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Congregation Etz Chaim

Weekly News

THIS WEEK

Hard At Work -- Rabbi's Message

Chanukah Boutique - at the Shul - Tues 7-9:30 PM

Thanksgiving - Enjoy your turkey

Davening Times

Shabbat Vayishlach

Friday, Nov. 19

Candle lighting - 4:19
Mincha - 4:24 PM

Saturday, Nov 20

HASHKAMA - 7:45 AM
Shacharit
Main - 9:00 AM
Sephardic - 9:10 AM
Rabbi's Shiur - 3:30 PM
Mincha - 4:09 PM
Shabbat Ends - 5:25 PM

Sunday & Thursday (& Possibly Friday)

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

Daily

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

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KIDDUSH SPONSORS

Marci & Jeffrey Lefkovits on the anniversary of Jeffrey's Bar Mitzvah parsha and in Memory of Jeff's grandfather, Miklos Shmuts (Meir ben Yitchak) for his yahrzeit.

Getting ready for CHANUKAH ??!!!

The menorahs have been erected outside our building.

These Chanukah Menorahs were dedicated by Suzanne and Miles Berger in Memory of Suzanne's father, Naftali Herzecah ben Aryeh.

GIFT SHOP

DO YOU NEED GIFTS? SOMETHING FOR CHANUKAH FOR YOUR HOME? SHOP IN OUR SHUL...SUPPORT THE SHUL...

This Tues: 7PM - 9:30 PM At the Shul!!!!

We will have displays for merchandise, childrens gifts, books all for Chanukah! Come one, come all!!!!

SAVE THE DATES:

DECEMBER 11

- MALCOLM HOENLEIN, SHABBAT SPEAKER
- BOWLING - SATURDAY NIGHT

JANUARY 15

- RABBI SARNA, SHABBAT SPEAKER

and enter **KOSHERCEC** in the synagogue ID. 5% of all of your orders will go to the shul.

Enter **CEC1ST** to **save 20%** off your first order!

Order by 3PM on Tuesdays for Wednesday delivery

SPECIAL THANKSGIVING DELIVERY SCHEDULE

DELIVERY DAY FOR THE WEEK OF NOV. 21-27 WILL CHANGE TO MONDAY, NOVEMBER 22

YOU MUST PLACE YOUR ORDER BY SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 21 AT 3PM

HELP WANTED

Hard to believe, but the Sisterhood is already talking about **Purim!**



We will again be using happypurim.com for our Mishloach Manot baskets and are looking for someone to do the computer end of the job - a little data entry, reporting, emails, etc.

For more information contact Shelley Paradis, 973-716-0632

- CASINO NIGHT - SATURDAY NIGHT

youth corner

Please note, junior congregation for grades 1-6 will meet every Shabbat in the basement at 10:15.

**Teen minyan at 9:45 upstairs.
Thanks so much.**

Kiddush Chairs

To sponsor a kiddush, please call:
Kiddush Chairs:

Marci Lefkovits
973-994-1401
marcinj@comcast.net

or

Maggie Newman
973-533-4478
magsn1226@aol.com

CLASSES

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

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

Member News

Our very own **Michael Celler** is running as a member of **Team HASC** in the **ING Marathon** in Miami on **January 30th**. While he is running, he will be pushing a **HASC camper, Zack Pollack**, in his wheelchair. **Team HASC** is running to benefit **Camp HASC**, which is the only camp in the world that is geared towards providing a seven week sleep away camp experience of their own for over 300 children and adults with special needs. All sponsorships go directly to support **Camp HASC**, and are fully tax deductible. **To support Camp HASC by sponsoring Michael, please click the link!** [To sponsor Michael, click here.](#)

We are looking for one of our members to assume the role of Facebook Chairperson, as part of our PR Committee.

In an effort to attract more members and to better inform our existing membership and friends, we are moving more and more into the realm of Social Media. We currently have a functional website, www.etzchaimnj.org, and a presence on Google, Yahoo, Youtube, Flickr etc.

Facebook is the pre-eminent Social Media network in the world, with over 500 million members. Many people use Facebook as their dominant on-line communications medium. Therefore, we consider it vital to start to incorporate Facebook as part of our marketing mix.

Please call the office on 973-597-1655, if you're interested finding out more about this important role.

Hard At Work

Parshat Vayishlach

Yaakov provides Rashi and other commentaries much fruit for introspection and discussion in this week's parsha. Quoting the pasuk "Im Laban garti" (I stayed with Lavan), Rashi comments " ...v'lo lomadti mi'maasav haraim" (But I did not learn from his wicked deeds). The late rabbi of Lublin, Rabbi Meir Shapiro, zt"l, offers a startling comment on the Rashi. He says that Yaakov criticized himself because he did not learn an important lesson from the way Lavan conducted himself. Just as Lavan put forth all his ingenuity and energy in conducting his devious business, so should Yaakov have used the same dedication and unswerving devotion to serve Hashem and perform mitzvot.

The Rabbainu Yona says that "tzarich adam lachshov machshauot uleha'alot eitzot aich yaaseh mitzvah", one must make an effort and give profound thought in order to develop plans on how to perform mitzvot. Mitzvot will not be properly performed without striving and deliberate efforts on all our parts.

The same is true with all important things in life. Nothing can succeed unless we are committed to our task. We must exert the necessary efforts to support this commitment; it cannot be in name only. We must pursue our goals and ideals more vigorously than do those who are like Lavan. We must be "lomed mi'maasehem", we should take lessons from them.

To be a Jew means using our hearts and souls just as Lavan did, but focusing our energies on the good with every effort in our extensive arsenals.

Shabbat Shalom
Rabbi Shlomo Krupka
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