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Cheshvan 21, 5771

Congregation Etz Chaim

Weekly News

THIS WEEK

YACHAD SHABBATON - join us in welcoming our special guests this weekend.

BRACHOT & AMEN PARTY - Come to Maggie Newman's home to daven for what you need through saying brachot and responding "Amen". Be prepared to have lots of fun!

...thousands of people will gather in Hevron this Shabbat... [read more below](#)

Brachot/Amen Breakfast Party

Sunday, Oct. 31, 2010

10:30 AM

at the Home of
Maggie Newman
39 Aspen Drive
Livingston

Kindly call to
RSVP

Maggie Newman
973-533-4478

Davening Times

Shabbat

Friday, Oct. 29

Candle lighting - 5:39

Mincha - 5:44 PM

Saturday, Oct. 30

Shacharit

Main - 9:00 AM

Shephardic - 9:10 AM

Rabbi's Shiur - 4:40 PM

KIDDUSH SPONSORS

Barbara & Allen Rothenberg in Memory of his father, Hirshel Yitzchak Meir ben Aaron Leib, on his yahrzeit.

Sima Schall in Honor of Ben on his very special birthday. Mazel Tov! Until 120 healthy years!

Israel Action

**Mike Sachs, AIPAC's Northeast Regional Director
November 6, during davening**

Mr. Sachs will address the congregation on the key items on AIPAC's agenda - preventing Iran from acquiring nuclear weapons, ensuring Israel is treated fairly in peace negotiations and countering efforts to delegitimize the Jewish state.

**FIDF New Jersey Chapter Dinner
November 6th, 2010 at 8pm**

**6th Annual IDF Tribute Dinner
In Honor of the Lone Soldiers of Israel**

**Sheraton Meadowlands Hotel and Conference Center
2 Meadowlands Plaza, East Rutherford, NJ 07073**

For more information please contact the Director of NJ Margo Katz at 212-244-3118 x14 or margo.katz@fidf.org you can also

Mincha - 5:29 PM

Shabbat Ends - 6:45 PM

Sunday

Shacharit - 8:30 AM

Mincha/Ma'ariv - 6:00

Daily

Shacharit - 6:45 AM

Ma'ariv - 7:45 PM

Quick Links...

[Our Website
Torah.org](#)

[Shul Calendar
kosher.com](#)

purchase tickets on our website at www.fidf.org

Dr. Daniel Gordis

Monday, November 15th 8:00 PM

Path to Peace: Any Roads Left?

Temple B'nai Abraham

300 E Northfield Road

Livingston, NJ

Kristallnacht Commemoration

Wednesday, November 10, 7:30pm

"Wrestling with God: Theology in the Ghettos"

Commemorating the 72nd anniversary of Kristallnacht, guest speaker **Erin Leib Smokler** will explore the writings of Holocaust-era rabbis to discover how they reckoned with their circumstances. [For more information about the program and the speaker, click here.](#)

**SHOP IN OUR SHUL
GIFT SHOP
IN THE DISPLAY CASE...
STOP IN THE OFFICE TO
CHECK FOR PRICES**

Youth Corner

**Yachad Shabbaton coming up this week,
October 29 - 30!!!**

Yachad is dedicated to enhancing the life and opportunities of individuals with disabilities, ensuring their participation in the full spectrum of Jewish life. Please join us in making our guests feel welcome. [back to the top](#)

Kiddush Chairs

To sponsor a kiddush, please call:

Kiddush Chairs:

Marci Lefkovits
973-994-1401
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or

Maggie Newman
973-533-4478
magsn1226@aol.com

Member News

Mazel Tov to the entire Halpern Family on the forthcoming New Jersey State of Israel Bonds Dinner honoring Fred Halpern. The dinner will take place November 9, 2010 at the Crystal Plaza.

Parshat Chayei Sarah thousands of people will gather this Shabbat in Hevron....

Buying for Generations - Rabbi's message

Rav Bahya Ibn Paquda noted that the word *kanah*, purchase, appears three times in the Torah, during three specific instances.

In this week's parsha, Abraham purchases the Machpelah sepulchre from Ephron the Hittite for the sum of 400 shekels of silver (Genesis 23:16). To commemorate this sale, **thousands of people will gather this Shabbat in Hevron** (where the Machpelah is found) to spend time with our ancestors during Parshat Chayay Sarah.

Ten chapters from now, Jacob will obtain a piece of real estate in Shechem (Nablus) from the sons of Hamor for 100 pieces of money (Genesis 33:19). Finally, David will obtain a tract of land in Jerusalem

CLASSES

Sunday -
Livingston Community Kollel -
11:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Monday -
R. Shlomo Krupka - 8:00 PM

Tuesday -

Arachim Lecture Series in Hebrew -
8:30 PM

R. Natan Kapustin - 9:00 PM

@ the home of
Selene & Boaz Brickman

Wednesday -

Kollel - 8:30 PM

Women's One on One

Learning - 8:30 PM

Mel Kapustin - 9:00 PM

Krav Mega - 8:30 PM

Thursday

R. Shlomo Krupka - 11:30 AM

from the Jebusites for 50 shekels (II Samuel 24:24).

Isn't it amazing that these three places bought by our ancestors are today the three areas most contested in Israel? Sometimes old deeds are challenged and only continuity shows real possession. This is a lesson we must never forget if we want to pass our Judaism on to the next generation.

Additionally, these three Torah heroes symbolize the three vital pillars of Jewish identity: Torah (study), Avodah (worship), and Gemilat Hasadim (acts of kindness). Abraham personified the midah of loving-kindness; Jacob represented Torah; and David was the symbol of worship, for the land he purchased was destined to be the site of the Sanctuary.

Many things in life are free. Others may be obtained through perfunctory service. However, Torah, Avodah and Gemilat Hasadim require a full commitment; sometimes through giving money, sometimes through caring, and sometimes merely through time spent. They constitute the most 'expensive' items on the Jewish shopping list, but they are investments for generations.

Shabbat shalom.

Rabbi Krupka

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