

Youth Happenings @ Congregation Etz Chaim



Jan. 04, 2020 Parshat Vayigash 5780

Vayigash Times and Numbers

Candle Lighting- 4:24pm

Mincha- 4:25pm

Shacharit- 9:00 am

Teen Minyan- 9:45am

Tot Shabbat-10:15

Junior Cong.- 10:15 upstairs

Mincha- 4:20 pm

Shabbos Ends- 5:28pm



NO MITZVOT IN THIS PARSHA

NUMBER OF PESUKIM :106

NUMBER OF WORDS: 1480

NUMBER OF LETTERS: 5680

**Congrats to this year's youth
FANTASY FOOTBALL WINNERS!!!**

**Junior League Winner:
Isaac Horn
Junior League Runner-Up:
Brady Gudofsky
Jr. League Most Points
Scored:
Ashton Weiss
Teen Minyan Winner:
Eli Brickman**

PRISONER EXCHANGES IN ISRAEL

**Yoni's after school JTEEN U
class returns on Monday
January 6th at 5:45pm-
Teen Bet Midrash upstairs.
Grades 8-12.
Dinner will be served.**

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Rabbi Sam Klibanoff
Presidents: Dr. Michael Rieber & Jeff Suskind
Youth Director: Yoni Glatt

Preparing For The Future

Yaakov is all gung-ho to see Yosef after so many years. But the land of Canaan is very holy. Yaakov feels the need to ask *Hashem's* permission to leave it for Egypt. He is worried that his children will be assimilated. So he heads over to Be'er Sheva and offers *korbanot* (sacrifices) to *Hashem* on the *mizbayach* (altar) his father Yitzchok built. *Hashem* gives an "A-okay" to Yaakov's request. *Hashem* tells Yaakov not to be afraid to go down to Egypt. They will be divinely protected. *Hashem* also promises Yaakov that Egypt is just a temporary stop in the fulfillment of the promise made to him and his fathers, Avraham & Yitzchak. It is in Egypt that *He* will make them into a great nation.

So Yaakov, his 11 sons and their families pack up all their possessions & animals, and head out to Egypt. Sixty-Nine people in Yaakov's household start the trek. Levi's daughter Yocheved (Moshe's mother), is born along the way, making it an even 70 upon arrival. Yehuda goes ahead to make preparations. He builds homes and a *Yeshiva* in the far off land of Goshen. After all, this is where Bnai Yisrael will be spending the next 210 years.



"Quote of the Week"

"Courage is for a moment. Regret lasts a lifetime."

- Rav Yom Tov Glaser

DID YOU KNOW.....

Did you know that the first ghetto was in the city of Venice, Italy and was established in 1516? Jews were sectioned off into the small area of the ghetto, which was eventually expanded due to overpopulation. In 1797 Napoleon decreed the end of Jewish segregation and the ghetto age effectively came to an end, even though many Jews remained there. However, ghettos which had sprouted up across Europe would still remain for decades to come. Today the Venice Ghetto is home to Chabad in Venice, has a Jewish museum, active shuls, a kollel, and some of the best kosher dining in the world.

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!

**There are six of these every year
One of which is very near
Say them in any order but
Start with the most important of all
And you'll be standing proud and tall**

Last Week:

**THE MACCABEES RULED LARGE
WHILE YEHUDA WAS IN CHARGE
BUT AFTER HE WAS GONE I CONTINUED ON
A- Yonatan**



This week with Morah Nicole! (Weather permitting).

Morah Debbie Returns next week on Jan. 11
10:15 in the Beit Midrash For children in grades 1
and under.

**NCSY LUNCH AT
THE YOUTH
HOUSE.
65 SHREWSBURY DR.
JANUARY 25-
NOON.
GRADES 8-12.**



MIDOT MATTER MOST:

**A TRUE WINNER DOESN'T
MAKE ONE WHO IS
DEFEATED FEEL LIKE
A LOSER.**

Altruism- Al·tru·ism

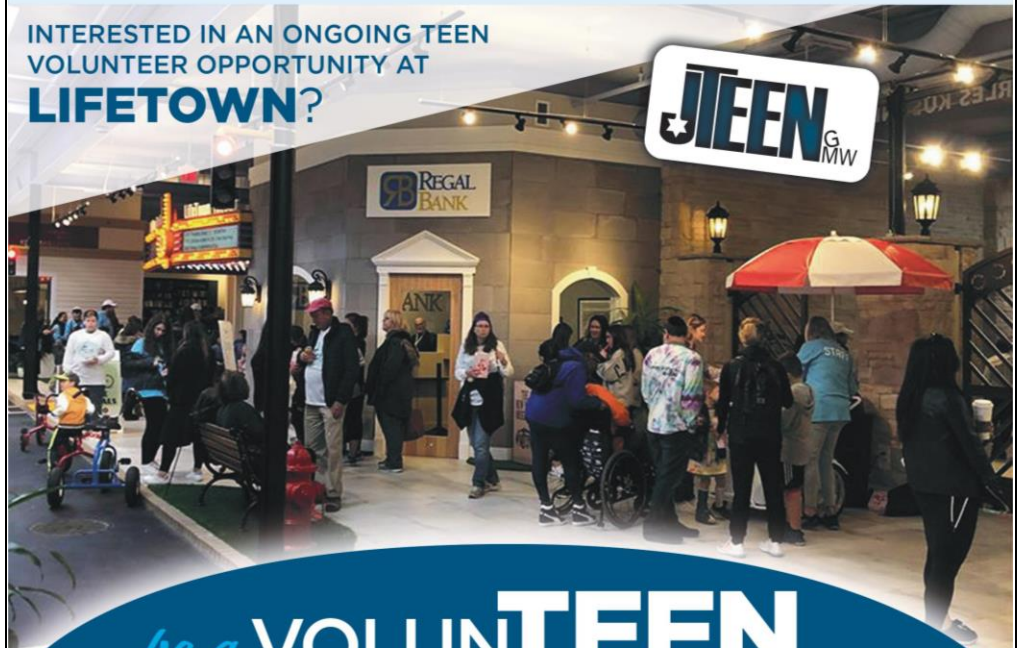
(אַלְטְרוּיִזְם) *n.*

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.

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**INTERESTED IN AN ONGOING TEEN
VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY AT
LIFETOWN?**



be a **VOLUNTEEN**

As a VolunTEEN, you'll join other teens to offer ongoing hands-on help and build relationships with those you're assisting.

Volunteers are an essential part of LifeTown's activities and key to **Friendship Circle's** mission of integrating people with unique abilities and the larger community.

A few hours of your time can make a child smile, ensure a teen gets to play sports, help a young adult master job-skills training, and provide much-needed respite opportunities for parents of children with special needs.

Volunteer on Sundays and school holidays:

Sunday, 12/29 • 10 a.m. – noon
Monday, 1/20 • 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Monday, 2/17 • 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Thursday, 2/20 • 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.
Sunday, 3/15 • 10 a.m. – noon

This program is made possible through a grant from the Cooperman Family Fund for a Jewish Future.

For ages 14+

For more information about this and other volunteer programs and to register visit

www.jteengmw.org/volunTEENS

Questions? Contact Alejandra Castano at
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and we will make every effort to meet your needs.*