

Youth Happenings @ Congregation Etz Chaim



Jan. 14, 2017 Parsha Vayichi 16 Tevet 5777

Vayichi Times & Numbers

Candle Lighting- 4:35
 Mincha- 4:35
 Shacharit- 9:00 am
 Teen Minyan- 9:45
 Junior Cong.- 10:15
 Tot Shabbat- 10:15
 Mincha- 4:30 pm Shabbat Ends- 5:38



NO MITZVOT IN THIS PARSHA
NUMBER OF PESUKIM: 85
NUMBER OF WORDS: 1158
NUMBER OF LETTERS: 4448

ETZ CHAIM AND SUBURBAN TORAH YOUTH DEPARTMENTS

FAMILY ICE SKATING NIGHT

SAT. NIGHT FEBRUARY 4
7:45-9:00PM



\$10 PER SKATER (INCLUDES SKATES)
HOT CHOCOLATE AND COOKIES WILL BE SERVED

RICHARD CODEY ARENA 560 NORTHFIELD AVENUE
WEST ORANGE, NJ 07052

MEAL FOR MEN!!!
ALL MALES IN GRADES 8-12
ARE INVITED TO THE
YOUTH HOUSE THIS
SHABBAT, 1-14, FOR A
SPECIAL MEAL WITH THE
YONI GOLD EXPERIENCE.
12:15PM

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 Rabbi Sam Klibanoff
 Rabbi Natan Kapustin, Assistant Rabbi
 Presidents: Neil Kaplan & Allan Schall
 Youth Director: Yoni Glatt

THE ESSENCE OF TEAMWORK

Perhaps the most important lesson about brotherhood in the entire Torah is found near the conclusion of Bereshit, in the blessings that Yaakov gives his children at the end of his life. These blessings, though difficult to read & understand, serve as a fitting conclusion to the book of Bereshit & also as a solution to the problem that plagues many of the major characters throughout the book – how to forge a harmonious relationship with one’s potential competitors.

Through the blessings to his children, Yaakov was the first to explicitly realize and formulate the idea that specialization of tasks is the key to group cooperation. Granted, this idea is already available from the start of the book, when the first two brothers- Cain & Abel- pursue different and potentially symbiotic livelihoods. Obviously, they didn’t take advantage of this idea. Still, the idea is never spelled out until Yaakov blesses his children. With his carefully individualized and complementary blessings, Yaakov provides an important lesson for his kin – that leadership is only one of many indispensable roles that must be taken for a family to maximize its success. As Rav Samson Raphael Hirsch explains there is a need for the merchant as well as the scholar as well as the leader. If one role may be more glamorous than another, specialization allows each brother to take on an essential function on behalf of the group. This strategy for family harmony is as simple as it is brilliant. It enables each family member to excel in what he (or she) does best, thereby allowing for self-actualization, while defusing concern about being beaten out by a rival sibling. Furthermore, it creates interdependence, which leads the individuals to see themselves as part of a team. Simply put, if my teammate does well it benefits not only him but me as well.

“Quote of the Week”

“If water, which is so soft, can wear away a hard rock, surely a little Torah can get into my hardened heart!”

-(A young) Rabbi Akiva

DID YOU KNOW.....

Did you know that the letter “K” cannot be trademarked and any person/company can put a “K” on their product? This means that a company could put a “K” on ham or pork and claim it’s Kosher! While a “K” on Kellogg’s products *is* acceptable, we have to be very careful when buying products that only have a “K” on it. Just because there’s a “K” on a box, it doesn’t necessarily mean the item is Kosher. In fact in some cases (like some Dannon yogurts) the products are actually tref.

MIDDLE RIDDLE ??????

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

Kosher animals in this Parsha can be found
So take some time and look around
I'm looking for the first one that we see
You will win if you're one of the first three

Last Week:

WHAT COUNTRY CAN ALWAYS BE FOUND IN THE MIDDLE OF JERUSALEM?

A- USA

BEGINNER'S TEFILLAH CLASS

Our next installment will take place this
Shabbat January 14th- 9:45am

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.

January 14th 8:00 pm to 9:30 pm

Community Wide Roller skating

Florham Park
Roller Skating Rink
192 Ridgedale Ave.
Florham Park, NJ 07932

3rd- 6th grade- \$18

Pizza Dinner included



RSVP to your local Youth Director

AABJD- David and Rachel: youth@aabjd.org
Chabad of West Orange- Altie: altie@chabadwestorange.com
Etz Chaim- Yoni: yoniglatt@gmail.com
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Suburban Torah- Hillel and Ofra: youth@suburbantorah.org

ready4net.com

MIDOT MATTER MOST:

THERE'S AN "I" IN TENNIS. BUT
THERE'S NO "I" IN BASEBALL,
BASKETBALL, FOOTBALL, HOCKEY,
OR SOCCER. IF YOU'RE ON A TEAM,
BE A TEAM PLAYER.

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.

"SUPERHEROES & JUDAISM" WILL BE TAUGHT BY JTEEN DIRECTOR YONI GLATT. ASIDE FROM BEING AN EXPERIENCED TEEN EDUCATOR, YONI IS ALSO A FORMER MARVEL EMPLOYEE. HE HAS SPENT THOUSANDS OF HOURS EDITING COMIC BOOKS.