

Youth Happenings @ Congregation Etz Chaim

Oct. 6, 2018, Parasha Bereishis 27 Tishrei 5779



Shab. Chol Hamoed Times

Candle Lighting- 6:14pm

Mincha- 6:15

Shacharit- 9:00 am

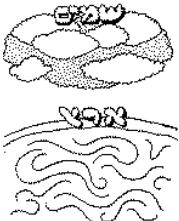
Teen Minyan- 9:45 am

Tot Shabbat- 10:15

Junior Cong.- 10:15 upstairs

Mincha- 6:05 pm

Shabbos Ends- 7:13pm



NUMBER OF MITZVOT: 1

ONE MITZVAT ASEH (POSITIVE COMMANDMENT)

NUMBER OF PESUKIM (SENTENCES): 146

NUMBER OF WORDS: 1931

NUMBER OF LETTERS: 7235 HAFTORA: (Additional portion, from Prophets, which is read after the *Parsha*)

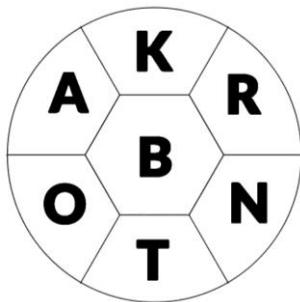
Yeshayahu / Isaiah 42:5 - 43:10 (Ashkenazim);

Yeshayahu / Isaiah 42:5 - 21 (Sepharadim)

Shabbat Mevarchim Chodesh MarCheshvan
Rosh Chodesh - Tuesday & Wednesday -
October 9 - 10

**ATTENTION HIGH
SCHOOLERS: LUNCH AT
THE YOUTH HOUSE
Shabbat, OCT 20
12:15PM- PLEASE RSVP
WITH YONI**

CAN YOU FIGURE OUT A
WORD THAT USES ALL 7
LETTERS IN THE HIVE?



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THE BLAME GAME

There is only 1 *Mitzvah* for Adam to observe in the Garden: He is commanded not to eat from the *Eitz HaDa-at* (the tree of knowledge). If he can pull this off for one day, Adam and his descendants will live forever! If he or Chava blow it, they'll eventually die.

There's one more character in the garden scene, the snake. This is no ordinary snake, though; this snake can walk and talk! The snake plays it innocent though: "Did *Hashem* tell you not to eat any of the fruit of the garden?" the snake asks. Chava responds, "We can eat fruit from any tree but the one at the center of the garden. Why, my husband, Adam told me we're not even allowed to touch it!" The snake knows that *Hashem* never commanded Adam not to touch the tree, but Chava doesn't! The snake shoves her against the tree of knowledge. It's a miracle.... she doesn't die! This doesn't make sense to Chava. If she didn't die from touching the tree, maybe her husband was lying to her about eating from the tree! Chava picks a fruit from the *Eitz HaDa-at* & bites into it. Then she runs to Adam and gives him a taste. As soon as they take a bite of that forbidden fruit, Adam and Chava change. The *Yetzer Hora* enters their bodies. They're now true human beings: no longer perfect. Their eyes are now opened and realize many new things. The first thing they realize is that they don't have any clothes on! Quickly they cover themselves with fig leaves.

Suddenly, *Hashem* calls out "Where are you?" Adam and Chava foolishly try to hide among the trees. Of course, there's no hiding from *Hashem*. Now they both know that they should never have eaten the forbidden fruit. But instead of admitting their mistake and doing *Teshuva*, they play "the blame game." Adam blames it all on Chava and Chava blames the snake. Bad move! All *Hashem* wanted was to hear was "I'm sorry!" Now Adam, Chava and the snake will be punished for their sins.

When we do something wrong the best thing to do is admit it and apologize, rather than trying to blame someone else.

Quote of the Week

"Trust yourself. Create the kind of self that you will be happy to live with all your life. Make the most of yourself by fanning the tiny, inner sparks of possibility into flames of achievement."

-Golda Meir

DID YOU KNOW.....

