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Congregation Etz Chaim

Weekly News

THIS WEEK - Change the clocks Saturday night: move one hour back.

Michael Sachs, AIPAC's Northeast Regional Director, this Shabbat.

Rosh Chodesh Kislev Sunday and Monday.

Kristallnacht Joint Program at Suburban Torah Center, Wednesday, 7:30 PM.

Two Blessings.....Rabbi's Message...

Davening Times

Shabbat Mevorchim

Friday, Nov. 5
Candle lighting - 5:30
Mincha - 5:35 PM

Saturday, Oct. 30
Shacharit
Main - 9:00 AM
Sephardic -9:10 AM

Rabbi's Shiur - 4:40 PM
Mincha - 5:20 PM

Shabbat Ends - 6:36 PM

Sunday
Shacharit - 8:30 AM
Mincha/Ma'ariv - 4:30

Daily
Shacharit - 6:45 AM
Ma'ariv - 7:45 PM

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Sylvia and Arthur Stark in honor of their son, Adam, who has completed with distinction his service in the Paratrooper Brigade of the Israel Defense Forces.

Israel Action

**Mike Sachs, AIPAC's Northeast Regional Director
November 6 after 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 purchase tickets on our website at www.fidf.org

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CLASSES

Sunday -

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

Monday -

R. Shlomo Krupka - 8:00 PM

Tuesday -

Arachim Lecture in ENGLISH -

R. DAVID ORDMAN 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

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, special 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.

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SAVE THE DATES:

DECEMBER 11

MARLCOLM HOENLEIN, SHABBAT SPEAKER

BOWLING - SATURDAY NIGHT

JANUARY 15

RABBI SARNA, SHABBAT SPEAKER

CASINO NIGHT -SATURDAY NIGHT

Building News

We are all aware that Synagogues have been targetted by terrorists. In compliance with Homeland Security, we are making efforts to have the building and everyone in it be secure. Our cameras and exterior doorlocks are operational and being monitored in the Office. To come into the building during office hours, please buzz. All secutity is continuing to be upgraded. You will continue to be notified..

Member News

We are happy to announce that two of Etz Chaim's members, Dr. Michael Rieber and Deborah Shapiro, are now on the Livingston Town Council. The result of the vote for Oliver Shapiro is still pending. Yasher Koach!

SISTERHOOD

We want to extend a great big thank you to all the women who attended this past month's Fall Event and helped make it a great

success, and many thanks also to everyone - men and women - who worked on the event to help make it happen and run so smoothly. [Click here for pictures of the evening.](#)

PARSHAT TOLDOT Two Blessings - Rabbi's message

Choosing the correct blessing is quite an art. A guest at a Bar Mitzvah wanted to congratulate the proud parents and said: "I hope you have lots of makat from your son." She meant nachas, but this just shows that although her knowledge of Yiddish/Hebrew was minimal, she did understand the message that she wished to bestow through her blessing.

Our Torah Reading tells us of the blessings which Isaac (Yitzchak) conferred upon his sons Esav and Yaakov. Nothing is more meaningful than when a parent confers a blessing upon his/her child. The parent considers the strengths and weaknesses of each child, and offers a prayer for the child's continued development. In doing so, the parent is acting as G-d's partner in the life and development of that child. Yitzchak's blessing of his sons is an important chapter in the relationship of every parent and his/her child.

It may be asked how Yitzchak could have blessed Esav. Was Yitzchak so blind, so insensitive, so senile, that he was unaware of Esav's unworthiness? The fact is, however, that Yitzchak knew his children well and blessed them appropriately.

The blessing which Yitzchak intended for Esav but conferred upon Yaakov was a material blessing. It did no harm that this blessing came to Yaakov after all. The blessing which Yitzchak intended for Yaakov, namely, the heritage of Avraham, was a spiritual blessing. Yitzchak conferred it upon Yaakov without hesitation because it could only go to Yaakov.

We may not have twin children, but we have it in our power to confer twin blessings, one material and the other spiritual. It is our obligation to do so.

This Shabbat, as you bless your children at the Shabbat table, explain to them the legacy of which they are a part. As you wish them success, have in mind that we as parents must succeed in teaching them values, our values, to pass on to the next generation.

Shabbat Shalom
Rabbi Shlomo Krupka
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