

KJ Happenings

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Rabbi Halevy's Shabbat Greeting



KJ Schedule

Erev Shabbat

Friday, October 28th
Candle Lighting 5:46 pm



Rabbi's Message

Shabbat

Saturday, October 29th
Shaharit at KJ 9:00 am
Kids Korner 9:30am
Minha/Arbit 5:30 pm
Havdallah 6:42 pm

Weekdays

Sunday, October 30th
Shaharit 7:00 am
Talmud Torah 9:45 am

Mon-Fri, Oct 31st-Nov 4th
Shaharit 6:30 am

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Rabbi Natan Halevy
BSD

Shalom U'vracha,

The quality and nature of Noah's righteousness is heavily debated in the Torah. How far did Noah's righteousness go and what kind of an

impact did it make?

Noah was commanded to rebuke the people of his generation and warn them of the upcoming flood in the hope that some might change their ways and repent before the calamity. Noah did not succeed in his mission. No one listened to him.

The people of Noah's generation laughed at him and considered him a lunatic. Noah's complete failure to communicate is judged against him. When compared with great tzadikim such as Avraham and Moses who sacrificed of themselves and went well beyond what might have been expected simply to seek out good for others, Noah falls short.

Why was there such a discrepancy between Noah and these other righteous men in their ability to influence those around them? When we compare Moshe and Noah, we see that Moshe truly pushed himself and HaShem to save the nation of Israel on numerous occasions. Moshe put the people's needs before his own on many occasions. He passed up tremendous opportunities and, instead, threw in his lot with that of the Jewish people. He voluntarily suffered their punishment with them.

Noah didn't have this devotion, and the people felt that. He did not have the commitment necessary to influence humanity. He lacked passion, conviction in his efforts, and sufficient care or compassion. He simply didn't believe in people's capacity to improve.

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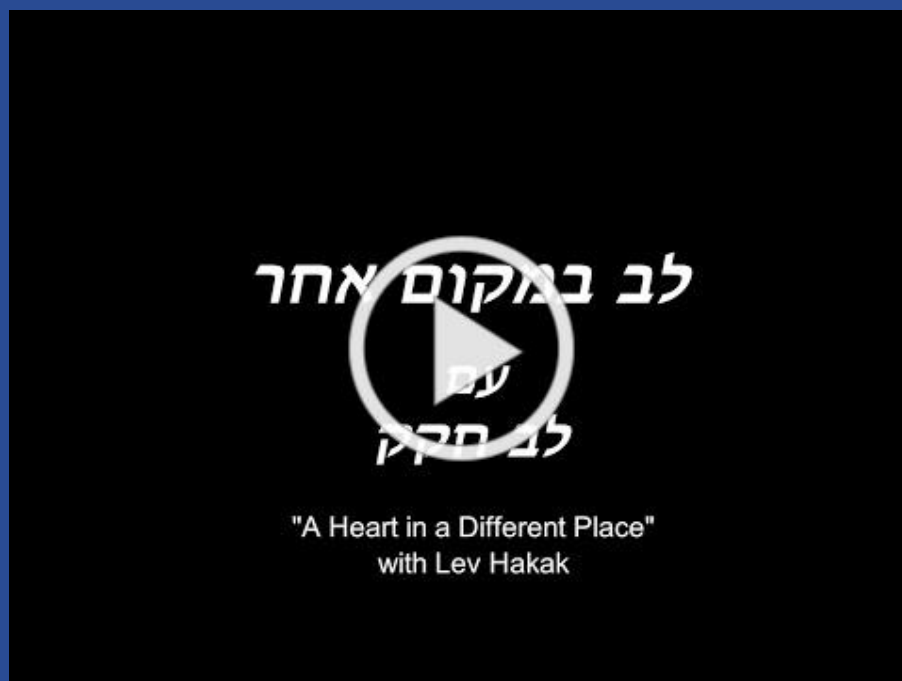
Khaduri Kelly Zelkha, z"l

Shabbat Melodies with Hazzan Saeed Jalali



Listen to Hazzan Jalali chanting the first aliyah in Noah and the Haftara.

A Film about Professor Lev Hakak, KJ Member



An Introduction to the Film by Professor Lev Hakak

This film is the story of my life - from Baghdad to Israel and then to America. My family arrived in Israel on the "Ezra and Nehemiah" exodus. In Iraq and Israel, my late father was a teacher, an educated man and a lover of knowledge. In Israel, we lived for several years in migration camps ("Ma'barot" or transit camps), first in tents and then in sheds. It is important that those who lived in the Ma'abarot tell their stories about them! The transition camps carved the future of a large part of their residents for several generations. Even as a child in the immigration camp I read a lot, I loved Israel and I loved the world of books more than the poor reality of the camp. From the immigration camps we moved to a minimal apartment in the city. When I started my academic education I could not stop acquiring knowledge. I worked for a living and received in Israel degrees in Political Science, Hebrew Literature, law (Attorney), and more. In the USA, I received my Ph.D. and a California lawyer's license in addition to the Israeli one. I thereby rebelled against my expected fate as a Ma'abara child. Later, I was

