

Youth Happenings @ Congregation Etz Chaim

Nov. 4, Parshat Vayera, 15 Cheshva 5778



Vayera Times & Numbers:

Candle Lighting- 5:33pm
Mincha- 5:35pm
Shacharit- 9:00 am
Teen Minyan- 9:45
Junior Congregation- 10:15
Tot Shabbat- 10:15
Mincha -5:30
Shabbat Ends- 6:32 pm



SHALVA BAND CONCERT- 7:45PM

NO MITZVOT IN THIS PARSHA
NUMBER OF PESUKIM: 147
NUMBER OF WORDS: 2085
NUMBER OF LETTERS: 7862

ISRAEL THROUGH THE AGES

Our free ongoing class for
grades 8-12 continues with
Yoni this Wed. 11/08 at
5:45pm. Pizza & Sushi served.
This Week's Class: **THE
EMPIRES STRIKE (BACK)**

WELCOME TO EVERYONE FROM THE SHALVA BAND!!

We are so thrilled to have you for
Shabbos, and hope you have a
wonderful experience in Livingston.
We can't wait for your concert
Saturday night!

Congregation Etz Chaim: www.etzchaimnj.org
Rabbi E. Samuel Klibanoff
Rabbi Natan Kapustin, Assistant Rabbi
Presidents: Neil Kaplan & Alan Schall
Youth Director: Yoni Glatt
Rabbinic Intern: Yoni Gold

NO MITZVOT IN THIS PARSHA?!

Although none of the *Taryag* (613) *mitzvot* are counted from *Vayera*, there are many *mitzvah*-lessons to be found in the *Parsha*. Many of the details of the *Mitzvah* of *Hachnasat Orchim* (hospitality), considered part of the *mitzvah* of *G'milut Chasadim*, are derived from the behavior of *Avraham Avinu*. Similarly, *Bikur Cholim*, (visiting the sick), also a part of *G'milut Chasadim* as well as being part of the *mitzvah* to emulate *Hashem*.

Hashem decides to pay a visit to *Avraham*. This teaches us the importance of the *Mitzvah* of *Bikur Cholim*, (visiting the sick). *He* sees how *Avraham* yearns for guests, so *He* sends three *Malachim* (angels) in shepherd clothing walking down the road. *Avraham* is so excited to see guests that he interrupts his conversation with *Hashem* and runs out to greet them. *Avraham* invites the strangers to his tent for a meal. He quickly sends one of his men to fetch water to wash their feet. While they are resting under a tree, *Avraham* makes dinner arrangements. That's *Sarah's* department & you can be certain that she's as enthusiastic as her husband: The guests are fed a delicious meal. We should all strive to be as amazing at *Hachnasat Orchim* as *Avraham & Sarah*. Don't think of *Hachnasat Orchim* as a burden, but as a chance to do an incredible altruistic *Mitzvah*.



"Quote of the Week"

"We are human beings. We are sometimes sad. And sometimes we are 100% right to be sad. But the most important thing is that even when you are sad, don't stop being happy..."

-Rabbi Shlomo Carlebach

DID YOU KNOW.....

Did you know that the *Beis Hamikdash* (Temple) had its own band? There was a choir of *Levites* (those from the tribe of *Levi*), composed of several dozen voices & they were accompanied by an orchestra with trumpets, flutes, lyres, cymbals, and various sorts of drums. Those who sang were not allowed to also play instruments and vice versa. A *Levi* had to train for five years before joining the choir or orchestra.

MIDDLE RIDDLE ??????

THE FIRST KID WHO TELLS YONI WHO THE ANSWER IS GETS \$3 MM, THE SECOND GETS \$2, & THE THIRD GETS \$1- NO TELLING THE ANSWER!

The Midrash says to S'dom I once went
And was nearly robbed of every cent
A judge said to pay the robber for making him bleed
So I hit the judge and had *him* pay for the deed

Last Week-

Worshipping Idols? Avram knew that was very dumb
But there used to be lots of idols and then some
The followers of this one in the Torah were extra bad
And would sacrifice their kids - they were truly mad
A- Molech

A FUN NEW JEWISH GAME AT JUNIOR. CONG.:

THE JEWISH SPELLING BEE!

Win Mitzvah Money at Jr. Cong. figuring out
what Jewish word is in the hives- you must use
every letter at least once.



The Association for Mentally & Physically
Challenged Children In Israel

SHALVA is an organization that
provides a therapeutic and
supportive environment for
children with special needs,
therefore enabling families to
raise children at home while
living a normal & healthy
lifestyle.

ISRAEL IN THE PARSHA

JENNIFER ROMANOFF'S
AFTER SCHOOL CLASS
RETURNS THIS
WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER
08 BEFORE YONI'S CLASS

MIDOT MATTER MOST:

Be like Avraham! Don't give
up the chance to do
Hachnasas Orchim
(hospitality)!

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.

EXPERIENCE A CONCERT LIKE NO OTHER!



Shalva National Center House Band

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