nations, an outcast in the international arena.

What then does the phrase "a people that dwells alone" [from the Torah portion of Balak] mean? It means a people prepared to stand alone if need be, living by its own moral code, having the courage to be different and to take the road less travelled...

As I noted in *Future Tense*, the word "peoplehood" first appeared in 1992, and its early uses were almost entirely in reference to Jews. What makes Jews different, according to Hirsch's reading of Bilaam, is that Jews are a distinctive people, that is, a group defined by shared memories and collective responsibilities, "not reckoned among the nations" since they are capable of surviving even without nationhood, even in exile and dispersion. Israel's strength lies not in nationalism but in building a society based on justice and human dignity.

The battle against antisemitism can be won, but it will not be if Jews believe that we are destined to be alone. That is Bilaam's curse, not God's blessing.

[Read the complete article here . . .](#)

## Shabbat Melodies with Hazzan Saeed Jalali



Listen to the [First Aliya of Parashat Balak](#) and to the [Haftara](#) sung by KJ's Hazzan Saeed Jalali!

KAHAL JOSEPH INVITES MEMBERS AND FRIENDS TO

# Our Community Shabbat Luncheon

July 16th 2022

RSVP BY JULY 13TH  
KAHALJOSEPH.ORG

MEMBER \$18 CHILD \$10  
NON-MEMBER \$26

# KAHAL JOSEPH KIDS CLUB

Directed by Menucha Halevy

COME JOIN US EVERY SHABBAT FOR A FUN PROGRAM

GAMES, TEFILAH, PARSHA, HEALTHY SNACKS,  
AND TONS OF FUN!!!

10:00 - 12:00 EVERY  
SHABBAT

# SCHEDULE FOR SHABBAT OF JULY 16

**10:00 – 10:15 Free Play**

**10:15 – 10:30 Tefilah and Circle Time**

**10:30 – 10:45 Games**

**10:45 – 11:00 Snack Time**

**11:00 – 11:25 Parsha and Edible Craft**

**11:25 – 11:40 Games**

**11:40 – 12:00 Free Play**



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## Kahal Joseph Community

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### **Condolences to the Family of Albert Youssefzadeh, z"l, 1927-2022**

With great sorrow we send our deepest condolences to the family and friends of Albert Youssefzadeh, *Albert Abner ben Youssefzadeh*, z"l, who passed away Tuesday, July 12th 2022, the 13th of Tamuz 5782, in Los Angeles.

The father of our dear member Emil Youssefzadeh, Albert was born on April 4, 1927 in Iran. He is survived by his loving wife, children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

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

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### **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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Ezra ben Farha

Sassoon Ezra

Sylvia Cohen

Mehry bat Miriam Hakimipour

Yvonne Moalim  
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Aliza bat Victoria  
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Miriam bat Yetta  
Miryam bat Malka  
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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 Bakhsh / 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 July 16, 2022 to July 23, 2022 (17 to 24 Tamuz 5782). We light memorial candles, donate tsedaka, & attend Shabbat services to honor the memory of our loved ones.*

**17 Tamuz / Shabbat, July 16th**

*Abdallah Ezra Abdallah ben Ezra Itzhak*

**18 Tamuz / Sunday, July 17th**

*Naamat Zelkha Naamat ben Simha*

**19 Tamuz / Monday, July 18th**

*Rachel Joseph Rachel bat Masuda*

**20 Tamuz / Tuesday, July 19th**

*Rachel Pourati Rahel bat Leah Nahid*

*Reuben Itzhaki Reuben ben Ezra*

*Solly Saul Shlomo ben Shaul*

**22 Tamuz / Thursday, June 21st**

*Abraham Shamash Abraham ben Eliyahu*

*Rabbi Ezekiel Nissim Muslih Yehezkel Nissim ben Musleah*

**23 Tamuz / Friday, June 22nd**

*Shalom Jacob Yaacov Shalom ben Yehshaiah*

*Lulu Farha Zekaria*

**24 Tamuz / Shabbat, July 23rd**

*Aaron David Aharon David ben Avraham Haim*

*Elias Joseph Eliyahu ben Yitzhak*

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