

# Youth Happenings @ Congregation Etz Chaim

**Dec. 15, Parshat Miketz, 28 Kislev 5778**



## **Miketz Times & Numbers:**

Candle Lighting- 4:12pm  
Mincha- 4:15pm  
Shacharit- 9:00 am  
Teen Minyan- 9:45  
Jr. Congregation- 10:15  
Tot Shabbat- 10:15  
Mincha -4:10  
Shabbat Ends- 5:21 pm



NO MITZVOT IN THIS PARSHA  
NUMBER OF PESUKIM: 146  
NUMBER OF WORDS: 2022  
NUMBER OF LETTERS: 7914

## **FROM RAGS TO RICHES**

Yosef has just told Pharaoh about the seven years of famine. But what can Pharaoh do about it? Well, lucky for Pharaoh, Yosef has an environmentally sound answer: Hire a wise man to store away grain during the years of plenty so that there'll be enough to eat when the famine comes along. Yosef is the wisest man Pharaoh's ever met. Pharaoh removes his ring and places it on Yosef's finger. Next thing you know, Yosef is dressed in the finest linen and wears a gold necklace and even rides around in Pharaoh's chariot. In a matter of hours, Yosef has gone from a thirty year old jail bird to Viceroy of Egypt- second in command to the king!

There is a valuable lesson one can learn from this. Even when times are tough and it seems like hope is lost, one can never know what the future might bring. Just look at Yosef! A true rags to riches tale. And things got even better for Yosef! Pharaoh gives Yosef Potifar's daughter, Osnat, for a wife. And guess what... according to the midrash she turns out to be the daughter of Dina, who had been adopted by Potifar. See how sometimes everything is *bashert* (destined)? Even in Egypt, Yosef manages to find a nice Jewish girl! And Yosef is blessed again: Two sons are born to him before the famine years, Menashe and Ephraim.

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LEARNING BY JTEEN



## **FRIDAY NIGHT RAFFLE!**

Every week a new amazing prize will be given away- but you must be in shul to win!

**This week's prize:**

**AN HD-DRONE  
WITH AN EXTRA  
BATTERY!**



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## ***"Quote of the Week"***

*"Far be it from me to save my own life in a time of distress, for I am no better than my brothers. But I will avenge my nation and my sanctuary ..."*

-Simon Maccabee, 142 BCE

## **DID YOU KNOW.....**

Did you know that a wicked Kohen Gadol named Menelaus can be considered the real villain of Chanukah? Menelaus was from the tribe of Binyamin & NOT a Kohen. It was he who persuaded Antiochus IV to push Hellenization in Israel. He assisted Antiochus when he marched on Jerusalem, killed thousands, and plundered the Temple. This led to the Jewish revolt. Menelaus was eventually put to death by Antiochus V (by being thrown off a 75-foot tower), as part of the boy-kings concession to the Maccabees.

## MIDDLE RIDDLE ??????

Yoni is out of town this Shabbat, so this week's riddle is just for fun- enjoy!

The word Chanukah can be found  
In this Parsha so look around  
Sorry this isn't so easy,  
I hope the search doesn't make you queasy

### Last Week-

The Maccabees ruled large  
While Yehuda was in Charge  
But after he was gone  
I continued on  
A- Yonatan (Maccabee)



## ISRAEL THROUGH THE AGES

Our free ongoing class  
for grades 8-12 continues  
with Yoni Monday Dec.  
25th at 5:45pm. Dinner  
and snacks served. Next  
Week's Class:

*THE RETURN  
OF THE KINGS*

### ISRAEL IN THE PARSHA

Jennifer's class also  
returns on December 25<sup>th</sup>-  
before Yoni's class.

### MIDOT MATTER MOST:

**DON'T LET YOUR SUCCESSES GO  
TO YOUR HEAD...OTHERWISE  
THEY MAY TURN INTO FAILURES.**

Altruism- Al·tru·ism

(ăl'trō-īz'm) 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.

**Etz Chaim Youth Proudly Presents:**



FREE FUN FOR THE  
WHOLE FAMILY!!!



**A SPECIAL CHANUKAH SHOW!**

DECEMBER 17th: 10:30- 12:00pm

**Congregation Etz Chaim**

1 Lafayette Dr. Livingston, NJ

**FOLLOWED BY  
OUR BIGGEST RAFFLE EVER!**

Chanukah treats will be served.