a full professor for many years at one of the most respected universities in America. Over the years I also engaged in legal practice and built a glorious life. In my books and articles I did not forget my roots. I published a novel (1977) about Mizrahi Jews in Israel, a book full of love for Israel as well as criticism, which provoked many debates. I published short stories (1981) and another novel (1994), and poetry books (1988, 2019). My books about literature included a discussion of Mizrahi literature, such as (1978) the poetry of Shlomo Zamir, the image of Mizrahi Jews (1981), the literature of Mizrahi Jews (1985). I was a pioneer in these areas. Later, I published books in English (1984, 1993, 2009, 2001, 2016, 2017, 2018), and for years I did not touch the Mizrahi subject. I have written passionately about various authors, including David Vogel, Avraham Ben Yitzhak, S.Y. Agnon, A. B. Yehoshua, Amos Oz, Amir Galboa, Yitzhak Ben-Ner, S. Yizhar, Yoram Kaniuk and others, and once again I returned to my roots, and I came to the Hebrew work of the Babylonian Jews in Babylon. This is how several books were born (2003, in English 2009; 2005, 2008, 2012, 2015).

A Visit to Kahal by Senior Hazzan Sassoon Ezra



Kahal Joseph Events

Reserve for Shabbat Lunch 11/12!



KAHAL JOSEPH INVITES MEMBERS AND FRIENDS TO

Our Community Shabbat Luncheon

November 12th

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Bake**



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**This class is dedicated in loving memory of
Rica bat Simcha Emquies, z"l**

Bat Mitzvah Course

5783 – 2022/2023

WHO? Girls ages 11–13

WHERE? Kahal Joseph Congregation
10505 Santa Monica Blvd

WHAT? Explore what it means to become a bat mitzvah through lively discussions and activities!

WHEN? 6 Sundays 10:00 – 11:30
Oct 23, Nov 6, Nov 20, Dec 4,
Jan 8, Feb 12

Text Bracha Halevy to register and for any
questions @ 516-220-2453

Member \$120/Non Member \$180

A YEAR OF EVENTS 2022-23

– at KAHAL JOSEPH CONGREGATION
10505 Santa Monica Blvd, LA CA 90025

**SHABBAT LUNCHEON
IN THE SUKKAH**
Saturday, October 15th



**SIMHAT TORAH
CELEBRATION**



CELEBRATION

Monday Eve, October 17th

SHABBAT LUNCHEON

Saturdays, November 12th
& January 14th



SEPHARDIC SPICE GIRLS & KAHAL CHALLAH BAKE

in loving memory of
Rica Emquies, z"l
**Monday,
November 21st**



HANUKKAH CELEBRATION

**Sunday,
December 18th**



TU BISHVAT HIKE

**Sunday,
February 5th**



PURIM BAKING FOR BASKETS

**Sunday,
February 26th**



PURIM CELEBRATION

**Sunday,
March 5th**



PURIM MEGILLAH

**Monday-Tuesday
March 6th-7th**



**What's
happening at
Kahal for you?**

For more information call our office
at 310.474.0559 or visit kahaljoseph.org



Sephardic Film Fest Tickets

Buy tickets to this wonderful celebration, support the Sephardic Educational Center, and fete Kahal's own longtime Board Member and volunteer, Nina Sayegh who is being honored at the Sephardi Film Festival's Opening Gala with the Maimonides Leadership Award!



SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2022 AT 4PM
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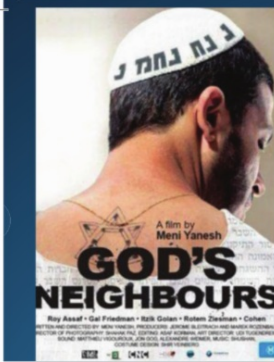


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Gala Opening Night Feature

God's Neighbors ("Hamashgichim")
Israel (102 min.) Hebrew, Ladino & Arabic with English Subtitles

When Avi Bahar and his 2 friends, living in the largely Sephardic Tel Aviv suburb of Bat Yam, become immersed in the teachings of Rabbi Nachman of Breslov and their Jewish identities become more radicalized, they take on the role of "God's supervisors" who judge and enforce how their neighbors are allowed to practice their Judaism, which eventually spills over into the treatment of their Arab neighbors as well. It takes love and the harsh reality that violence will never bring peace to return Avi to his father's model of tolerance and moderation and gives us a great lesson in the timeless axiom of "Love Your Neighbor as Yourself".



Tuesday, November 15, 7:00 p.m.

BOTTARGA ATLANTA

USA, 2021 (13 min.) English (Short)
As a child Dan Maslia used to watch his mother who immigrated to Atlanta from Turkey in 1920 make "abudahu" (Bottarga). Dan has now been making bottarga for over 50 years and selling it to fans around the country. At 89, he's "trying" to retire.



