

Youth Happenings @ Congregation Etz Chaim



April 14, Parsha Shemini, 29 Nisan 5778

Shemini Times & Numbers:

Candle Lighting- 7:16pm
Mincha- 7:00pm
Shacharit- 9:00 am
Teen Minyan- 9:45
Jr. Congregation- 10:15
Tot Shabbat- 10:15
Mincha -7:10
Shabbat Ends- 8:25 pm



NUMBER OF MITZVOT: 17
6 MITZVOT ASEH

11 MITZVOT LO TAASEH

NUMBER OF PESUKIM: 91

NUMBER OF WORDS: 1238

NUMBER OF LETTERS: 4670

Rosh Chodesh is Sunday & Monday

**A SPECIAL YOM HA'ATZMAUT
ISRAEL GAME IN GROUPS THIS
WEEK FOLLOWING JUNIOR CONG.!**



Of Biblical Proportions by Chari Pere

Regarding the laws of animals: "This is what you shall not eat... the pig, for its hoof is split and is completely separated, but it does not chew its cud - it is unclean to you." (LEVITICUS 11:4-7)



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THE KOSHER KINGDOM

Hashem commands the *Bnai Yisrael* to be a holy people. How? By eating only Kosher animals, birds and fish. Hashem shows Moshe every species that will EVER exist so that he may teach the *Bnai Yisrael* which are kosher and which are not. The *Torah* mentions the two tell-tale signs of a kosher animal: 1. Split hooves 2. It chews its cud.

Certain animals chew their food, swallow it and then return the food to the mouth again for a second chewing. A kosher animal **MUST HAVE BOTH** kosher signs - don't be fooled by some animals that have only **ONE** sign and not the other.

- A camel chews its cud but does not have fully split hooves.
- A Badger chews its cud but does not have split hooves.
- A Rabbit chews its cud but does not have split hooves.
- A pig has split hooves but does not chew its cud.
- Hashem knows ALL His creatures.

Did you know that other than the ten animals listed in the *Torah* (*Devarim*, *Parshat Reeh* 14,5) as kosher, no other species has EVER been found? The same is true of the 'one sign' kind. Only the 4 animals listed here, have only 1 of the 2 kosher signs.

"Quote of the Week"

"The only thing worse than being blind is having sight but no vision."

-Helen Keller

DID YOU KNOW.....

Did you know that Moses did in fact get to go into Israel? Well, sort of. See there are several different "Israels" throughout history. We'll just focus on two: The Torah's Israel and modern Israel. Israel in the Torah has very different borders than today's country. The Holy Land only extended to Kadesh Barnea (about 40 miles south of Be'er Sheva). But modern Israel contains much more of the Negev, going all the way down to Eilat. That area is where Moses and the Jews spent much of their 40 years wandering. So while Moses did never step foot in Biblical Israel, he was able to spend many years in land that would eventually become part of the future state of Israel. (To see maps of the Jews journeys through the wilderness with Moses and what the borders of Biblical Israel are, go to the teen Bet Midrash.)

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!

Oink oink, snort snort,
Look in a chumash you must resort
Find two pesukim that mention pig or swine
They're forbidden foods Jews may not dine

Last Week-

Name three fast days we generally observe
When food or drink we do not serve
But name 3 special occasions you may eat
And feel free to have your favorite treat

A-1. A father eats if his sons Bris is on 9 Av. 2. Newlyweds don't fast on Taanit Esther, 10 Tevet, 17 Tammuz during 7 Brachas. 3. A Siyum for a first borns before Pesach.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON BASKETBALL IS COMING BACK!

FRIDAY, APRIL 13- 4:30
AT THE YOUTH HOUSE!
GRADES 7 AND UP.
WEATHER PERMITTING.



ISRAEL THROUGH THE AGES

Our free ongoing class for
grades 8-12 will return
Monday, April 16 @ 6:00pm.
Dinner & snacks served. Next
class:

THE DAWN OF ZIONISM

ISRAEL IN THE PARSHA

JENNIFER ROMANOFF'S
CLASS WILL CONTINUE
MONDAY THE 16TH BEFORE
YONI'S CLASS.

**MIDOT MATTER MOST:
IF THE WORLD IS BAD TO
YOU, THAT IS NOT AN
EXCUSE TO BE BAD TO THE
WORLD.**

Altruism- Al-tru-ism

(אַלְטְרוּיִזְמוֹ) 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.

#STAND UP #SPEAK OUT FOR ISRAEL

LEADERSHIP TRAINING
CONFERENCE FOR
HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS



Empower yourself to become a pro-Israel supporter when you get to college and learn more about the complexities of the Arab-Israeli conflict.

**Sunday, April 22
11 a.m. - 4 p.m.**

Alex Aldekman Family
Jewish Community Campus
901 Route 10, Whippany

Open to high school students grades 9 - 12

Parent program from 2 - 4 p.m.

Kosher lunch and snacks will be provided

Participating Organizations:

AIPAC, ADL, Hillel, Israel American Council, StandWithUs, Alums For Campus Fairness, JerusalemU, Israel On Campus Coalition, Hasbara Fellowships, Write On For Israel/NY

THE ISSUES:

Students for Justice in Palestine sponsors "Israel Apartheid Week." *How will you respond?*

Your Women's Studies professor is an outspoken critic of Israeli settlement policies. *How will you respond?*

The #MeToo group on campus won't allow you to join unless you declare your support for BDS. *How will you respond?*

Anti-Israel sentiment crosses the line and becomes anti-Semitism. *How will you respond?*

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