

# SHABBAT WEEKLY NEWSLETTER Shabbat Parshat Ki Tavo, September 4-5/ Elul 15-16 Eruv is up!!!!

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# SHABBAT SCHEDULE

## FRIDAY, September 4

Candle lighting 7:03 PM

Special Musical Kabbalat Shabbat highlighted your own talent leading the Kabbalat Shabbat with guest D'var Torahs!!!! Join us and listen to the SHOFAR!!!!

Everyone is invited to join!

Join us on zoom at 6:00 PM!

## **SHABBAT, September 5**

Shachrit Service at MKHC! 9:45 AM - 11:15 AM.

This week we will **read from the Torah**, recite the **Haftorah** and say **Mussaf**.

Of course, masks and social distancing are mandatory.

There will be **chumashim and siddurim** available for those who have signed

# WELCOME IN THE SHABBAT SPIRIT!



as we prepare for the High Holidays Join MKHC for a spirited and spiritual musical Kabbalat Shabbat experience where we will be BLOWING THE SHOFAR together! FRIDAY, Sept 4

Sponsored by Larry Horowitz in honor of the Yahrtzeit of his mother, Martha Horowitz, Esther bas Anshel A\*H.

6:00 PM

JOIN WITH ZOOM: To join "in person" using Zoom click HERE https://zoom.us/j/8406565279

> OR CALL: 1 (929) 205 - 6099 And enter the access code: 840 656 5279

up. They will be personally labeled and stored in plastic bags. **Please return** them to YOUR labeled bag after the service.

Enjoy kiddush at your home after coming to shul!

lf you would like to join the minyan click HERE!!!

> Shabbat concludes/ Havdala at 8:10 PM

## Parshat Ki Tavo

The beautiful mitzvah of Bikkurim opens Parshat Ki Tavo. A farmer, after spending the winter and spring months planting, watering and pruning his orchards, surveys his crops in late spring and marks the first fruits that have started to grow. When those fruits ripen, he places the fruits in a lovely basket and travels with them to the Holy Temple. They are gifted to the kohanim as a present. While handing them to the kohain, the farmer briefly recounts outloud

our history as slaves in Egypt and retells the story of the Exodus and arrival in Israel. At the moment when the farmer enjoys the product of his year long toil, he must remember the Ultimate Source of his success and not forget those moments when his ancestors suffered as slaves in Egypt.

The balance of the parsha discusses the manifold good to be enjoyed by the Jewish nation in the Land of Israel when they follow G-d's commandments and concur themselves in a holy and worthy fashion. And then comes the "tochacha", literally the "rebuke", and the dire punishment certain to follow upon our abandoment of our faith, Torah and mitzvot. The nation will be expelled from Eretz Yisroel and forced to wander in foreign lands. Terrible troubles and persecution will follow them in this journey. There are two "rebukes" in the Torah. One in this week's Torah portion and the other, a shorter "rebuke", in the final parsha of Vayikra, Leviticus. Our sages explain that the "rebuke" in Vayikra represents our first exile after the First Temple, a relatively short journey in Persia lasting merely seventy years until the Second Temple was rebuilt. The "rebuke" in this week's parsha foreshadows the present exile, the one that followed the destruction of the Second Temple and has continued for nearly two thousand years. May we soon be redeemed!!!!

#### Devarim, Deuteronomy chapter 26 verse 1 through chapter 29 verse 8.

The sixth of the "seven haftorahs of comfort". "Arise...for the glory of G-d is shining upon you." This chapter of Isaiah relates the peace, tranquility and success we will enjoy in our permanent return to Zion and Israel. "No further voice of plunder nor sound of enemy will be heard in your boundaries." And finally the haftora concludes "May the young one blossom into a mighty nation..."

Isaiah, chapter 60 verses 1 through 22.

## TWO CLASSES ON TEFILA!

We will meet on **Sunday morning**, <u>September 6</u> at 9:45 **AM** to study the deeper meaning of **the shema** in the shachrit prayer.

