

# Youth Happenings @ Congregation Etz Chaim

**Jan. 25, 2020 Parshat Vaera 28 Tevet 5780**



## Vaera Times and Numbers

Candle Lighting- 4:48pm

Mincha- 4:50pm

Shacharit- 9:00 am

Teen Minyan- 9:45am

NO Tot Shabbat

Junior Cong.- 10:15 upstairs

Mincha- 4:45 pm

Shabbos Ends- 5:51pm



**NO MITZVOT IN THIS PARSHA**

**NUMBER OF PESUKIM: 121**

**NUMBER OF WORDS: 1748**

**NUMBER OF LETTERS: 6701**

## BUDDIEZ PROGRAM- LEADER BOARD

**TEAM LAMED- TALIA RUDY, AVA WISE, SHAINA ROSENBLUM, REBECCA MILOV- 10 POINTS**

**TEAM REISH- JOSEPH MANDIL, NATHAN KLEIN, HENRY SACKS, JONATHAN LANGMAN- 10 POINTS**

**TEAM CHOF TZOFIT- JACOB MANDIL, ASHTON HALPERN, ETHAN GUDOFSKY, NATE LUSTIG- 9 POINTS**

**DOUBLE POINTS: SHABBAT OF FEBRUARY !!!**

### *“Quote of the Week”*

“The gentle words of the wise are heard above the shouts of a king over fools.”

*-King Solomon*

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## THE HARD HEARTED

Moshe's frustrated and Pharaoh's stubborn. *Hashem* is gearing up a plague-a-thon. The first event begins the bloody battle: Aharon stretches his staff over the Nile River. The next thing Pharaoh knows, the river and all the water in *Mitzrayim* (even the bottled water in the palace water cooler) turns to blood. Well, that's no big deal. Most Egyptians consider blood a delicacy. Of course, now that all the fish are popping up dead on the Nile and stinking up the place, this blood is enough to turn an Egyptian's stomach. What an inconvenience! No water to drink, no water to wash dishes with, and it's a "blood bath" at the showers!

Meanwhile, the *Bnai Yisroel* in Goshen are riding the waves of supply and demand. The water may be red to the Egyptians, but it's crystal clear for the Jews. The Goshen Bottled Water Company has never seen so much business! And the Egyptians are willing to pay any price for a clear cup of water. There's one more catch to the plague, though: If a Jew hands a cup of clear water to an Egyptian, that water turns to blood the moment it changes hands. Pharaoh is taken by surprise. Should he let the Jews go? His magicians give him the answer. When they turn water to blood themselves, Pharaoh refuses Moshe's demands. But as we'll soon see, the Egyptian king will pay dearly for his stubbornness. If he could have let go- and let the people go- he could have saved many lives.

## PRISONER EXCHANGES

### IN ISRAEL PART II

Yoni's after school JTEEN U class returns on Tuesday, January 28<sup>th</sup> at 5:45pm- Teen Bet Midrash upstairs. Grades 8-12. Dinner will be served.

## **DID YOU KNOW.....**

Did you know that after the destruction of the Second Temple (Beit Hamikdash) in 70 CE Emperor Vespasian issued a brand new tax called the Jews' Tax? Now, this wasn't a tax just on the survivors of the Jewish rebellion in Judea, it was a tax placed on ANY Jew in the whole Roman Empire as punishment for the rebellion, even Jews who had never even been to Israel! While obviously unfair, this does show how when tragedy strikes Klal Yisrael it affects us all- in this case literally- whether we are directly a part of the tragedy or not.

### **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!

Frogs here, frogs there, frogs are jumping  
everywhere..." But Ibn Ezra says tzephardeah  
might have been a different creature  
So tell me what the 2<sup>nd</sup> plague did feature

Last Week:

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  
Δ- A Bull (Bereishis 49:6)



**MORAH NICOLE RETURNS NEXT WEEK ON FEB. 1  
10:15 IN THE BEIT MIDRASH FOR CHILDREN IN  
GRADES 1 AND UNDER.**

**NCSY LUNCH AT  
THE YOUTH  
HOUSE.  
65 SHREWSBURY DR.  
THIS SHABBAT  
JANUARY 25-  
NOON.**

**GRADES 8-12**



**MIDOT MATTER MOST:  
WRAPPERS BELONG  
IN THE GARBAGE,  
NOT ON THE FLOOR.**

Altruism- Al·tru·ism

(ăl' trōō-ĭz'əm) 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.



**ETZ CHAIM YOUTH DEPARTMENT**

**FAMILY ICE SKATING NIGHT  
SAT. NIGHT FEBRUARY 8**

**7:30-8:45PM**



**\$10 PER SKATER (INCLUDES SKATES)**

**ALL AGES WELCOME. AGES 6 AND UNDER MUST  
HAVE ADULT ACCOMPANIMENT**

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