

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'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.



COMING THIS JANUARY!

Congregation Etz Chaim: 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? ☺

FREE EVENT

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

Altruism- Al·tru·ism

(ăl' trū' īz' īm) 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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