

Youth Happenings @ Congregation Etz Chaim

May 26, Parshat Nasso, 12 Sivan 5778



Nasso Times & Numbers:

Candle Lighting- 7:58pm
Mincha- 7:00pm
Shacharit- 9:00 am
Teen Minyan- 9:45
Jr. Congregation- 10:15
Tot Shabbat- 10:15
Mincha – 8:00
Shabbat Ends- 9:08 pm



NUMBER OF MITZVOT: 18
NUMBER OF PESUKIM: 176- THAT'S AS LONG AS A SINGLE PARSHA GETS!!
NUMBER OF WORDS: 2264
NUMBER OF LETTERS: 86732

YEAR END

RAFFLE

ONLY MITZVAH MONEY WILL BE ACCEPTED. TICKETS WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE-SO START SAVING UP! AT THE SHUL DINNER MONDAY, JUNE 18

WHERE IN LIVINGSTON IS YONI???

Each Friday afternoon for the first three weeks in June at approx. 3:00pm. Yoni will be posting/sending out a selfie in a local establishment. The first 5 kids to figure out where Yoni is & show up there win prizes from that place of business *and* tickets for the year-end raffle!

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THE LIFE OF A NAZIR

A *Nazir* has to stay away from all grape products (wine, vinegar, juice, etc..). He should avoid parties and even vineyards so he won't accidentally consume grape products. A *Nazir* is also not allowed to cut his hair.

Why these specific prohibitions? The idea is that a *Nazir* is supposed to look past his physical appearance and physical desires (like drinking alcohol) and thus keep away from sin. He's not even supposed to comb his hair to look nice. Instead, he concentrates on *teshuvah* and Torah thoughts. It's said that a person who takes the oath of a *Nazir* is as holy as a *Kohain Gadol*. He has to stay away from dead bodies and may not even bury a parent or else he will become *tamay* (impure).

How long does one stay a *Nazir*? Well, if someone declares "I'm becoming a *Nazir*" and doesn't say for how long, it's automatically set at 30 days. If a *Nazir* accidentally becomes *tamay* during that time, the *Nazir* waits seven days, offers *korbanot* on the eighth day, and then starts the count all over again. When the time period is over, the *Nazir* would go to a special room in the *Bet Hamikdash*, cut off all his hair and offer a series of *korbanot* to *Hashem*. The hair was then burned, and he was no longer a *Nazir*.

"Quote of the Week"

"People often avoid making decisions out of fear of making a mistake. Actually the failure to make decisions is one of life's biggest mistakes."

-Rabbi Noah Weinberg

DID YOU KNOW?

Did you know that at 176 pesukim long, Parshat Nasso is the longest Parsha in the Torah? What's even more interesting is that the longest mesechet (tractate) of gemorah (talmud), Babba Batra, is 176 pages long and the longest chapter of Tehilim, 119, has 176 verses. This is cool too: $176 \times 3 = 528$, which is the same gematria as both "How great are Your actions" *מה גדלו מעשיך* and "So that you have many days" *למען ירבו ימיכם*.

YIDDLE RIDDLE ??????

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

**How is it possible for it to be OK for a
completely healthy person to eat a traif
(non-Kosher) fish on purpose?**

Last Week-

My grandson was wise and strong
And also knew how to sing a song
So go find me in a holy book
Where I'm next to my son and dad
Is where you should look
A- Oved (grandfather of King David)

FRIDAY AFTERNOON BASKETBALL IS BACK!

**FRIDAYS- 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, June 4 @ 5:45PM.
Dinner & snacks served.
Next class:**

***UNDERSTANDING THE
PALESTINIAN ISSUE***

ISRAEL IN THE PARSHA

**JENNIFER ROMANOFF'S
CLASS WILL CONTINUE
JUNE 4 BEFORE YONI'S
CLASS.**

**MIDOT MATTER MOST:
IF YOU WANT PEOPLE TO
LOOK UP TO YOU,
DON'T LOOK
DOWN ON THEM.**

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.

TORAH GREATS: THE BABA SALI 1890- 1984

Rabbi Yisrael Abuhatzeira aka The Baba Sali (TBS) was born on Rosh Hashanah 5650 in Tafilalt, Morocco to a home full of Torah study and holy behavior. His father, Rabbi Shmuel Abuhatzeira., was the Rav of the community. TBS's family lived on a large estate which included a yeshiva where young scholars studied. The *beit din* (rabbinical court) of his father was also on these premises. As a child, TBS was a diligent Torah scholar, studying day and night and after his bar mitzvah, he entered the yeshiva. At the age of 16, he married Freha Amsalem.

In 1920, Moroccan warlord Mulai Muhammed issued a decree to massacre the Jews of Tafilalt. The Baba Sali's brother, Rabbi David, now Rav of Tafilalt, was trying to calm his frightened townsmen when Mulai Muhammed's soldiers came to arrest him. He was strapped to a cannon and shot to death. The Jews of Tafilalt had to bribe the rebel leader to release his body for burial.

After this incident, the Jewish population of Tafilalt fled to the nearby city of Arpud, and then to the city of Bodniv. In Bodniv, TBS was asked to succeed his brother as Rav, but he refused. He wanted to travel to the Holy Land to print his brother's *sefarim*. In 1922, Rabbi Israel journeyed through Algeria, Tunisia and Egypt, and then boarded a ship to Jaffa port and set out for Jerusalem. He stayed in Jerusalem for a year, living at the home of Rabbi Yosef Yitzchak Shloush, who helped him publish his brother's writings. Then he returned to Bodniv, where he accepted the position of Rav and av beit din of the Jewish community. Rav Yisrael was very active in Bodniv, transforming the city into a vibrant Torah center with a large nucleus of talmidei chachamim.

Years later he was offered the position of Sephardic Chief Rabbi of Israel, but he declined the offer. But in 1949 he made aliyah and became the Rav of the community of Lod and then Netivot. There he led the great Moroccan Aliyah to Israel. Stories of miracles TBS managed through his tefillot began to spread and people from around the world would visit him for a bracha.

On the 4th of Shevat 5744 the Baba Sali passed away. Over 100,000 people attended his funeral, and his grave in Netivot has become a pilgrimage site.