

Youth Happenings @ Congregation Etz Chaim



March 9, Parshat Vayakhel- Pekudei, 23 Adar 5778

Vayakhel- Pekudei Times & Numbers:

Candle Lighting- 5:40pm
Mincha- 5:35pm
Shacharit- 9:00 am
Teen Minyan- 9:45
Jr. Congregation- 10:15
Tot Shabbat- 10:15
Mincha -5:30
Shabbat Ends- 6:47 pm



NUMBER OF MITZVOT: 1

1 *Mitzvah lo Taseh* (negative commandment)

NUMBER OF PESUKIM: 214 combined

NUMBER OF WORDS: 2740

We also read Parsha Parah this shabbas from a second sefer Torah...and bench Rosh Chodesh...so yeah, long davening.

MAKING THE MOST OF THE MISHKAN

As the *Parsha* opens, it's the day after *Yom Kippur*, the 11th of *Tishrei*. Things are settling down after the unfortunate episode with the golden calf. The people aren't feeling very good about themselves right now. Although *Hashem* has forgiven them, they just missed total annihilation by the skin of their teeth!

Moshe gathers up the people for a big announcement. *Hashem* has not only forgiven *Bnai Yisrael* for their terrible sins, but has decided that He will now dwell among the people. But first a special "home" for the *Shechina* must be erected. This home is called the "*Mishkan*." Now, we know all about the *Mishkan* because we planted bugs on the summit of *Har Sinai* & heard all the details that *Hashem* gave Moshe in previous weeks. But *Bnai Yisrael* is hearing about this for the first time. Little do they realize that this remedy existed before the "mad cow disease" ran rampant.



ARTISTS 4 ISRAEL ARE COMING!!
(See reverse for more details.)

Bnai Yisrael are up on the bleachers, waving banners and crying out with great joy in their hearts. Now they know for sure that *Hashem* will always be in their midst. They are eager to begin the construction and are hanging on Moshe's every word. But before Moshe will give details, he warns *Bnai Yisrael* that even though building the *Mishkan* is holy work, it is forbidden to do any work on the *Mishkan* on Shabbat. It is wonderful that they are so eager to do good. Sometimes when we do something wrong we want to rush to make it right. In this case *Bnai Yisrael* had a whole Shabbat to fully take in the extent of how foolish they were, and how fortunate it was that *Hashem* had forgiven them.

"Quote of the Week"

"What matters is not so much where you stand, but with what force you are moving in which direction."

-Rabbi Menachem Mendel Schneersohn
(The last Lubavitcher Rebbe)

FRIDAY NIGHT RAFFLE!

You must be in shul to win!

Returns THIS WEEK 3/9:

New Drone! Complete with HD camera, WIFI, and 2 batteries for extra long flying time!



DID YOU KNOW.....

Did you know that with a telescope there are 10^{22} stars visible in the sky (that's more than a trillion!)? This is based on the assumption that the average star is of similar mass to our sun. If the average were less, then the number of stars would be lower. Interestingly enough the Talmud in *Brachos 32b* says there are 10^{18} stars. But how did they know this without a telescope (officially invented in 1609)? It was based on the oral tradition received by Moshe.

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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!

241 pesukim- That's a whole lot!
Guess when it happens- give it a shot
It's not every year, or even every other
Here's a hint- It involves a parsha...and another

Last Week-

The Golden Calf- what a foolish act
But more gold cows were made- it's a fact
Tell me the Jewish leader who did this sin
Look in the Book of Kings & you could win
A- King Yeravam ben Nevat

ATTENTION GRADES 7 & UP MATZO BALL MITZVAH PROJECT MARCH 25, 1:00-3:00 P.M. @ E.C.



DESCRIPTION: HELP PREPARE & PACKAGE MATZO BALL SOUP TO BE DONATED TO TONI'S KITCHEN, A SOUP KITCHEN IN MONTCLAIR.

ISRAEL THROUGH THE AGES

Our free ongoing class for grades 8-12 will return Tuesday

March 20th @ 5:45pm. Dinner & snacks served. Next class:

THE RISE AND FALL OF BAR KOCHVA

ISRAEL IN THE PARSHA

JENNIFER ROMANOFF'S CLASS WILL CONTINUE TUESDAY THE 20TH FOLLOWING YONI'S CLASS.

MIDOT MATTER MOST:

TRUE FRIENDSHIP MEANS BEING HAPPY FOR YOUR FRIENDS WITHOUT BEING JEALOUS.

Altruism- Al-tru-ism

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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.



SUBURBAN TORAH



PRESENTS

ARTISTS 4 ISRAEL

SUNDAY, MARCH 11- 10AM
CONGREGATION ETZ CHAIM



EVERY CHILD WILL GET TO PAINT THEIR OWN ISRAEL PAINTING ON A CANVAS. THEN DURING AN ISRAEL EDUCATION SESSION THE ARTISTS 4 ISRAEL WILL TOUCH UP EACH PAINTING MAKING IT AS COOL AS POSSIBLE, AND THEN EACH KID CAN BRING THEIR NEW ISRAEL PAINTING HOME!

\$10 PER CHILD, \$30 FAMILY MAX

OPEN TO GRADES K-12

(SESSIONS DIVIDED BY GRADES)

ARTISTS 4 ISRAEL PRIDES ITSELF ON ITS DYNAMISM, AND ABILITY TO RESPOND TO CURRENT EVENTS WITH TIMELY, ARTS-BASED RESPONSES TO PRESSING SOCIAL MATTERS THAT AFFECT THE PERCEPTION OF ISRAEL. ONE OF THE MOST TRAGIC ISSUES OF OUR GENERATION IS THE MISGUIDED BDS MOVEMENT WHICH SEEKS TO STIFLE CREATIVITY AND CENSOR ART. ARTISTS 4 ISRAEL COMBATS THE BDS MOVEMENT THROUGH EDUCATION AND PRO-ISRAEL ART.



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