

# KJ Happenings

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## A Shabbat Greeting from Rabbi Halevy



### KJ Schedule

#### Erev Shabbat

Friday, November 18th  
Candle Lighting 4:30 pm

#### Shabbat

Saturday, November 19th  
Shaharit at KJ 9:00 am  
Kids Korner 9:30am  
Havdallah 5:27 pm



### Rabbi's Message

Rabbi Natan Halevy  
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Shalom U'vracha,

### Weekdays

Sunday, November 20th

Shaharit 7:00 am

Talmud Torah 9:45 am

Mon-Wed, November 21st to 23rd

Shaharit 6:30 am

### Rosh Hodesh Kislev

Thursday, November 24th

Shaharit 8:00 am

Friday, November 25th

Shaharit 6:15 am

Thanksgiving Day

Thursday, November 24th

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## 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.

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AMAZON SMILE for KJ

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It is interesting that this week's parasha is named Hayei Sarah, "the life of Sarah," even though the parasha recounts Abraham's acquisition of the Machpelah cave

and Sarah's burial, not the events of her lifetime.

The Zohar discusses Sarah's greatness by comparing her to others: "Eve came to this world and was defiled by the snake [who caused her to sin] thus bringing death to her husband and the world. Noah tried to rectify Eve's sin but became drunk and was defiled. Sarah was able to rectify Eve's sin. As was seen, she and Abraham went down to Egypt and left unharmed. Sarah brought abundant blessings for her husband and her offspring forever."

Following Sarah's model imbues all of Israel with the power to descend into darkness and rise up. Sarah influenced Avraham to remove Hagar and Yishmael from their home. Sarah possessed a bit more of the attribute of "justice" than Abraham did. This enabled her to make difficult decisions when they were necessary.

We see Sarah's strong influence even after she dies. Abraham was aging, and Isaac hadn't yet married. Abraham made his servant, Eliezer, swear that he would only seek among Abraham's for Isaac's potential wife. Abraham understood that Isaac needed a special person to help him continue the great legacy that would result in the birth of our nation. The woman Eliezer found was Rebecca, Abraham's great-niece.

[Read more . . .](#)

## Thank You

Tikva & Yoel Iny for  
a Beautiful Tree of Life  
in memory of  
Allon A. Iny, z"l

Tikva and Yoel Iny have donated a beautiful Tree of Life artwork to honor the memory of their dear beloved grandson, Allon A. Iny, z"l. The stained glass mosaic commemorates his light so that "it continues to shine through the leaves of the tree and be a blessing to all those who knew him and loved him."







Listen to Hazzan Jalali chanting the first aliya in Haye Sarah and the the Haftara.

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## Kahal Joseph Events

RSVP for Challah Bake, this Mon  
11/21!

To Reserve ONLINE, Select "Challah Bake" as purpose of donation  
when asked "This donation is for." Or, call 310.474.0559 during regular office hours.  
If space remains, tickets may be purchased at the door.

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**Kahal Joseph Presents**

# A Thanksgiving Challah Bake

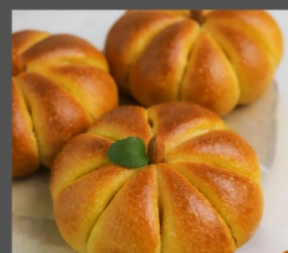


**November 21@7:30pm with  
Sephardic Spice Girls  
& Meditation w/Leat Silvera  
Learn to Bake  
Thanksgiving Challah!**

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

**\$36/Adult & \$18/Young Professional  
RSVP online at [kahaljoseph.org](http://kahaljoseph.org)  
or call 310.474.0559**

*In Memory of Rica Emquies, z"l*

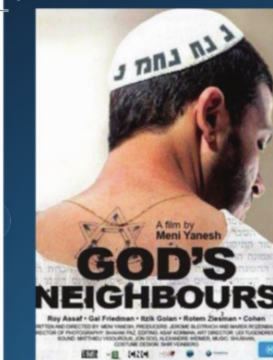


**RSVP Today!**

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!



## 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



# 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

# SAVE THE DATE

Kahal Joseph's Chanukah  
Celebration and  
Shimon Halevy's Chalakeh  
(First haircut ceremony)



Sunday, December 18 @ 4pm  
Kahal Joseph Congregation



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## Kahal Joseph Community

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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:*

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

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## In Memoriam

*We remember these azkaraot, or yahrzeit anniversaries from November 19 to 26, 2022 (25 Heshvan to 2 Kislev 5783). We light memorial candles, donate tsedaka, and attend Shabbat services in honor of the memory of our loved ones.*

### **25 Heshvan / Shabbat, November 19th**

*Charles A. Lelah Salah ben Aharon  
Maximus Jonah*

### **27 Heshvan / Monday, November 21st**

*Sumner Blank  
Yehoshua Moshi Yehoshua ben Moshe  
Nissim Rahamim Yaacov*

### **28 Heshvan / Tuesday, November 22nd**

*Moshe Bebe Moshe ben Khadoori  
Ezekiel Howard Yehezkel Howard  
Lulu Masliah Lulu bat Salha  
Samuel Joseph Zachariah Shmoel ben Yoseph*

### **29 Heshvan / Wednesday, November 23rd**

*Shaul Haim Nuriel Shaul ben Haim  
Mary Saleh*

### **1 Kislev / Friday, November 25th**

*Abraham Isaac Avraham ben Eliyahu Yitzchak  
Joe Hai Joseph Yoseph Hai ben Itzhak Yoseph  
Henry Yehezkel Yehezkel ben Sion Zkearia*

### **2 Kislev / Shabbat, November 26th**

*Doron Ironi Doron ben Yosef  
Victoria Kadosh Victoria ben Reuben  
Ralph Nathan Raphael ben Mordechai*

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