

# Youth Happenings @ Congregation Etz Chaim

**Dec. 17, 2016 Parsha Vayishlach 17 Kislev 5777**



## Vayishlach Times & Number.

Candle Lighting- 4:13

Mincha- 4:15

Shacharit- 9:00 am

Teen Minyan- 9:45

Junior Cong.- 10:15

Tot Shabbat- 10:15

Mincha- 4:10 pm

Shabbat Ends- 5:17



ONE MITZVAT LO TAASEH IN THIS PARSHA (Negative commandment): The first of the Torah's 365 prohibition; the only one in Bereishit- Not to eat the *Gid HaNashe*- the sciatic nerve on the hip joint of an animal.  
NUMBER OF PESUKIM: 154  
NUMBER OF WORDS: 1976

## **NEW BEGINNER'S TEFILLAH CLASS**

Last month's Beginner's Tefillah Class was such a success we will be doing it again This Shabbat!

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.



## **SUPERHEROES & JUDAISM!**

**YONI'S EXCITING NEW AFTER SCHOOL CLASS COMBINING SUPER HERO LORE WITH JEWISH HALACHA, HISTORY, AND ZIONISM.**



**COMING THIS JANUARY!**

Congregation Etz Chaim: [www.etzchaimnj.org](http://www.etzchaimnj.org)  
Rabbi Sam Klibanoff  
Rabbi Natan Kapustin, Assistant Rabbi  
Presidents: Neil Kaplan & Allan Schall  
Youth Director: Yoni Glatt

## **YAAKOV'S THANKSGIVING**

After the episodes of Yaakov reuniting with Esav, and Shimon & Levi decimating Schem, it's time for Yaakov to return to Israel. Yaakov promised he'd give *korbanot* to Hashem if he came back safely to *Eretz Yisroel*. Hashem now comes a 'courtin' for the *Korbanot* that Yaakov offered to offer. Not another step, Yaakov! Hashem orders Yaakov to make a u-turn & head back to Bait Kel to offer those *Korbanot* he promised so long ago.

Before they leave, Yaakov makes an announcement. If anyone has any idols from the spoils of Shimon & Levi's massacre, they'd better get rid of them - bury them in the ground or give them to Yaakov for disposal. After that, the entire household changes into their *Shabbat*-best clothes, in honor of the *Korbanot* they are about to offer.

When they arrive in Bait Ail, Yaakov gathers stones and builds a *Mizbayach* (altar). He offers to Hashem the *Korbanot* in thanks for a successful departure from the house of Lavan, and for an eventless meeting with his brother Esav. Yaakov has come so far! He arrived at Lavan's place a hunted, penniless-less boy and left 20 years later a married man with 4 wives, 12 kids, tons of herds, possessions & was at peace with his brother. He had much to be thankful for!

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

*"Joy isn't merely incidental to our spiritual quest, it is vital."*

-Rabbi Nachman of Breslov

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

Did you know that none of the five Maccabee brothers died a natural death? While their father, Matisyahu, died an old man of natural causes his sons did not. Eliezer and Judah were killed in battle- the former being crushed by an elephant and Judah martyring himself. Yochanan was betrayed and assassinated by an Arab tribe (later decimated by his remaining brothers). Yonatan was deceived by a Greek general and killed in captivity, and Simon was assassinated by his own son-in-law.

## 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!

**It is believed that I never sinned. But it is also said that I killed my mother. Who am I?**

### Last Week:

Yaakov didn't marry a "Jew", but Eisav did....Sort of. Explain.

A- Technically there were no Jews until we got the Torah. But Eisav had a wife name Judith- get it? ☺

## SHABBAS MAGIC!

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## FAMILY HAVDALAH



and pre-Hanukkah fun!

**December 17**

7-8:45 p.m.

Clary Anderson Arena • Montclair

*Ice Skating for kids of all ages  
with toddler shoe size 8 and up  
(refreshments and skates included)*

**MIDOT MATTER MOST:  
YOU CAN'T ALWAYS  
CONTROL HOW YOU FEEL,  
BUT YOU CAN CONTROL  
HOW YOU ACT.**

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.

Saturday night, December 24th 7:00pm @Etz Chaim

Free Chanukah  
Program!

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