**On Monday evening**, <u>September 14</u> at 7:30 PM, Rabbi Greer will lead a class centering on High Holiday practices during the 1831 Cholera Pandemic.

To join, CALL or use ZOOM (information below!)





## DISCOVER THE MEANING OF ROSH HASHANAH FRUITS!

#### On SEPTEMBER 9 at 8:00pm

Join **Rebbetzin Sima Greer** for a discussion on the different customs and meanings of the fruits we eat on Rosh Hashanah eve.

Everyone is invited to share their unique foods and customs that portend a good omen for the coming year.

POINT TO PONDER: As Jews Do We Even Believe In Omens?

<u>To join, CALL or use ZOOM</u> (information below!)

## BYOL (Bring Your Own L'Chaim) EVENT!

Rabbi Betzalel Alpert's class for men exploring and discussing Jewish philosophy will meet next on Thursday evening, <u>September 10</u> at 7:30PM. Join us for a fantastic analysis of Jewish philosophy and thought while sipping a cold l'chaim or soda. Please join at our MKHC "zoom" Beit Medrash.

> <u>To join, CALL or use ZOOM</u> (information below!)





# GIFT BASKETS FROM THE MKHC SISTERHOOD!

On **Thursday**, <u>September 17</u> in the afternoon, MKHC Sisterhood will help us welcome in the New Year with beautiful **gift** 

## MAZEL TOV! BRIT MILAH AT MKHC!

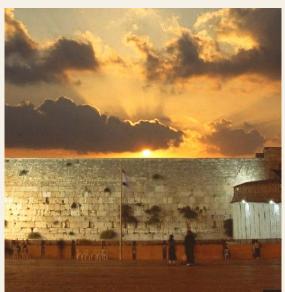
#### Mazel Tov to Yossi and Jordana

**Nordlicht** upon the birth of a beautiful baby boy this past Tuesday morning. Information about the "**zoom**" **brit milah** will be made available to allow all to join in this lovely simcha.

May they merit to raise their young son to a life of Torah, Jewish marriage and good deeds.

**baskets**. We are hoping to provide at the same time machzorim for your use during our services at the same time on a first come, first serve basis. *Stay tuned for details and exact time*.





## **SIGN UP FOR SELICHOT!**

MKHC is delighted that **Cantor Joshua Kaplan** will once again lead us in selichot on <u>Saturday evening September 12</u>, at **9:30 PM**, as we embark upon our High Holiday season of prayer and reflection.

We will host an <u>in-person service</u> in our synagogue at **15 Stewart Place** (sign-up, masks and social distancing) and it will be carried on **zoom** for those who desire to participate from the comfort of their homes.

#### **CLICK HERE TO SIGN UP!**

## THE HIGH HOLIDAYS AT MKHC!

Exciting and detailed preparation is being undertaken by the board to insure that we will all have a meaningful, safe, spiritually uplifting and inspiring **Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur.** 

A large, open-sided tent will be erected at 60 Green Street, Mount Kisco (Mount Kisco Court House) with additional space in back on a lovely grassy knoll. Julian Horowitz, Founding Member, and Musical Director of the Maccabeats will serve as our cantor this year for the High Holidays and lead us in a song-filled service and Rabbi Dov Greer will blow the shofar.

Please look out for further emails from the Board of Directors regarding the High Holidays and kindly respond in a prompt fashion. We are honored to be able to provide High Holiday services for our kehilla and are endeavoring to accommodate your families and guests. Your timely responses enable us to continue to do so.



## MKHC CEMETERY PLOTS AVAILABLE

MKHC maintains its own cemetery in Shrub Oak, Westchester County. There are still plots available and those who are interested should please contact Dan Figa at (914) 557-1413. May we all merit a long life until one hundred twenty years!



MKHC NEVER CLOSES! SO, WE STILL NEED YOUR HELP! Click HERE to sponsor a zoom class, event, or email newsletter!

FOR ALL MKHC EVENTS To join "in person" using Zoom click HERE <u>https://zoom.us/j/8406565279</u> Or call: 1 (929) 205 - 6099 and enter the access code: 840 656 5279

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