



# Etz Chaim Newsletter

PARSHAT Ki Tavo

August 27, 2010 / 10 Elul 5770

## Davening Times

### Erev Shabbat

7:00 PM - Mincha

Early Kabbalat Shabbat

7:19 PM

Early Candlelighting

7:19 PM

Regular Candlelighting

### Shabbat

9:00 AM

Main Service (Shacharit)

9:39 AM

Z'man Kriat Shema

7:09 PM - Mincha

8:25 PM - Ma'ariv

### Sunday

8:30 AM - Shacharit

7:15 PM - Mincha

### Daily

6:45 AM - Shacharit

7:10 PM - Mincha

## RABBI'S MESSAGE - KiTavo

### The Blessings and How To See Them

(And all the blessings will come to you) ובאו עליך כל הברכות האלה והשיגוך

Every human life is filled with blessings and curses. At times life is a frolic and a romp and at times an unbearable load. The Torah assures us that *v'heeseegooho*, they will reach you; no one is exempt from the variable fortunes of life. We may, however, question the seeming redundancy of this guarantee -- the blessings shall come upon you and reach you.

The emphasis is on *hahsogo*, how you meet it. Good fortune and ill fate are directly proportionate to a person's sweep and imagination. Thus, the Torah very subtly hints that the blessings will not only "come" to you but that they will be suited to your *hahsogo*.

Each of us has our own *hahsogo*. The blessing of one could be the curse of another. We wish for things at times, only to thank G-d our wish was denied. What we need to do is look for the blessings in our lives, to see the glass as half full and to thank G-d for all we have. As we approach Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur, let us be appreciative to G-d and say thanks for all we have. Then all the blessings will, G-d Willing, come. Amen.

Shabbat Shalom,

Rabbi Krupka

### Get Ready for Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur

Two classes are being given by the Rabbi:

August 26, Thurs - 8:00 PM - The Prayers of Rosh Hashanah

## Davening Times

This is the last Early Shabbat for this year.

Next week:

Candlelighting 7:08 PM

Fri Mincha is 7:15 PM

## KIDDUSH SPONSOR

Maggie & Cliff

Newman in Honor of their Children, Sabrina, Neil and Jonathan. Mazel Tov to Jonathan on starting Law School at the University of Pennsylvania.

## Quick Links...

[OUR WEBSITE](#)

[Etz Chaim Calendar](#)

[Words of Torah](#)

September 2, Thurs - 8:00 PM - The Prayers of Yom Kippur

## youth highlights

*Stay tuned.....programs begin next week!*

## NEWS from the BOARD

### ISRAEL ACTION!

The Israel Action Committee is in full swing planning a year of Israeli oriented activities to include speakers, cultural, political, and religious themes with Eretz Israel at the center.

In conjunction with Mickey Gottlieb, we have already scheduled Malcolm Hoenlein on October 15th and 16th, Arthur Stark on November 20th, and a follow-up Nefesh b'Nefesh speaker in early January to discuss Aliya activities and opportunities.

Changes in Tefilla have been instituted to include the names of the captured Israeli soldiers in our Shabbat prayers.

Further dialogue with AIPAC, NORPAC, Israel Bonds, JNJ, and the Metrowest community will hopefully yield more programming opportunities for the winter and Spring. Israeli bookclub topics and Etz Chaim participation in the Israeli Film Festival will be upcoming.

Together with our new youth directors, we hope to inject an active Israeli theme to the programs presented to our children and students.

Krav Maga, Israeli self defense, classes are on going on a weekly basis.

Suggestions and participation is welcome and encouraged.

Mark Blum

## Friends Israel Initiative

The primary goal of Friends of Israel Initiative is to create a public arena for sharing rational thoughts on Israel and to support influential and political leaders in all geographic areas, particularly Europe. This arena will provide contacts (between) and unite isolated like-minded people to stem the anti-Israeli attitudes of government and media.

We encourage you to visit the [Friends of Israel Initiative](#) website and sign on to the initiative. Our community Jewish Relations Council is helping to sponsor this initiative as part of a mass petition from peoples of all religious and ethnic backgrounds to present to the President and Secretary of State.

## **KIDDUSH CHAIRS**

To Sponsor a Kiddush, please call:

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**Be part of the hustle and bustle going on at your Shul.**

**Do you like to proof read, organize events, have an extra hour...volunteer, volunteer, volunteer. Call the Office: 973-597-1655**