# KJ Happenings

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## Shabbat Greeting from Rabbi Halevy

**KJ Schedule**

**Erev Shabbat**
*Friday, January 20th*
Shabbat Candle Lighting 4:54 pm

**Shabbat**
*Saturday, January 21st*
Shaharit at KJ 9:00 am

## Rabbi's Message

Rabbi Natan Halevy
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Shalom U'vracha,

Kids Korner 9:30am
Havdallah 5:53 pm

**Erev Rosh Hodesh**
*Sunday, January 22nd*
Shaharit 7:00 am

**Rosh Hodesh Shevat**
*Monday, January 23rd*
*Shaharit 6:15 am*

**Weekdays**
*Tue-Fri, January 24-26*
*Shaharit 6:30 am*

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AMAZON SMILE for KJ

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In the beginning of our parasha, Moshe comes to Hashem with a complaint. His first intervention with pharoah resulted in worse conditions for Bnei Yisrael. Pharaoh issued a new decree and refused to provide the Jewish people with the materials for their slave labor. They now needed to gather straw themselves before making the bricks. When they didn't meet their quota of bricks, they were beaten severely. Moshe felt great pain at this unfortunate circumstance that followed his intervention on their part.

In addition, the children of Israel were upset with him for this situation. Moshe was caught in a hard place. He was dealing with tremendous hostility from pharoah who denied the existence of Hashem in an extremely brazen way. Pharoah refused to consider releasing the Jewish people who were constructing huge buildings, storehouses, and pyramids for him.

The redemption of Israel from Egypt begins in earnest after we hear of Moshes complaint to Hashem. Hashem says to Pharaoh, *Samti pdut beyn ami u'beyn amekha le'makhar yihiye ha'ot hazeh*—"And I have placed this omen between My people and your people as a redemption; this sign will come about tomorrow."

The Ben Ish Chai has a beautiful commentary about the Hebrew word for tomorrow—*makhar*. The letters of the word, *mem-het-resh*, can be rearranged to create the number *resh-mem-het* which signifies the 248 positive commandments of the Torah (Note that in Hebrew alphabet letters may be used as numbers). The same letters also be rearranged as *resh-het-mem* to spell the word *rakham* which signifies Hashem's love and compassion.

All Jews strive to fulfill the 248 mitzvot, or commandments, a task which is almost impossible. However, through the love and compassion that exists among many members of our people, we help each other.

**Read more online**

**Shabbat Kiddush**
is sponsored

by
Shaina and Salim Youssefzadeh

in honor of
their marriage

**Mazal Tov**
**to their parents**
Pauline and Emil Youssefzadeh &
Mahvash and Morris Kamkar

**their siblings**
Jasmine, Jacqueline, and Jake Youssefzadeh
Sherwin and Andrew Kamkar

**their grandparents**
Claudette and Valentine Youssefzadeh
Iran Ebrahimian

and both families

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**Mazal Tov**
**Eliana Jalali & Daniel Muller**
**on your upcoming wedding**

**Besiman Tov**
**to your parents**
Molly and Saeed Jalali
Pnina Muller and
Opi Muller
**and to both families**

## Shabbat Melodies with Hazzan Saeed Jalali

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

## Kahal Joseph Events

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With gratitude to Hashem we invite you to celebrate the Bar Mitzvah of our dear son

# MENACHEM MENDEL

Shabbat Parashat Bo
January 28th, 9:30 am

Kahal Joseph Congregation
10505 Santa Monica Blvd

Luncheon celebration to follow

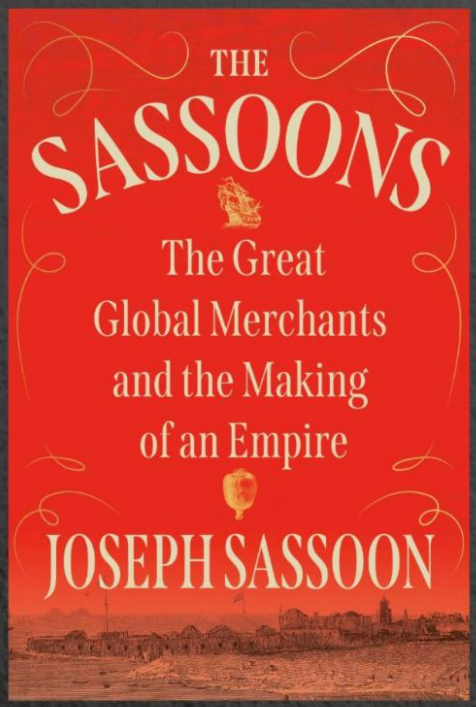
Rabbi Natan and Bracha Halevy

# Kahal Joseph & the Sephardic Educational Center *present*

# Joseph Sassoon

## *Guest Speaker & Author*

**Tuesday, January 31st@7:00 pm**




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

*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. --Adam Rathe 10/20/22*

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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:*

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

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## In Memoriam

*We remember these azkaraot (yahrzeit anniversaries) from January 21 to 28, 2023 (28 Tevet to 6 Shevat 5783). It is customary to light memorial candles, donate tsedaka, & attend services to honor the memory of our loved ones.*

**28 Tevet/ Shabbat, January 21st**
Joseph David *Yoseph ben David*
*Aziza bat Amam*
Maurice Zekaria *Moshe ben Seon*
Edmund Sayers *Ezra Moshe ben Khatoon v'Moshe Hai Ezra*

**29 Tevet / Sunday, January 22nd**
Mollie Einy Konigsberg *Mazaltov ben Masooda*

**1 Shevat / Monday, January 23rd**
Mozelle Solomon *Mozly bat Haviva*

**2 Shevat / Tuesday, January 24th**
Joseph Haghighi *Yosef ben Ezra*
Mahboobeh Haykani
Samuel Sheff *Shlomo ben Baruch*
Albert Zekaria *Abdullah ben Seon*

Eddy Sassoon *Ezra Meyer ben Binyamin*

**4 Shevat / Thursday, January 26th**
Khorshid Farzaneh Farahi *Rahel bat Esther*

**6 Shevat / Shabbat, January 28th**
Albert Gaub *Avner Abraham ben Khatoon*
Maurice Jacob Jonah *Maurice ben Yaacov*

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