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### Davening Times

#### Shabbat Vayechi

Friday, Dec 17  
Candle lighting - 4:13 PM  
Mincha - Check with Shul

#### Saturday, Dec 18 Shacharit

Main - 9:00 AM  
Sephardic - 9:10 AM  
Z'man Kriat Shema - 9:35  
Rabbi's Shiur - 3:30 PM  
Mincha - 3:55 PM  
Shabbat Ends - 5:18 PM

#### Sunday

Shacharit - 8:30 AM  
Mincha/Ma'ariv - 4:15 PM

#### Daily

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

### FAST of Asara B'Tevet

Friday - Tomorrow  
10 Tevet/December 17  
Fast begins - 6:00 AM  
Shacharit - 6:40 AM  
Mincha - 3:55 PM  
Fast ends - 5:15 PM

### CLASSES

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

### KIDDUSH SPONSOR

Rona and Greg Wall in Honor of Abey's 9th Birthday...  
Happy Birthday and Mazel Tov!!!

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### Save the date - Shabbat, January 15

### Rabbi Sarna- dynamic NYU Hillel Rabbi

### Casino night Saturday night

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SAVE THE DATE - APRIL 6th - WEDNESDAY

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### From the Youth Committee:

Out of respect for the place in which we daven, please ask your children not to throw their snack wrappers on the floors and in the hallways. In addition, given the fact that many of our children have fatal nut allergies, please do not bring any snacks from home into groups. If your child must have snacks from home, they must be completely nut free and cannot be made in a facility or on equipment which processes nuts. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

### 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

Mel Kapustin - History  
9:00 PM

### Thursday

Rabbi Shlomo Krupka -  
Parsha Shiur - 11:30 AM

### Quick Links

[Etz Chaim Website](http://EtzChaimWebsite.com)  
[kosher.com](http://kosher.com)  
[kosher.com circular](http://kosher.com/circular)

**The Coat Drive produced not only coats, but sweaters, fleeces, ski pants and other winter clothes which have been brought to Jersey Cares. Thank you, Susan Feder and thank you Etz Chaim Members!!!**

## THANK YOU...THANK YOU..

Alon Rothschild and Neil Kaplan for the wonderful bowling evening.

## Member News

### **Mazel Tov!!!!Mazel Tov!!!!Mazel Tov!!!!Mazel Tov!!!!!!!**

**To Rabbi Yisroel and Chavi Rosenblum on the birth of a baby girl Wed., 12/15, at 2:50 AM weighing 7lbs. 11 oz. Mazel Tov! Mazel Tov!! L' Torah, L'Chupah, L'Ma'asim Tovim....**

### **Two Legacies -- One Future**

The rabbinic rule that the contents of a haftorah be related to that of the weekly Torah reading is clearly apparent in this week's parsha. The Torah reading speaks of the death of Yaakov, and the haftorah speaks of the death of Dovid Hamelech (King David). Not only the subject, but even the language is similar.

One might ask, in seeking a similarity to the death of Yaakov, why choose Dovid, Why not Shlomo or Shmuel, or any other great navi?

Perhaps the answer goes beyond merely the fact of their two deaths. With respect to both leaders, there are written similar expressions of immortality: "Jacob our father did not die", and King David yet lives". These statements connect with two personalities, thereby helping to explain the selection of this particular haftorah for this Shabbat.

On the surface, these two expressions are curious, as they appear to contradict the historical facts stated in the two readings. However, it is not difficult to ascertain that the readings deal with the deaths in the physical sense, while the two statements refer to certain qualities of Yaakov and Dovid that will remain with us for all eternity. These are attributes which serve as pillars of our lives, ideals toward which we must constantly strive.

Yaakov obviously embodies many midot, but the one which is emphasized seems to be the quality of emet, truthfulness and honesty. The legacy of Yaakov reminds us that one of the things upon which the world must stand is emet.

Dovid's legacy is equally vital. It is the legacy of achdut, unity. He was, perhaps the first to join together all the tribes with divergent interests under one 'roof'. We all recognize the value of achdut. Let's look at the definition. Unity means that we can have a diversity under a single banner of Torah, that we accept the right of each of us to our way of Torah life.

Yaakov and Dovid Hamelech leave us with two indispensable legacies, ideals to which we must strive and build. The extent to which we reach out to these goals will determine the truth of "Jacob our father did not die" and "King David yet lives".

Rabbi Krupka  
Shabbat shalom

