# KJ Happenings

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### **KJ Schedule**

**Erev Shabbat** Friday, December 30th Shabbat Candle Lighting 4:36 pm

> Shabbat Saturday, December 31st Shaharit at KJ 9:00 am Kids Korner 9:30am Havdallah 5:36 pm

> > **Weekdays** Sunday, January 1st Shaharit 7:00 am

Monday, January 2nd Shaharit 6:30 am

### **Tenth of Tevet**

Tuesday, January 3rd Fast Begins 5:40 am Shaharit 6:30 am Fast Ends 5:30 pm

Wed-Fri, January 4-6 Shaharit 6:30 am

### Membership & Sponsorship

To sponsor an event or become a member contact our office. Call 310.474.0559, <u>click here to email Sarah</u>, or sign up online below.

## **Rabbi's Message**



Rabbi Natan Halevy BSD

Shalom U'vracha,

This week's parasha concludes the saga of Joseph testing his brothers by not divulging his identity. Why did he keep his

identity to himself? There were several reasons for his behavior.

First, he wanted to see whether they had truly repented for selling him as a slave. Second, he wanted to help them. To wipe away such a grave sin, they needed to atone. As events unfolded, Joseph contrived to accuse Benjamin, his younger brother, of a crime and detain him in Egypt. When Judah offered himself instead of Benjamin, volunteering to remain as a slave so that his brother might go free and so that his father would not suffer the loss of Rachel's second son, Judah's self-sacrifice showed that the brothers had, indeed, repented fully.

Joseph kept up his act and withheld his identity for as long as he could stand. By doing so, he helped his brothers atone for their prior sin. The spiritual distress they experienced through this test, as they tried to rescue rather than abandon one of their brothers, helped them wipe away



much negative energy from their previous act of selling Joseph into slavery. Reliving a similar circumstance while making a very different choice at great potential personal cost cleansed them.

The Torah's recounts the story quite dramatically: "Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Please come closer to me," and they drew closer. And he said, "I am your brother Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. But now do not be sad, and let it not trouble you that you sold me here, for it was to preserve life that HaShem sent me before you."

Read more online...

## Support Kahal with Year-End Giving



Dear Kahal Community Member,

As 2022 draws to a close, we ask that you consider supporting Kahal Joseph Congregation with your end-of-the-year charitable donations. Also, if you have previous pledges, you may fulfill those pledges at <u>kahaljoseph.org</u>.

We deeply value your participation at Kahal. Your support enables us to thrive and provide welcoming educational, spiritual, and cultural

programs to our community. Under the dedicated leadership of Rabbi Natan Halevy and Kahal's Board of Directors, employees and volunteers, we nurture and share the wisdom of our Jewish heritage with young and old.

With your involvement, Kahal may continue to pass these traditions and knowledge to future generations and to our wider community.

With appreciation, Yvette Dabby President

**Donate Now** 

Shabbat Melodies with Hazzan Saeed Jalali





Listen to Hazzan Jalali chant First Aliya in Vayigash and the Haftara.

## **Kahal Joseph Events**

## KJ YOUNG PROFESSIONALS PRESENT

# MELT-AWAY-STRESS MEDITATION & SERENE SOUND BATH W/ARTIST LEAT SILVERA

Monday, January 9th at 7:30 PM Kahal Joseph, 10505 Santa Monica Blvd LA 90025

dress comfortably

bring a yoga mat

make a friend

\$26 per person

RSVP 310.474.0559 or kjcongregation@gmail.com

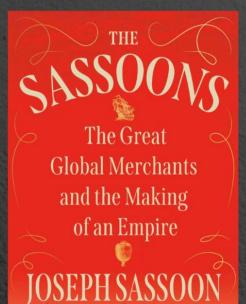
SEPHARDIC SPICE GIRLS WILL BE BREWING THE FINEST ART OF TEA AND SERVING WINE & CHEESE