Did you know that the Okapi is the world's "newest" and most elusive Kosher animal? A cousin of the giraffe, the Okapi looks part deer, part giraffe, and part zebra. Native to the Congo in Africa, the Okapi was not known to the western world until 1901. Though they are Kosher, due to their elusiveness and rarity, no living Jew is known to have eaten one.



MIDDLE RIDDLE

THE FIRST KID WHO TELLS YONI THE ANSWER GETS \$3 MM, THE SECOND GETS \$2, & THE 3rd GETS \$1- NO TELLING THE ANSWER! Ages 12 and Under.

A palindrome is the same forwards & back
To name a few there's noon, dad and "kak"
Tell me the first two Panidromes in Torah we see
One is easy, on top of the family tree*

*The answers are in English

Last Week:

FIGURE OUT THE NAMES OF THREE WOMEN INVOLVED IN THE MITZVAH OF SHAKING THE ARBAH MINIM?
A- 5 possible answers: Hadassah, Esther, Myrtle, Willow & Hadar

**BASKETBALL-
ONLY TWO WEEKS
LEFT!
4:00 PM
AT THE YOUTH
HOUSE BOYS IN
GRADES
7 AND UP ARE
WELCOME.**



WEATHER PERMITTING.

**IF YOU HAVE A CHILD IN
GRADES 6 OR 7 AND YOU
WOULD LIKE THE SHUL TO
PROVIDE AFTER SCHOOL
JEWISH LEARNING FOR
HIM/HER PLEASE SPEAK
WITH YONI AND/OR THE
PRESIDENTS.**

**MIDOT MATTER MOST:
USING BAD LANGUAGE
DOESN'T MAKE YOU COOL... IT
MAKES IT LOOK LIKE YOU'RE
TRYING TO BE COOL.**

Altruism- Al·tru·ism

(ăl' trōō- īz' 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.

HARRY POTTER AND HALACHA

A two-part after school class on magic and Judaism.

Class 1- Tuesday, Oct. 16 - 5:45

Class 2- Tuesday, Oct. 23 5:45

Teen Bet Midrash- Upstairs

Dinner and snacks will be served.

Free for all students grades 8-12.

RAVENCI AW RUI ES!!!

TORAH GREATS: RABBI YOSE BEN YOEZER- 2ND CENTURY BCE

Rav Yose ben Yoezer (RY) was a rabbi of the early Maccabean period, believed by many to be a disciple of Antigonos of Soko, considered to be one of, if not the first, Pharisee rabbi. RY was a Kohen. With him and Yose ben Yochana of Jerusalem, his colleague, begins the period known in Jewish history as that of the zugot (pairs), which ended with Hillel and Shammai. According to tradition, the member of the "zugot" mentioned first occupied the office of Nasi (president) of the Sanhedrin, while the one mentioned second served in the capacity of vice-president. Rav Yose was the Nasi as well as Kohen.

RY belonged to the party of the Hasidim (not to be confused with more modern Hasidic Jewry), and was a decided adversary of Hellenism. To prevent Jews from settling beyond Judea he declared all heathen countries "unclean". One of his other stringent rulings was that glass utensils, which generally carry more lenient halachic rulings, were tamei (unclean). This was probably because they were manufactured in heathen countries. In other respects, however, he was very liberal, and received the surname "Sharaya" ("one who permits") for having rendered several liberal decisions on certain ritual questions. Rav Yose ben Yoezer was distinguished for his piety, and is called "the pious of the priesthood" ("hasid shebi-kchunnah").

RY also had many hardships. He disinherited his (only?) son for his unrighteous behavior. RY was a supporter of and ally of Judah Maccabee, living to see him defeat the Syrian general Bacchides twice. Bacchides then united with a wicked and corrupt Kohen named Alcimus- who was sadly, Rav Yose's nephew. With a far superior army he defeated and killed Judah, and Alcimus was made the new Kohen Gadol. Shortly after, Bacchides declared 60 pious men to be crucified. It is believed RY was among these men. On his way to being executed the Midrash says that RY and Alcimus encountered each other, with the great Rav making the fake Kohen Gadol so ashamed that the Midrash says he soon after committed suicide.