



Etz Chaim Newsletter

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Shemini Atzeret, Simchas Torah
Shabbat Bereishit

September 29, 2010 / 21 Tishrei , 5771
October 2, 2010 / 23 Tishrei , 5771

Davening Times

Wed, Sept. 29

Hoshanah Rabbah
Shacharit - 6:30 AM
Candle lighting - 6:24 PM
Mincha - 6:30 PM

Thurs., Sept 30

Shemini Atzeret
Shacharit - 9:00 AM
Yizkor - -11:45 AM
Musaf & Geshem -
11:30 AM
Mincha - 6:20 PM
Candle lighting - 7:25 PM
Hakofot - 7:50 PM

Fri, Oct. 1

Simchat Torah
Shacharit - 9:00 AM
Mincha - 6:25 PM
Candle lighting -
6:20 PM

שבת

Saturday Oct 2 Shabbat Breishit

Shacharit - 9:00 AM
Mincha - 6:10 PM
Shabbat Ends - 7:23 PM

Rabbi's message - Simchat Torah / Bereishit

Ten Is Better Than One

By ten Divine utterances was the world created. We received the Ten Commandments on Mt. Sinai. To pray with a minyan it is necessary to have a minimum of ten males above the age of thirteen. When reading from the Torah during a congregational service we are required to read a minimum total of ten verses. In the musaf service for Rosh Hashanah we are to recite no less than ten kingship verses, ten remembrance verses and ten shofar verses.

We all know that Jewish literature attaches special significance to the numbers seven and ten. However, our immediate concern is one of correlation. Are all of the aforementioned tens interrelated and, if so, how?

The answer is that they are interrelated as follows. [Read for the answer below](#)

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Shemini Atzeret - Lynne & Erwin Fisch on the occasion of the Yahrzeit of his mother, **Miriam bat Braina**.

Erev Simchat Torah - Lee & Murray Kushner on the occasion of the Yahrzeit of his father, **Yosef ben Moshe HaLevi**.

Simchat Torah - Ruth & Mark Mellincoff on the occasion of the Yahrzeit of his mother. **Tzivia Mirel bat Gittle**.

Shabbat - The Schenkler & Feller Families in Honor of

Daily

Shacharit - 6:45 AM

Mincha - 6:30 PM

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SAVE THE DATE
KRISTALLNACHT
PROGRAM

Wednesday, November 10,
7:30pm

Jacob's Bar Mitzvah. Mazel Tov!!!

THANK YOU!!!!THANK YOU!!THANK YOU!!!THANK YOU

Jeanne Waxman - for the delicious baked goods for the breaking of the fast on Yom Kippur.

Maggie Newman - for organizing all the kiddushim and other foods for all the Yomim Tovim and Shabbatot.

Yaron Gohar - for the cases of delicious and refreshing Snapple.

CLASSES

Mel Kapustin is giving a class in **Medieval Jewish History**, every Wednesday night at 9:00 PM, beginning October 6th.

The course will trace the formation of Ashkenazic and Sephardic Jewries from the Early Middle Ages until the Early Modern Period. We will be focusing on daily life and leading luminaries of the times, while exploring papal policies and popular reactions.

SPEAKER

Meir Javedanfar - Shabbat, Oct. 9th &
Sunday, Oct. 10th

Back by Popular Demand, to speak about the Iran Nuclear Crisis.

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Contact Alan Schall or Neil Kaplan: schallie@comcast.net

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Sisterhood Fall Event



Wednesday, October 20 at 7PM.

Lecture by Shimona Tzukernik
Fall Boutique Shopping to follow.

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Questions? Contact Yafitte Bendory at 973-477-9224
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Simchat Torah - Bereishit continued

Rosh Hashanah is the day of the year in which the universe was completed. It is, therefore, proper and befitting on Rosh Hashanah that the service should contain such appropriate phraseology recalling that it was through ten Divine utterances that the world came into being.

Thus, by praying with a minyan of ten people and by reading no less than ten verses of the Torah at a congregational service, we reaffirm the purpose for which the "Ten Divine Utterances World" was created.

At this point one may stop to ponder the necessity for all these tens. Why didn't G-d simply create the entire universe with one gigantic Divine utterance? Of course, I can only assume that G-d intended to teach us a lesson: a lot of little pieces make a whole. What people do privately is good and deserving of reward, but collective reasoning and collective action are the ultimate goals. They build communities. They build worlds.

Let us band together in communal tefila. Let us band together in charity and let us band together in good thoughts for each other. If we can act together G-d will surely come to our aid and grant us a good, healthy and spiritually rewarding year.

Chag sameach.

Rabbi Shlomo Krupka

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