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Etz Chaim

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Davening Times

Shabbat Shemot

Friday, Dec 24

Candle lighting - 4:16 PM

Mincha - 4:20 PM

Saturday, Dec 25

Shacharit

Main - 9:00 AM

Z'man Kriat Shema -

9:38 AM

Rabbi's Shiur - 3:30 PM

Mincha - 4:05 PM

Shabbat Ends - 5:21 PM

Sunday

Shacharit - 8:30 AM

Mincha/Ma'ariv - 4:15 PM

Daily

Shacharit - 6:45 AM

Ma'ariv - 7:45 PM

CLASSES

Sunday

Livingston Community Kollel

11:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Monday

R. Shlomo Krupka -

8:00 PM

Tuesday

R. Daniel Fox -"Oops! I don't

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Ariela and Daniel Spialter
on the occasion of the 20th yahrzeit of Ariela's Grandfather,
Ha Rav Shlomo Ridi, z"l
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Check your mailbox. The raffles are out. Make this the most successful year ever selling raffles to everyone. There is a contest on and the whole membership can participate, the men and the women. There are prizes for those who sell the most! Good luck.

Save the date -

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"keep them in their place"

Hava nischakma lo (let us deal wisely with them) are the words of Pharaoh millennia ago as he prepared the first act of anti-Semitism against the Jewish people. Pharaoh planned the enslavement of the Jews to "keep them in their place", thus beginning a process whereby the Jews were to be enslaved for centuries.

remember if I bentched!
What should I do now?"-
8:00 PM

Arachim Lecture Series in
Hebrew - 8:30 PM

R. Natan Kapustin - 9:00 PM
@ the home of
Selene & Boaz Brickman

Wednesday

Mel Kapustin - History
9:00 PM

Thursday

Rabbi Shlomo Krupka -
Parsha Shiur - 11:30 AM

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The Ozneyim l'Torah points out the parallels between the words of Pharaoh and anti-Semites throughout the ages. Anti-Semites create the illusion of the Jews unconcerned with anything but themselves. Pharaoh says that the Jewish people are a *rav v'atzum mimenu* (they are many and stronger than us). He asks how is it possible that the Egyptians would believe that the Jews were stronger than they. They were the strongest empire of the time. He answers that what Pharaoh is saying is not that the Jews are many and stronger **than** us, but that they are many and strong **from** us (the Egyptians).

We live in a period of time that none of us would ever believe could have happened. Sixty five years after the greatest bloodletting in Jewish history there are those again who speak of mass murder of Jews and the world is silent.

How does one respond? How does one respond to the libelous charges thrown at us? How do we respond to the lies told about the Jewish people, the Jewish state

and Judaism as a whole? The answer is found in this parsha as well. It begins with Jewish unity. Moshe gathers the elders of the Jewish people and, together, they work toward the common salvation. It continues in the belief and the commitment to Jewish continuity, to the fact that the flame in the bush will not go out.

We must always remember that even one person can change Jewish destiny. His name may be Moshe, Mordechai, Esther, or (s)he may be any of us. Each of us must play our role in the battle for the survival of our people. Though there are times when the eclipse blocks out the light, time will pass and the light will shine forth again.

Shabbat shalom,
Rabbi Krupka
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