

Youth Happenings @ Congregation Etz Chaim

September 28, 2019, Parshat Nitzavim 28 Elul 5779



Parshat Nitzavim Times & Numbers:

Candle Lighting- 6:27pm

Mincha- 6:30

Shacharit- 9:00 am

Teen Minyan- 9:45

Tot Shabbat- 10:15

Junior Cong.- 10:15 upstairs

Mincha- 6:30 pm

Shabbos Ends- 7:33 pm



NUMBER OF MITZVOT: 0- But some count the *mitzvah* of *T'shuva* from this *Parsha*.

NUMBER OF PESUKIM (SENTENCES): 40

NUMBER OF WORDS: 657

NUMBER OF LETTERS: 2575

NOTE: TEEN MINYAN BOTH DAYS OF ROSH HASHANAH 7:45-10:30- FULL DAVENING AND KIDDUSH!

YONI'S AFTER SCHOOL EDUCATION PROGRAM RETURNS MONDAY NIGHT, OCT. 7 AT 5:45:

THE BETA ISRAEL: WHO ARE THE ETHIOPIAN JEWS?

WELCOME TO ALL TEENS IN GRADES 8-12. DINNER WILL BE SERVED.



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Youth Director: Yoni Glatt

IDOLIZING IDOLS

Just in case anyone thinks that you can pay "lip service" to *Hashem* by announcing that you accept the *Torah* while, in your heart, you're a Siva fan or Buddha follower- forget it! *Hashem* is very jealous when it comes to idol worship! Thoughts definitely count and all punishments are on! If *Bnai Yisrael* serves idols, *Hashem* will burn out the earth of *Eretz Yisrael* like He did to *S'dom*. Nothing will grow in the land and there will be terrible famine.

When *Bnai Yisrael* are exiled from the land they will ask why *Hashem* has abandoned them. The only answer there can be is that the Jews have abandoned *Hashem*. Moshe makes it clear that if a Jew secretly believes in idols, *Hashem* will single him out for punishment. But if a Jew is seen serving idols, he must be brought to justice otherwise the entire nation will be punished.

Even if *Hashem* sends the *Bnai Yisrael* into *Galut* (exile), the Jews must know that *Hashem* will not stay angry forever. *Galut* is *Hashem*'s way of pushing the Jews to do *Teshuvah*. How much of a push? If the Jews do *Teshuvah* on their own, the exile will go easily. The longer *Bnai Yisrael* pushes off *Teshuvah*, the harder the *Galut* will get. When *Hashem* brings the nation out of exile, all curses will transfer to their enemies and *Bnai Yisrael* will be "blessed for success!"- Woohoo!

MAKE YOUR OWN SUKKAH DECORATIONS AND HELP DECORATE THE SHUL SUKKAH WITH MORAH SHIRA STEIN! SUN. OCT. 13 2:30-3:15PM



DID YOU KNOW...

Did you know that the tragedy of Gedaliah ben Achikam happened on Rosh Hashanah? After destroying the Bet Hamikdash, Nebuchadnezzar showed mercy and left a Jewish governor named Gedaliah in charge of Israel (called Judea then). However, a general named Yishmael, who was a descendant of King David, felt he should rule Israel. The prophet Jeremiah actually supported Gedaliah, as it was not time for there to be a new Jewish king in the land. Yishmael plotted to kill Gedaliah on Rosh Hashanah- and Gedaliah was even warned about this. However, Gedaliah, a righteous man, couldn't believe a Jew- let alone one of his top soldiers- would kill another Jew on RH. Tragically he was wrong & one of the greatest tragedies in Jewish history occurred. As a result we fast the day AFTER Rosh Hashanah: Tzom Gedaliah.

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!

Some mighty Jews there have been
Who fought wars they did not win
In Tanach & Talmud name 3 that were slain
In battles that ended their military campaign

Last Week:

When can a person be called to the Torah for 3 successive aliyot (called up to make blessings at the public Torah reading) on the same day?

A- If a Kohain did mafir at Shacharit, then got the first 2 aliyot at Mincha since there were no Leviiim.

BASKETBALL- ONLY A FEW WEEKS LEFT!
FRIDAY 4:00 PM
AT THE GLATTS BOYS IN GRADES 7 AND UP ARE WELCOME.
WEATHER PERMITTING.



ETZ CHAIM BUDDIEZ PROGRAM! COMING SOON!

MIDOT MATTER MOST:

JUST BECAUSE YOU HEAR IT, IT DOESN'T MEAN IT'S TRUE. JUST BECAUSE YOU SEE IT, DOESN'T MEAN YOU SHOULD TALK ABOUT IT.

Altruism- Al·tru·ism

(ăl' trōō- 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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TUESDAY, OCTOBER 15- 2nd DAY of SUKKOT

3:00pm @ THE YOUTH HOUSE

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