

Youth Happenings @ Congregation Etz Chaim

Oct. 27, 2018, Parshat Vayeira 18 Cheshvan 5779



Vayeira Times & Numbers

Candle Lighting- 5:42pm

Mincha- 5:45

Shacharit- 9:00 am

Teen Minyan- 9:45 am

Tot Shabbat- 10:15

Junior Cong.- 10:15 upstairs

Mincha- 5:40 pm

Shabbos Ends- 6:49pm



NO MITZVOT IN THIS PARSHA

NUMBER OF PESUKIM: 147

NUMBER OF WORDS: 2085

NUMBER OF LETTERS: 7862

ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOLERS: LUNCH AT THE YOUTH HOUSE RESCHEDULED FOR NOV. 3, 12:15PM- PLEASE RSVP WITH YONI

NAME THAT PARSHA!

A SPECIAL, FUN-FILLED, PRIZE LOADED GAME FOLLOWING JR. CONGREGATION THE SHABBAT OF NOVEMBER 17 !!! FOR GRADES 2-6.

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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), is 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 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.

MIDDLE RIDDLE ??????

Yoni is away this Shabbat, so the riddle is just for fun this week ☺

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 They would sacrifice their kids - and were truly mad!

A- Molech

MORAH GOLDSTEIN IS RETURNING THIS SHABBAT - 10/27!

SHABBAT MORNING PROGRAM AT
10:00 IN THE BEIR MIDRASH FOR
MIDDLE SCHOOL GIRLS.

**REMEMBER: MITZVAH
MONEY ISN'T ONLY
GOOD AS RAFFLE
TICKETS, BUT CAN
ALSO BE EXCHANGED
WITH YONI FOR \$10
AMAZON GIFT CARDS!**



BOOK DRIVE

We're expanding our youth library! If you have any appropriate Jewish books you wish to donate please speak to yoni or just drop them off at the shul.

**MIDOT MATTER MOST:
TELLING THE TRUTH IS VERY
IMPORTANT, BUT
SOMETIMES IT'S BETTER TO
SAY NOTHING AT ALL.**

Altruism- Al-tru-ism

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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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