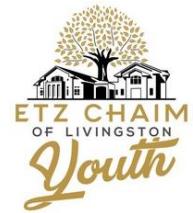


# Youth Happenings @ Congregation Etz Chaim

**Jan. 11, 2020 Parshat Vayichi 5780**



## Vayichi Times and Numbers

Candle Lighting- 4:31pm

Mincha- 4:30pm

Shacharit- 9:00 am

Teen Minyan- 9:45am

Tot Shabbat-10:15

Junior Cong.- 10:15 upstairs

Mincha- 4:25 pm

Shabbos Ends- 5:40pm



## NO MITZVOT IN THIS PARSHA

**NUMBER OF PESUKIM: 85**

**NUMBER OF WORDS: 1158**

**NUMBER OF LETTERS: 4448**

## BUDDIEZ PROGRAM- LEADER BOARD

**TEAM LAMED- 9 POINTS**

**TEAM PEH- 8 POINTS**

**TEAM REISH- 8 POINTS**

**TEAM CHOF TZOFIT- 8 POINTS**

**TEAMS VUV, CHOF, NUN, SHIN AND TZADI TZOFIT ALL HAVE 7 POINTS.**

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

## LATTE & LEARN

**Yoni will be the guest speaker at NCSY'S Latte & Learn parsha study program this coming Wednesday night (1/15) at Chocolate Works! Grades 8-12. 7:00pm - 1170 Town Center way**

Congregation Etz Chaim: [www.etzchaimnj.org](http://www.etzchaimnj.org)

Rabbi Sam Klibanoff

Presidents: Dr. Michael Rieber & Jeff Suskind

Youth Director: Yoni Glatt

## THE ESSENCE OF TEAMWORK

Perhaps the most important lesson about brotherhood in the entire Torah is found near the conclusion of Bereshit, in the blessings that Yaakov gives his children at the end of his life. These blessings, though difficult to read & understand, serve as a fitting conclusion to the book of Bereshit & also as a solution to the problem that plagues many of the major characters throughout the book – how to forge a harmonious relationship with one's potential competitors.

Through the blessings to his children, Yaakov was the first to explicitly realize and formulate the idea that specialization of tasks is the key to group cooperation. Granted, this idea is already available from the start of the book, when the first two brothers-Cain & Abel-pursue different and potentially symbiotic livelihoods. Obviously, they didn't take advantage of this idea. Still, the idea is never spelled out until Yaakov blesses his children. With his carefully individualized and complementary blessings, Yaakov provides an important lesson for his kin – that leadership is only one of many indispensable roles that must be taken for a family to maximize its success. As Rav Shimshon Raphael Hirsch explains there is a need for the merchant as well as the scholar as well as the leader. If one role may be more glamorous than another, specialization allows each brother to take on an essential function on behalf of the group. This strategy for family harmony is as simple as it is brilliant. It enables each family member to excel in what he (or she) does best, thereby allowing for self-actualization, while defusing concern about being beaten out by a rival sibling. Furthermore, it creates interdependence, which leads the individuals to see themselves as part of a team. Simply put, if my teammate does well it benefits not only him but me as well.

## *"Quote of the Week"*

*"Judaism is a religion of continuity. It depends for its very existence on the willingness of successive generations to hand on their faith and way of life to their children, and on the loyalty of children to the heritage of their past."*

*-Rabbi Lord Jonathan Sacks*

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

Did you know that the Great Florence Synagogue in Italy was used as a tank hub by the Nazi's in WWII? One of the world's most magnificent shul's, the Nazi were planning to destroy the building. However because of its massive inner space, and huge, wide-set doors, the Germans found it one of the few suitable tank garage facilities in Florence, Italy. Today the shul is active once more...with no Nazi tanks.

## **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!

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

### Last Week:

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  
A- The 6 fast days: Yom Kippur, 10 Tevet, Taanit Esther, 17 Tammuz, 9 Av, Tzom Gedaliah



This week with Morah Debbi! (Weather permitting).

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.  
JANUARY 25-  
NOON.  
GRADES 8-12.**



**MIDOT MATTER MOST:  
HAVING GREAT MIDOT OFF  
THE COURT MEANS  
NOTHING IF YOU HAVE BAD  
MIDOT ON THE COURT.**

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.

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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](http://www.jteengmw.org/volunTEENS)

Questions? Contact Alejandra Castano at [acastano@fedgmw.org](mailto:acastano@fedgmw.org) or (973) 929-2961

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