

Youth Happenings @ Congregation Etz Chaim



April 21, Parsha Tazria Metzora, 6 Iyar 5778

Tazria- Metzora Times & Numbers:

Candle Lighting- 7:24pm
Mincha- 7:00pm
Shacharit- 9:00 am
Teen Minyan- 9:45
Jr. Congregation- 10:15
Tot Shabbat- 10:15
Mincha -7:20
Shabbat Ends- 8:33 pm



TAZRIA: NUMBER OF MITZVOT: 7
5 MITZVOT ASEH (POSITIVE COMMANDMENT)
2 MITZVOT LO TAASEH (NEGATIVE COMMANDMENT – PROHIBITION)
NUMBER OF PESUKIM: 67
NUMBER OF WORDS: 1010
NUMBER OF LETTERS: 3667

METZORAH: NUMBER OF MITZVOT: 11
11 MITZVOT ASEH
0 MITZVOT LO TAASEH
NUMBER OF PESUKIM: 90
NUMBER OF WORDS: 1274
NUMBER OF LETTERS: 4657

NAME THAT JEW!

First 3 with the correct response at Jr.
Congregation win \$1 in Mitzvah Money:



**LUNCH AT THE YOUTH HOUSE FOR
ALL TEENS IN GRADES 8-12.
SHABBAT OF MAY 5th- 12:00pm.**

PLEASE RSVP WITH YONI.

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SORTS OF SPOTS

Tzaraat is a main part of this parsha. It is a condition where the skin develops white spots. *Tzaraat* is commonly called leprosy, but that's a mistake. This is a disease brought upon by *Hashem* and usually for the sin of *Lashon Hora* (Speaking negatively about others). But it doesn't stop with the skin. It could even be found on clothing, houses and household items. This is to awaken a person so that they should examine their deeds and do *Teshuva* (repent). This is a spiritual disease and it takes a *Kohain*, not a doctor, to get a diagnosis and have it cured. There are four degrees of *Tzara'at*, each one is a spot of a different color!

1. Bright white as snow is the most severe it is called *Baheret*.
2. *Sapachat Baheret*, is a milder case of the first. It is compared to the color of the plaster on the walls of the *Kodesh*.
3. Next is a darker white version, *S'ait*, which looks like clear white wool.
4. A milder version of *S'ait*, is *Sapachat S'ait*, which is an eggshell color. Anything darker is not *Tzara'at*.

"Quote of the Week"

"Man is wise only while in search of wisdom; when he imagines he has attained it, he is a fool."

-Rabbi Solomon ibn Gabirol

DID YOU KNOW.....

Did you know that Brigadier-General Avigdor Kahalani might be the greatest hero alive? Seriously. During the Yom Kippur War Syria outnumbered Israeli tanks in the Golan by more than 7 to 1!

Israel had under 180 tanks, the Syrians had over 1200! There were many fierce battles and Israel was eventually down to only 12 tanks. Syria was incredibly close to taking over all of the Golan and then northern Israel. But finding incredible bravery and words of inspiration, General Kahalani inspired his remaining men to charge 200 Syrian tanks, wiping out 80 of them and repelling the Syrian attack. He didn't only save the Golan, but maybe all of Israel. Take a few minutes and look up Avigdor Kahalani and all the full details of his life and the rest of this story. What an absolutely amazing Jew!

YIDDLE RIDDLE ??????

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

The other week three Halperns received
all three aliyot at Monday shacharit. How
was this possible?

Last Week-

Oink oink, snort snort,
Look in a chumash you must resort
Find two pesukim that mention pig or swine
Pigs aren't kosher, they have only one sign
A- Shemini 11:7, Re'eh 14:8

FRIDAY AFTERNOON BASKETBALL IS BACK!

**FRIDAY, APRIL 27- 4:30
AT THE YOUTH HOUSE!
GRADES 7 AND UP.
WEATHER PERMITTING.**



ISRAEL THROUGH THE AGES

Our free ongoing class for
grades 8-12 will return
Monday, April 23 @ 5:45PM.
Dinner & snacks served.
Next class:

FROM THE DUST ARISE!

ISRAEL IN THE PARSHA

JENNIFER ROMANOFF'S
CLASS WILL CONTINUE
MONDAY THE 23RD BEFORE
YONI'S CLASS.

**MIDOT MATTER MOST:
NO LASHON HARA!
REMEMBER:
IT'S ALWAYS BETTER TO SAY
TOO LITTLE THAN TOO MUCH!**

Altruism- Al-tru-ism

(אַלְטְרוּיִזְמוֹ) 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.

RAV YEHOShUA BEN LEVI- 3RD CENTURY CE

Rabbi Yehoshua ben Levi (RYBL) was an amora (Rabbi of the Talmud) who lived in Israel in the first half of the third century. He headed the school of Lydda in southern Israel. He was an elder contemporary of R' Yochanan bar Nappacha and Resh Lakish, who presided over the school in Tiberias. It is uncertain whether the name "ben Levi" meant the son of Levi, whom some identify with Levi ben Sisi, or a descendant of the tribe of Levi. Rabbi Joshua ben Levi studied under Bar Kappara, whom he often quoted. But RYBL considered his greatest indebtedness to Rabbi Judah ben Pedaiah, from whom he learned a great number of legal rulings. RYBL had a gentle disposition. Though wealthy, he was known for his modesty and piety, and whenever he instituted public fasting and prayer, it was said that his appeals were answered. RYBL was often sent as a delegate to the Roman governor, as it is believed he also had a very pleasant appearance to go with his keen intellect and saintly demeanor. His son married the daughter of R' Yehuda Hanasi (the Prince).

His love of peace prevented him from making any attacks against the words of the heretics. And he forbore cursing one of them, pronouncing rather Psalm 145:9, "God's mercies extend over all His creatures." His love of justice and his concern that the innocent might suffer on account of the guilty (Babylonian Talmud Yoma 19b) led him to speak against the custom then prevailing of removing from office a chazzan who, by omitting certain blessings, had aroused the suspicion of heresy.

RYBL was a favorite hero in Jewish legend. He was often made to be the companion of Eliyahu in the latter's wanderings on earth. (Pesikta 36a.) He also had legendary dealings with the Angel of Death. (Babylonian Talmud Berakhot 51a.) While yet alive, he was permitted to visit Heaven and the nether world, and he sent a description of what he saw there to R' Gamaliel through the submissive Angel of Death. Many of the legends relating to RYBL have been collected in separate small works entitled "Ma'aseh de-Rabbi Yehoshua' ben Levi" and "Masseket Gan 'Eden we-Gehinnom." There is a debate regarding a grave in Tzipori that some believe is his resting place.