

Youth Happenings @ Congregation Etz Chaim



December 10, 2016 Parsha Vayetzei 10 Kislev 5777

Vayetzei Times & Number.

Candle Lighting- 4:12
 Mincha- 4:15
 Shacharit- 9:00 am
 Teen Minyan- 9:45
 Junior Cong.- 10:15
 Tot Shabbat- 10:15 upstairs
 Mincha- 4:10 pm
 Shabbat Ends- 5:15

NO MITZVOT IN THIS PARSHA

NUMBER OF PESUKIM: 148

NUMBER OF WORDS: 2021

NUMBER OF LETTERS: 7512

NEW BEGINNER'TEFILLAH CLASS

Last week's Beginner's Tefillah Class was such a success we will be doing it again on December 17th!

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

A Midsummer Night's Dream

Yaakov arrives at Har Hamoriah just as the sun is setting. So he *davens Maariv* and heads for bed. Well, actually there are no beds in sight, so stones will have to do. Yaakov takes twelve stones and makes a "pillow" out of them on the ground. He doesn't know it, but, miraculously, all 12 stones merge into one "fluffy" rock pillow, supporting this *tzadik* as he sleeps. Yaakov dreams of a ladder that stretches from the ground next to him all the way up to the heavens. On this ladder, a line of *Malachim* (angels) are climbing up to *Shamayim* (heaven). These are the *Malachim* that have protected him while he was in *Eretz Yisroel*. Along side them, another line of *Malachim* make their way down the ladder to the earth. These new heavenly recruits are coming to protect Yaakov in Charan. *Hashem* appears to Yaakov, promising him that he will be protected until he returns to *Eretz Yisroel*.

When Yaakov wakes up he exclaims "I knew that this was a traditional sacrificial area, but who knew this was such a holy place?" Now he realizes he is by the gateway to heaven. If only he had known this before, he would never have slept here! Yaakov marks the spot with the stone he slept on. He promises that if *Hashem* will truly protect him, give him food and clothing and return him safely to *Eretz Yisrael*, on this spot he will offer sacrifices and always give *Hashem* 10% of everything he earns. This is called *Maaser* (tithing). Like Yaakov, we too should give 10% of our earnings to *tzedakah*.

"Quote of the Week"

"Walk before every man in modesty and humility. Not only before those of your religion, but before every man."

-Rabbi Meir Baal HaNes

DID YOU KNOW.....

Did you know that Antiochus IV isn't the only bad guy in the Chanukah story? Sure, he gets a lot of the "credit" for enacting all the terrible decrees against the Jews. But he in fact dies at the "half-way" point of the Chanukah story. His son actually makes peace with the Jews, but is murdered shortly after by Demetrius I who resumes the oppression of the Jewish people- and whose forces kill Judah Maccabee. Demetrius's men are later defeated by Yonatan Maccabee.

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!

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

Last Week:

There's a neighborhood you might find
With the Ultra-Orthodox the streets are lined
Just look in the Parsha and try to be to be quick
To find the answer there's no real trick
A- Meah Shearim (Gen. 26:12)

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FAMILY HAVDALAH on ICE

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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:
EVERYONE IS ENTITLED TO
THEIR OPINION. TRY NOT
TO FORCE YOURS ONTO
SOMEONE ELSE.**

Altruism- Al·tru·ism

(ăl' trōō- īz' ēm) 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
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