

KJ Happenings

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KJ Schedule

Erev Shabbat

Friday, November 11th
Candle Lighting 4:34 pm

Shabbat

Saturday, November 12th
Shaharit at KJ 9:00 am
Kids Korner 9:30am
Carole Basri, Speaker
during morning services
Luncheon honoring New Members
Havdallah 5:31 pm

Weekdays

Sunday, November 13th
Shaharit 7:00 am
Talmud Torah 9:45 am

Mon-Fri, November 14th to 18th
Shaharit 6:30 am

November 13th to 20th
SEC's LA Sephardic Film Festival
Gala 11/13 honors Nira Sayegh
KJ Board Member

Membership & Sponsorship

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.



Rabbi's Message



Rabbi Natan Halevy
BSD

Shalom U'vracha,

The Zohar comments on this week's parasha, Vayera, and states that from the beginning of

creation Hashem imparts strength to the earth to sprout forth vegetation. However, the formation of Adam is what actualizes the growth. When Adam nurtures the land, both literally and spiritually, the land may produce an even greater bounty. We learn from this that humans are a primary cause and factor in creation.

Unfortunately, when Adam sinned, the ground also absorbed his negative actions and energy: in certain ways, it became cursed. However, Abraham's positive actions repair some of the harm, and cause the blessing of the land to return, once again, to the earth. We see this in how his flocks flourish and multiply. In fact, Abraham repeatedly demonstrates his faith and trust in Hashem, for example through his circumcision, a commitment to healthy,

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respectful procreation and fruitfulness. Through this act Abraham strengthens the earth's blessing even further.

In many passages of *Vayera*, the Torah illustrates Avraham's numerous acts of kindness and the ways he elevated the world. As we are told: "The stories and events of our forefathers are a sign for their children." With his great love for Hashem and for all people, Abraham paves a path of kindness in the world.

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Carole Basri

Shabbat Guest Speaker

Carole Basri is a lawyer and award-winning filmmaker. She is a visiting professor at Peking University School of Transnational Law and a visiting professor at Pericles Law School. In 2003, Carole was a member of the U.S. State Department's "Future of Iraq" Project and a member of the Coalition Provisional Authority with the Iraqi Reconstruction Development Council for Ambassador Bremer in Baghdad.

She is the executive producer of a trilogy of films about Iraq's Jewish community and history: *The Life of Frank Iny* (1995/1999), *Searching for Baghdad* (2002), and *The Last Jews of Baghdad* (2005). The trilogy screened in over 80 premiere film festivals in the U.S., Canada, Israel, and Europe, and was featured on PBS and JLTv.

Carole received a B.A. from Barnard College, Columbia University and a J.D. from New York University School of Law. With Adriana Davis, she co-directed and produced *Saving the Iraqi Jewish Archives* (2020), a journey to rescue the identity of Iraqi Jews and preserve their heritage for future generations.

Shabbat Melodies with Hazzan Saeed Jalali



Kahal Joseph Events



RSVP for Challah
Bake



Kahal Joseph Presents

A Thanksgiving Challah Bake

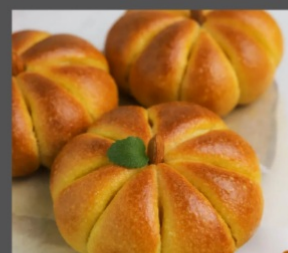


**November 21@7:30pm with
Sephardic Spice Girls
& Meditation w/Leat Silvera
Learn to Bake
Thanksgiving Challah!**

**Enjoy Wine & Cheese
& Pies, Oh My!**

**\$36/Adult & \$18/Young Professional
RSVP online at kahaljoseph.org
or call 310.474.0559**

In Memory of Rica Emquies, z"l



RSVP Today!

Kahal Joseph, 10505 Santa Monica Blvd LA 90025

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!



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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
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Kahal Joseph Community

Condolences to the Family of Rachel Bakhsh, z"l

With great sorrow we send our deepest condolences to the family and friends of Rachel Bakhsh, *Rahel bat Dina v'Daoud*, z"l, who passed away on Friday, November 4th 2022, the 10th of Heshvan 5783, two weeks after her 100th birthday. Rachel is the grandmother of Kahal Joseph's Board Member, Mark Darwish.

Rachel was born in Baghdad, Iraq on October 20th 1922. She wedded Reuben Bakhsh, and left with her family for Japan in 1962. Subsequently, the family went to Israel where they resided for five years. In 1995, Rachel moved to Los Angeles with her daughter, Arlette Darwish and her family, and she became a beloved participant in the local, Iraqi Jewish community.

Rachel is survived by her adoring grandchildren, longtime members of Kahal: Sandra (Eddy) Sarraf, Mark

(Julie) Darwish, Richard (Melissa) Darwish, Darren (Michele) Darwish; her great-grandchildren; her extended family and friends.

Funeral services were held on Sunday, November 6th in Los Angeles. Rachel was predeceased by her husband, Reuben Bakhash z"l, and her children, Maurice Bakhash z"l, Arlette Darwish z"l, and Sammy Bakhash z"l.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to Rachel'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:

Joseph Tizabi / Yosef ben Yehezkiel
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
Karen bat Chana Meir
Eti Esther bat Fortuna
Ezra ben Rahel
Albert Nissan ben Victoria
Reuven Halevi ben Batsheva
David ben Tova
Fouad Salem / Hayeem ben Naima
Noach Yaakov ben Tzipporah
Ori ben Nuphar Chaia

In Memoriam

We remember these azkaraot, or yahrzeit anniversaries from November 12 to 19, 2022 (18 to 25 Heshvan 5783). We light memorial candles, donate tsedaka, and attend Shabbat services in honor of the memory of

our loved ones.

18 Heshvan / Shabbat, November 12th

Yeshaiah ben Yaacov Shalom
Hazan Gabriel Solomon Gavriel ben Shlomo

20 Heshvan / Monday, November 14th

Victoria Zeubaida Nissan Victoria Zeubaida bat Lulu
Esther Robbins Esther bat Matana
Naji Harkham Nagi ben Hacham Mordechai David

21 Heshvan / Tuesday, November 15th

Joshua Moses Yehoshua ben Ephraim Moshe

22 Heshvan / Wednesday, November 16th

Khuzna Levi Khuzna bat Esther HaLevi

23 Heshvan / Thursday, November 17th

Heshmatolah Mizrahi Yehazghel ben Shlomo

24 Heshvan / Friday, November 18th

Suleiman Elghanian
Joseph Ezrapour Yoseph ben Ezra
Jacob Elias Yaacov Moshe ben Eliyahu

25 Heshvan / Shabbat, November 19th

Charles A. Lelah Salah ben Aharon
Maximus Jonah

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