RSVP for YP Meditation & Sound Bath



Luncheon RSVP by Email

## Save the Date! Joseph Sassoon Guest Speaker & Author Tuesday, January 31st@Kahal Joseph



Joseph Sassoon is the director of the Center for Contemporary Arab Studies & Professor of History and Political Economy at Georgetown University. He holds the al-Sabah Chair in Politics and Political Economy of the Arab World. He is also a Senior Associate Member at St Antony's College, Oxford. In 2013, his book Saddam Hussein's Ba'th Party: Inside an Authoritarian Regime (Cambridge University Press, 2012) won the prestigious British-Kuwait Prize for the best book on the Middle East. Professor Sassoon completed his Ph.D at St Antony's College, Oxford. He has published extensively on Iraq and its economy and on the Middle East. His latest book is titled The Sassoons: The Great Global Merchants and the Making of an Empire (Pantheon, 2022).

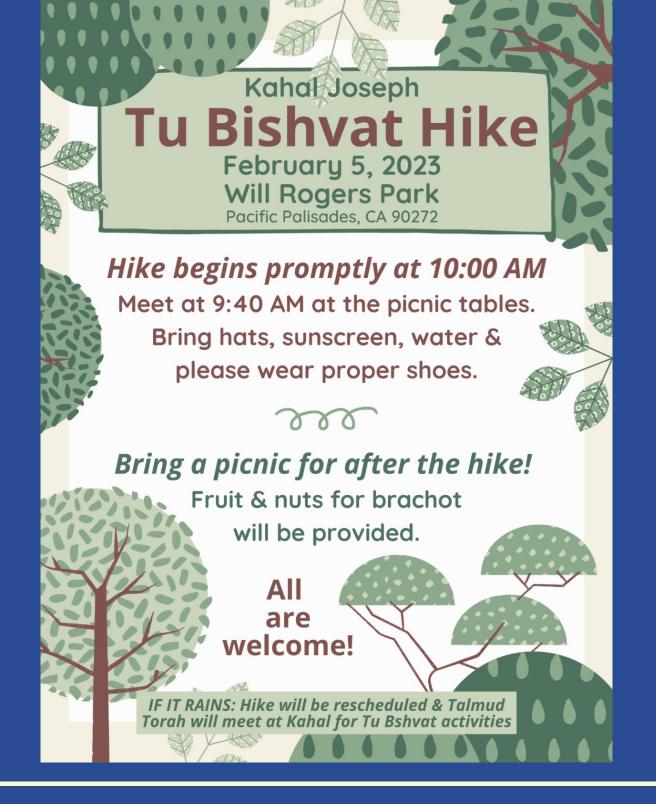
## New York Times Book Review



by Adam Rathe, Oct 20, 2022

Opening in 18th-century Iraq, the book follows at least six generations ... descending from Sheikh Sassoon ben Saleh, "the most eminent Jew in Baghdad," traveling from the Levant to India, England, China, America and beyond. Along the way, treasures and alliances are hoarded and squandered and great arcs of world history play out as background noise to the lives of the sprawling brood at its center.

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## 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:

Flexi Silpa / Flexi bat Mazal 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 December 31, 2022 to January 7, 2023 (7 to 14 Tevet 5783). We light memorial candles, donate tsedaka, and attend Shabbat services in honor of the memory of our loved ones.

**7 Tevet/ Shabbat, December 31st** Eliezer David Levy Eliezer ben David Halevi

### 8 Tevet / Sunday, January 1st

Abraham Khazzoom Rabbi Elias Levi HaRav Eliyahu Hayim ben Shlomo Halevi Max Nathan Mordechai ben Rafael Natan David Sassoon Solomon David Sasson ben Shlomo Reuven Iraj Nemany Yitzhak ben Dolat v'Yehezkel

> **9 Tevet / Monday, January 2nd** Eddie Jacob Ezra Yehezkel ben Yaacov Azoori

**10 Tevet / Tuesday, January 3rd** Shalom Kamara Shalom ben Menashe Hayim Baruch Shalom Mingail Haim Baruch ben Shalom **13 Tevet / Friday, January 6th** Ester Avrahami Ester bat Gazala Fortuna Sinder Fortuna bat Suzan

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