TUESDAYS ARE FOR BUREKAS

USA, 2021 (13 min.) English (Short)
The Ladies of Congregation Or VeShalom in Atlanta, founded in 1914 by Jews from Rhodes, meet every Tuesday to bake "burekas". It's a way to keep alive the traditions of this unique Sephardic community of the South.



THE KING OF BOREK

Israel, 2018 (74 min.)
Hebrew and Ladino with English Subtitles

The Alkolombri's, a proud family of Bulgarian bakers that immigrated to the newborn state of Israel, opened the first bakery selling "Burekas" and soon became the first franchised food chain in Israel, "Sami Burekas". This is the story of the rise and fall of the family empire.



Wednesday, November 16, 7:00 p.m.

Saving the Iraqi Jewish Archives: A Journey of Identity

USA, 2020 (56 min.)
In 2003, a few courageous individuals ventured into the basement of Saddam Hussein's secret police headquarters in Baghdad. There they found, and rescued, nearly 20,000 artifacts from Iraq's 2700-year-old Jewish community. This is a story for all those determined to preserve their heritage. Featuring many members of the LA Iraqi-Jewish community.

Q & A following screening with Producer/Director Carole Basri



Thursday, November 17, 7:00 p.m.

A MATTER OF TIME - The story of the Jewish communities of North Africa during WWII

USA/ISRAEL, 2005 (52 min.)
Hebrew, French with English Subtitles
The untold story of the Jewish communities of Tunisia, Algeria and Morocco during World War II reveals how they were spared the same fate of their co-religionists in Europe.

Q & A with Dr. Aomar Boum, Author of "Wartime North Africa: A Documentary History, 1934-1950"; Amado Chair in Sephardic Studies, UCLA



Saturday, November 19, 7:30 p.m.

THE UNORTHODOX

ISRAEL, 2018 (93 min)
Hebrew with English Subtitles

The year is 1983 and Yaakov Cohen, the owner of a Jerusalem printing press, is tired of being pushed around especially when he knows it's because he's Sephardic. He decides to establish a Sephardic-ultra-Orthodox political party to run in the Jerusalem municipal elections on a wing and a prayer and earn some respect for his people. Based on the founding of the Sephardic SHAS party in Israel.



Sunday, November 20, 2:00 p.m.

DWELLING IN TRAVELLING

INDIA 2019 (67 min), English
The story of the Baghdadi Jews of Calcutta who prospered in the capital city of British India. They spoke in Arabic, prayed in Hebrew and led a kosher life. From the height of 4000 members in the 1940's the community started to disperse after WWII and today their descendants have found new homes all over the globe, including here in Los Angeles.



Sunday, November 20, 5:00 p.m.

THESE WOODS - U.S. Premiere

ISRAEL, 2022 (84 min.) Hebrew, Maghrebi Arabic, French with English Subtitles
In 1961 Israel, the country was still developing and forests were being planted all over, including the Galilee Mountains. There, immigrants from North Africa were sent to do hard labor jobs. This touching feature/documentary describes the harsh realities common to immigrant stories everywhere.

FILM FESTIVAL SCREENINGS

Individual Screening Tickets \$20 ea.

LUMIÈRE MUSIC HALL

9036 Wilshire Blvd., Beverly Hills

Kahal Joseph Community

Refuah Shelema

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

Sophie Elias / Sophie bat Victoria

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
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
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

In Memoriam

We remember these azkaraot, or yahrzeit anniversaries from October 29 to November 5, 2022 (4 to 11 Heshvan 5783). We light memorial candles, donate tsedaka, and attend Shabbat services in honor of the memory of our loved ones.

4 Heshvan / Shabbat, October 29th

Sam Bekhor Shmuel ben Yaacov
Hilda Gillis Haviva Hilda
Grace Saltoon Garziee bat Masouda

5 Heshvan / Sunday, October 30th

Ruby Cohen Rivka bat Salha Khatoun
Salha Hoory Salha bat Noona
Jacob Izaac Itzhak ben Yaacob Itzhak
Menashe Levi Menashe Hai ben Yoseph Halevi

6 Heshvan / Monday, October 31st

Meyer J. Jonah Meir ben Yaacov Yonah
Saul Sopher Shaul ben Avraham Shalom

7 Heshvan / Tuesday, November 1st

Florine Irani Florine bat Batria v'Shimon

8 Heshvan / Wednesday, November 2nd

Eliezer Chammou Eliezer ben Yosef

9 Heshvan / Thursday, November 3rd

Ezekiel Ezra

Farha Joseph *Farha bat Haviva*

10 Heshvan / Friday, November 4th

Jacob Ezekiel Azoory *Yaacov Yehezkel ben Ezra*

Nissim Elie *Nissim Elie ben Dona*

Edward E. Sassoon *Yehezkel ben Aharon*

11 Heshvan / Shabbat, November 5th

Jacob Silas Mussry *Yaacov ben Saleh*

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