

Simchat Torah Chatanim

CHATAN TORAH RICHARD COHEN



Richard is delighted to be a Chatan Torah for Simchat Torah 5784. His involvement at KJ began twelve years ago, when he was drawn to KJ Sephardic, and immediately felt at home. Since then, he has been a devoted member and regular attendee, participating in

KJ Sephardic's development from its infancy to its current bar mitzvah celebration.

In recent years, Richard has become a Member of KJ Sephardic's Operating Committee, as well as a Trustee and Officer of the Synagogue, and currently serves as co-Chair of the House Committee.

Among the many wonderful reasons to be at KJ, Richard believes that the Shul's diverse community and minyanim have offered him a unique opportunity to honor both his Sephardic and Ashkenazi heritages. Richard's paternal grandmother, Suzanna Cohen z"l, was born in Poland and endured the hardships of WWII, but through an unlikely series of events, ultimately found herself in a refugee camp outside of Tehran, Iran where she was saved by his paternal grandfather, a Persian Jew. This story has been captured in the novel *Six Thousand Miles to Home*.

Richard is especially proud of his wife, Lisa, who currently serves as the President of the Ramaz Parents Council. She is also a devoted mother to their children Elliot, Talia, Benjamin, and Joseph.

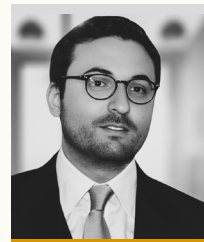
Professionally, Richard works as a real estate investor with his family business, Buckingham Properties. He is a graduate of Colby College, The London School of Economics and New York University.

In addition to KJ and Ramaz, Richard has been a consistent supporter of many important Jewish causes including AIPAC, UJA, Migdal Ohr and Belev Echad.

Richard has a passion for outdoor activities including hiking, biking, tennis, golf and is an avid skier. He has enjoyed sharing his interests with the KJ community by leading the KJ Sephardic Fall Hike and Annual Ski Trip.

Richard dedicates this honor in the memory of his grandparents, Suzanna and Soleiman Cohen z"l and Shirley and Manoochehr Manoochehrian z"l.

CHATAN BEREISHIT JEREMIE COHEN



Jeremie proudly follows in the footsteps of his grandfather and father who have taught him by example, as treasurer of their respective synagogues, the importance of being committed and of service to their community.

Upon his arrival in New York in 2014, Jeremie became a member of the KJ Sephardic Minyan, where he immediately felt in tune with the values of Menschlichkeit, attachment to tradition, and openness to modernity.

Having grown up in one of the oldest Ashkenazi synagogues in the historic district of Paris, he has always felt at home at KJ where he values the unity between Ashkenazi and Sephardi minhagim. He has been a committee member of KJ Sephardic since 2019 and has served as a member of the KJ board since 2020.

He was also raised with a core focus on the transmission of Jewish values and tzedakah. He was therefore drawn early on to the Chabad Lubavitch movement, where he is also involved as a board member of the French Chabad Center of Midtown Manhattan, as well as through charity organizations such as Colel Chabad & Belev Echad.

Jeremie trained as a nuclear physicist at Ecole Polytechnique, France's top elite engineering school. After 4 years as an engineer in a biotech startup in New York, he transitioned his career into finance. He is now a Portfolio Manager at WorldQuant, where he has been working since 2018.

Jeremie is the proud father of three Ramaz students, Noam (4th grade), Ariel (1st grade) and Lior (Nursery), whom he raises together with his wife Geraldine, a serial entrepreneur and digital marketing consultant.

Together, Geraldine and Jeremie are dedicated to serving KJ Sephardic and the larger KJ/Ramaz community, where they are grateful to have found a nurturing home away from home.

Chatan Maftir Marco Sardar on following page.

SIMCHAT TORAH CELEBRATION

**SATURDAY NIGHT,
OCTOBER 7**

**Fun-Filled Hakafot for
All Ages Featuring**

DANCING IN THE STREET

Beginning at 6:30 pm at KJ &
concluding outside on 85th Street

RUACH REVIVAL

J-Tunes Singers Accompanying our Tefillot
& Cantor Chaim Dovid Berson, bringing
Ruach to our Simchat Torah service

DELICIOUS DAIRY DINNER

CHILDREN'S CARNIVAL
for all ages

Following

6:00 pm Mincha
in the Main Sanctuary

6:15 pm Sephardic Mincha

AT KJ | 125 East 85th Street

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CHATAN MAFTIR MARCO SARDAR



Marco joined the KJ community in 2012 after marrying his high school sweetheart, Nicole Jaspan. He is the eldest of five children and was raised in Brooklyn by his parents, Adina and Raymond Sardar, who instilled a deep sense of community, chesed, and leadership in him from a very young age.

Marco is a graduate of Magen David Yeshivah and holds a bachelor's degree in finance from Baruch College.

Marco enhanced his experience on the Upper East Side and embraced every facet of the broader KJ/Ramaz community to complement the roots of his Syrian Sephardic heritage. Marco's closest friendships were formed at KJ and that had a profound impact on his positive experience. He was among the early members of KJ's Sephardic Minyan and shares a deep vision and commitment to help create a vibrant Sephardic Minyan within KJ that embodies the traditions and rituals of the Syrian Sephardic Community.

Marco has been actively involved in many different divisions of the KJ community. He is an Associate Member of the Board of Trustees of KJ, he has been a board member of KJ's Sephardic Minyan since its inception, and he is actively involved in KJ's Keshet Minyan as well as other initiatives and committees. Marco has always pursued his service to the KJ community and in particular the Sephardic minyan with tremendous energy and passion, but most importantly with a mindset of constantly trying to build and expand for the future growth of our wonderful community. Marco has led, and participated in, a variety of cornerstone initiatives over the years that helped expand, attract, and unify members of the KJ Sephardic community.

Outside of KJ, Marco serves as an active member of several organizations including Mount Sinai's advisory board for the Department of Medicine and UJA's Wall Street Division.

Professionally, Marco is a Principal at Greenhill & Co., a global Mergers and Acquisitions investment bank established in 1996. He originates and executes global Merger and Acquisition transactions for leading Fortune 100 companies and private equity clients. Marco also leads Greenhill's Financial Sponsors Group, which he helped establish at Greenhill. Before joining Greenhill in 2018, Marco spent 4 years at Barclays where he focused on global Mergers and Acquisitions and corporate finance transactions for consumer and retail companies. Marco started his investment banking career at Morgan Stanley.

Marco is inspired by his wife, Nicole Jaspan Sardar. Nicole represents the fifth generation of a KJ family. Her family's continued dedication to KJ is exemplified by her active involvement at KJ in various capacities, most recently serving as President of the KJ Sisterhood of which her great-grandmother was the first president in 1930.

Professionally, Nicole has a master's degree in special education and has taught students at various institutions including Ramaz, MDS, and other schools in Manhattan. Most importantly, Marco and Nicole are devoted parents to their three wonderful children, Raymond (8 years), Adina (4 years), and Michael (1 year), who either attend or will be attending Ramaz.