

Youth Happenings @ Congregation Etz Chaim



March 3 Parshat Ki Tisa, 9 Adar 5778

Ki Tisa Times & Numbers:

Candle Lighting- 5:32pm
 Mincha- 5:35pm
 Shacharit- 9:00 am
 Teen Minyan- 9:45
 Jr. Congregation- 10:15
 Tot Shabbat- 10:15
 Mincha -5:30
 Shabbat Ends- 6:41 pm



NUMBER OF MITZVOT: 9

4 Mitzvot Aseh (positive commandment)

5 Mitzvah lo Taseh (negative commandment)

NUMBER OF PESUKIM: 139

NUMBER OF WORDS: 2002

NUMBER OF LETTERS: 7424

TAKING CARE OF BUSINESS

Something is amiss. Moshe comes down from Har Sinai and meets Yehoshua who has been camped by the mountain for forty days waiting for Moshe to come back. The two of them make their way to the camp, Moshe carrying the heavy sapphire Ten Commandments. As they approach the camp, to their horror, they find the image of a gold calf. The *Eirev Rav* and a group of Jews dance around & sing with great joy. Moshe cannot tolerate this! He throws down the *Luchot*, shattering them into many pieces, shouting at the Jews, "It's not even 40 days since *Hashem*, Himself, spoke to you, and now you have mocked His laws and created an idol."

The next morning Moshe burns the golden calf & grinds the gold into fine powder, mixes it w/water and makes the Jews drink. Why? You're not allowed to kill a sinner unless he's been warned. On top of that, a lot of Jews were bullied into worshipping the golden calf. So you can't tell who really sinned, who was forced and who was just standing around. Anyone who's innocent is not affected by the drink. But whoever took part in the idolatry finds the mixture to be a belly bloating experience. Their stomachs get bigger & bigger until they pop! Moshe says that whoever did not donate any gold to the *Eigel Hazahav* (idol of gold) should come to him. Most of *Bnai Yisrael* did not take part in this sin. But pockets of sinners from every *shevet* taint the 12 *sh'vatim*. Only *Shvet Levi*, and the *Nesiyim* have resisted the rebellion. Peer pressure is a powerful force. Read the rest of the parsha and you'll see that Hashem is very merciful, but not to everyone. The lesson is: Be very careful who you follow.



EDUCATE * ELEVATE * SPRAYPAINT

ARTISTS 4 ISRAEL ARE COMING!!
 (See reverse for more details.)

"Quote of the Week"

"When one looks truly at the good side of everyone, others come to love him very naturally, and he does not need even a speck of flattery."

-Rav Avraham Yitzchak HaCohen Kook

FRIDAY NIGHT RAFFLE!

You must be in shul to win!

Returns NEXT WEEK 3/9:

New Drone! Complete with HD camera, WIFI, and 2 batteries for extra long flying time!



DID YOU KNOW.....

Did you know that the creation of the state of Israel in 1948 was quite harmful to nearly a million Jews living in Arab countries? Much is heard about the plight of the Palestinian refugees from the aftermath of the War of Independence & 1967 Six Day War, but little is said about the Jews who were forced to flee from Arab states. There were 820,000 Jewish refugees from Arab states between 1948-1972; nearly all of which had their properties and possessions confiscated by their countries... the UN has never tried to get compensation for these Jews.

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THE FIRST KID WHO TELLS YONI THE ANSWER GETS \$3 MM, THE SECOND GETS \$2, & THE THIRD GETS \$1- NO TELLING THE ANSWER!

The Golden Calf- what a foolish act
But more gold cows were made- it's a fact
Tell me the Jewish leader who did this sin
Look in the Book of Kings & you could win

Last Week-

Why was Boaz not such a good man before he got married?

A- Because he was Ruthless!



ATTENTION ETZ CHAIM FAMILIES

The JRA needs you- and your cars- to help pack and deliver food packages for very needy families and handicapped individuals.

Please help us **THIS Sunday, March 4th**
from 9:45am- 11:30pm @ Etz Chaim.
Light refreshments served.

ISRAEL THROUGH THE AGES

Our free ongoing class for grades 8-12 will return Tuesday

March 20th @ 5:45pm. Dinner & snacks served. Next class:

THE RISE AND FALL OF BAR KOCHVA

ISRAEL IN THE PARSHA

JENNIFER ROMANOFF'S CLASS WILL CONTINUE TUESDAY THE 20TH FOLLOWING YONI'S CLASS.

MIDOT MATTER MOST: STAND FOR THE ELDERLY WHEN THEY ENTER THE ROOM. NOT JUST BECAUSE THE TORAH SAYS SO, BUT BECAUSE IT'S THE RIGHT THING TO DO.

Altruism- Al-tru-ism

(אַלְטְרוּיִזְמוּ) n.

1. Unselfish concern for the welfare of others; selflessness.
2. Zoology-behavior by an animal that is not beneficial to or may be harmful to itself but that benefits others of its species.



SUBURBAN TORAH



PRESENTS

ARTISTS 4 ISRAEL

SUNDAY, MARCH 11- 10AM
CONGREGATION ETZ CHAIM



EVERY CHILD WILL GET TO PAINT THEIR OWN ISRAEL PAINTING ON A CANVAS. THEN DURING AN ISRAEL EDUCATION SESSION THE ARTISTS 4 ISRAEL WILL TOUCH UP EACH PAINTING MAKING IT AS COOL AS POSSIBLE, AND THEN EACH KID CAN BRING THEIR NEW ISRAEL PAINTING HOME!

\$10 PER CHILD, \$30 FAMILY MAX

OPEN TO GRADES K-12

(SESSIONS DIVIDED BY GRADES)

ARTISTS 4 ISRAEL PRIDES ITSELF ON ITS DYNAMISM, AND ABILITY TO RESPOND TO CURRENT EVENTS WITH TIMELY, ARTS-BASED RESPONSES TO PRESSING SOCIAL MATTERS THAT AFFECT THE PERCEPTION OF ISRAEL. ONE OF THE MOST TRAGIC ISSUES OF OUR GENERATION IS THE MISGUIDED BDS MOVEMENT WHICH SEEKS TO STIFLE CREATIVITY AND CENSOR ART. ARTISTS 4 ISRAEL COMBATS THE BDS MOVEMENT THROUGH EDUCATION AND PRO-ISRAEL ART.



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