

Youth Happenings @ Congregation Etz Chaim



December 3, 2016, Parsha Toldot 3 Kislev 5777

Toldot Times & Number.

Candle Lighting- 4:12
 Mincha- 4:15
 Shacharit- 9:00 am
 Teen Minyan- 9:45
 Junior Cong.- 10:15
 Tot Shabbat- 10:15 upstairs
 Mincha- 4:10 pm
 Yoni Gold will be speaking at Seudah Shlishit
 Shabbat Ends- 5:15



NO MITZVOT IN THIS PARSHA
NUMBER OF PESUKIM:106
NUMBER OF WORDS: 1432
NUMBER OF LETTERS: 5426

RIGHTING THE "BIRTH-WRONG"

One day when the twins are 15, Esav comes back from the hunt empty handed, exhausted and hungry. He heads for the kitchen and finds Yaakov cooking up some red lentils. On that day, their grandfather Avraham has died and Yaakov is preparing a special mourner's meal for those sitting *Shiva*. Esav eyes the food and makes a desperate attempt to get a bite. "I'm exhausted," Esav cries. "Give me a swallow of this red stuff (and some of the red wine too.)" Yaakov sees this as the perfect opportunity to right a wrong. You see, Yaakov was supposed to be the *B'chor* but Esav was born first, so he's got the rights of the firstborn coming to him. That includes a double portion of the family wealth and, more important, special *brachot* from his father. Yaakov knows that he is meant to have the *brachot* and to be the *B'chor*. After all, what would Esav do with a bunch of *brachot*? He barely believes in *Hashem!* This hunting dry-spell is Yaakov's ticket to birthright destiny. So here's what Yaakov does...

"Sure I'll give you some of my delicious stew, Esav," Yaakov says, "but I want one little thing in return - your birthright."

"No problem," replies Esav. "What do I need that for!? Now shovel the red stuff down my throat!"



So Yaakov feeds Esav and walks off with a pretty sweet deal - the privileges of the first born. Esav heads back out to the fields to hunt, all the while making fun of Yaakov and the birthright. If Yaakov was not a *Tzadik* you could say he got the last laugh, but a *Tzadik* like Yaakov doesn't laugh at another's misfortune- nor should we.

NEW BEGINNER TEFILLAH CLASS

Last week's Beginner's Tefillah Class was such a success we will be doing it again on December 17th!

Led by our very own **Rabbi David Bendory**, we now offer a beginner's learning prayer service open to men, women and teens. Rabbi Bendory will take you on a journey through our Siddur as you will learn the ins and outs of davening.

CHANUKAH!
SAVE THE DATE!
SATURDAY NIGHT
DECEMBER, 24th

Join us for an amazing performance by

Jacob D'eustachio- Comedian Juggler!
 Plus our annual Chanukah raffle and another exciting surprise! Food will be served.

A HUGE MAZEL TOV TO KYLE SHRAGA ON HIS BAR MITZVAH THIS SHABBAS. MAZEL TO HIS PARENTS, SIBLINGS AND VISITING GRANDPARENTS!



DID YOU KNOW.....

Did you know that first Jewish U.S. governor elected into office was Washington Bartlett of California? Bartlett was elected into office in 1887 after spending four years as the mayor of San Francisco. Unfortunately Governor Bartlett passed away eight months after taking office at age 63. To date California has not had another Jewish Governor in office.

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MIDDLE RIDDLE ??????

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

There's a neighborhood you might find
With the Ultra-Orthodox the streets are lined
Just look in the Parsha and try to be to be quick
To find the answer there's no real trick

Last Week:

Og visits Sarah with news of Akaydat Yitzchak
He says her son's dead and she dies of shock
This is a Torah story that you may know
But this great Rav proves it probably wasn't so

MORAH GOLDSTEIN & YONI GOLD ARE BOTH RETURNING THIS SHABBAT DEC. 3-

-SHABBAT DAY: MIDDLE SCHOOL GIRLS-UPSTAIRS WITH MORAH GOLDSTEIN IN CLASSROOM 2 AT 10:15.

-ALL MIDDLE-SCHOOLERS ARE INVITED TO JOIN YONI & MORAH GOLDSTEIN AT THE KLIBANOFF'S FOR LUNCH AT 12:30

SHABBAS MAGIC!

With Magician **JOE GILL**

Our incredible monthly magic workshop!

Returning this Shabbat Dec. 17th
For grades 1-7 only.

LEARN HOW TO DO MAGIC, ILLUSIONS, AND JUGGLING!

MIDOT MATTER MOST: RUMORS CAN INJURE A PERSON JUST AS BADLY AS BULLETS.

Altruism- Al·tru·ism

(אַלְטְרוּיִזְם) 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.

TORAH GREATS: RABBI YONATAN BEN UZIEL

Rabbi Yonatan ben Uziel (RYBU) lived during the century preceding the destruction of the Second Temple. His teacher was the great Rav, Hillel.

It was said that when he studied Torah, any bird that flew over his head would be burnt (Sukkah 28a). This can be understood to mean that any scholar who attempted to refute his halachic teachings would not succeed.

RYBU translated the Torah and Prophets (Neveim) into Aramaic. The translation evoked a storm of criticism that it "rocked Eretz Yisrael over the area of 400 parsa by 400 parsa, and a Heavenly voice came forth and demanded to know 'Who is it that revealed My secrets to man.' Yonatan ben Uziel stood up and said, "It was I that revealed your secrets. It is revealed and known before You that I did not do it for my own father's house, but for Your honor, in order that disputes shall not multiply in Israel." To this day "Targum Yonatan" is an integral commentary, especially in the books of Neveim (Prophets).

RYBU wanted to also translate The Writings (Ketuvim) into Aramaic, but a heavenly voice told him "Enough" (Megilah 3a). He was prevented by Heaven so that he would not reveal the secrets of the final redemption. He is also said to have written a book of kabbalah known as *Megadnim*

Rabbi Yonatan Ben Uziel's Tomb in the Gallil is located near the community settlement of Mitzpe Amuka. Though there is no concrete evidence, it is believed that RYBU died without having been married and/or without children. It is therefore believed that his place of burial is considered to have a special power of assistance for anyone praying to find a shiduch (marriage match) or have children. His grave in Amuka is particularly visited on the 26th of Sivan which is believed to be the date of the great Rabbi's death.