

Youth Happenings @ Congregation Etz Chaim

Dec. 24, 2016 Parsha Vayeshev 24 Kislev 5777



Vayeshev Times & Numbers

Candle Lighting- 4:16

Mincha- 4:20

Shacharit- 9:00 am

Teen Minyan- 9:45

Junior Cong.- 10:15

Tot Shabbat- 10:15

Mincha- 4:15 pm Shabbat Ends- 5:20



NO MITZVOT IN THIS PARSHA

NUMBER OF PESUKIM : 112

NUMBER OF WORDS: 1558

NUMBER OF LETTERS: 5972

Vayeshev is read on the *Shabbat* before *Chanukah* when *Rosh HaShanah* was not on *Shabbat*. (On rare occasions, it is *Shabbat Chanukah*, and not *Mikeitz*. When *Chanukah* starts on *Shabbat*, both *Vayeishev* & *Mikeitz* are read on *Chanukah*.)

ETZ CHAIM AND SUBURBAN TORAH YOUTH DEPARTMENTS



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DREAM WEAVER

One night Yosef dreams that he and his brothers are tying up stalks of grain in the field. Yosef's bundle rises up in the air. Then the brothers' bundles all bow down to Yosef's bundle. The next day Yosef runs out to tell his brothers all about it. This really grinds their gears. They hate him for acting so superior to them. But Yosef's immaturity and their jealousy doesn't discount the dream. It would come true. There are just a couple of details that need to unravel. Yes, his brothers will bow down to him, but they won't know it is him. They'll think it is an Egyptian Viceroy receiving the honor. And what about the stalks of grain? Little do they know that there will be a terrible famine that will force them to go to Egypt to buy grain.

Soon after, Yosef has another dream. In this one, Yosef is a star in the sky. Eleven smaller stars, the sun and the moon surround him and bow to him. Yosef has got to tell his brothers about this one! He's so excited, he doesn't even wait for his brothers to be alone. He announces his dream at the dinner table while Yaakov listens in. Yaakov's a smart man. He knows how this all looks to his other sons. They're going to hate Yosef for making them look inferior before Yaakov. So he tells Yosef that the dream is just a ridiculous illusion, especially since the moon represents Rachel, and Rachel is dead. But secretly Yaakov waits to see how this prophecy pans out.

“Quote of the Week”

“It is right to submit oneself to G-d and, being mortal, not to think oneself equal to Him”

-Antiochus IV (yes, THAT Antiochus...seriously)

DID YOU KNOW.....

Did you know that many scholars date the tradition of giving Gelt on Chanukah back to the days of the Maccabees? Giving presents is an adaptation of gift giving on xmas- in fact Jews used to give presents on Purim, but that tradition changed to Chanukah in the late 19th century due to the popularity of giving xmas presents. However, giving coins on Chanukah has been an age old tradition. One of the true signs of a country's independence is having their own money. When the Jews re-gained their independence from the Greeks they printed their own coins. It then became a tradition to give coins on Chanukah.

YIDDLE RIDDLE ??????

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

The Maccabees ruled large
While Yehuda was in Charge
But after he was gone
I continued on

Last Week:

It is believed that I never sinned. But it is also said that I killed my mother. Who am I?
A- Binyamin (Rachel died in childbirth)

BEGINNER'S TEFILLAH CLASS

Our next installment will take place on January 7th- 9:45am

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MIDOT MATTER MOST:
ACCEPT. TOLERATE.
EDUCATE. IN THAT ORDER,
NOT THE REVERSE.

Altruism- Al·tru·ism

(ăl' trōō- īz' ām) 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.

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