

Youth Happenings @ Congregation Etz Chaim



Feb. 9 , 2019, Parshat Terumah, 3 Adar I 5779

Terumah Times & Numbers

Candle Lighting- 5:05pm
 Mincha- 5:05
 Shacharit- 9:00 am
 NO Teen Minyan
 Tot Shabbat- 10:15
 Junior Cong.- 10:15
 Mincha- 4:55 pm
 Shabbos Ends- 6:07pm



NUMBER OF MITZVOT: 3
 2 MITZVOT ASEH
 1 MITZVAH LO TAASEH
 NUMBER OF PESUKIM (SENTENCES):96
 NUMBER OF WORDS: 1145
 NUMBER OF LETTERS: 4692

**ROCK N' ROLL & JUDAISM
 RETURNS ON TUESDAY,
 FEBRUARY 26TH 5:45PM-
 GRADES 8-12
 DINNER WILL BE SERVED.**

IMAGES OF ISRAEL

A FUN, EDUCATIONAL, AND PRIZE-LOADED GAME
 AFTER JR. CONG ON MARCH 2ND.



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HOUSE OF THE HOLY

As the *Parsha* opens, *Hashem* tells Moshe, "If you think I was close to *Bnei Yisrael* at *Matan* (the giving of the) *Torah*, pitch me a tent, 'cause I'm dwelling among *Bnei Yisroel* from now on." Here's what *Hashem* has in mind: While the Jews travel through the desert, living in temporary dwellings, *Hashem*, too, will travel the same way, dwelling in a temporary, travelling *Mishkan*, which will be packed up every time the Jews move on to a different camping ground. When the Jews are settled in *Eretz Yisrael* and build permanent homes, they will build a permanent dwelling for *Hashem's Shechina* (divine presence), the *Bait Hamikdash*.

Moshe is up at the summit of *Har* (Mt.) Sinai. He doesn't know it, but some bad stuff is about to happen down below. There's major sinning sneaking up on the desert Sinai. Sinning that could destroy the bond between *Hashem* and *Bnei Yisrael*. *Hashem* knows He has to strengthen the bond now, before it is too late! The *Mishkan*, is the solution. *Hashem* tells Moshe all about this travelling Holy House that keeps *Hashem's Shechina* right smack in the middle of *Bnei Yisrael*. With the *Shechina* resting among the people, no nation will be able to say that *Hashem* abandoned *Bnei Yisrael* after their terrible sin.

"Quote of the Week"

"One whose wisdom is greater than his actions will lose his wisdom."

-The Chazon Ish (see opposite side)

DID YOU KNOW.....

Did you know that Achashverosh made a copy of King Solomon's throne? King Solomon's throne was the most incredible throne ever made. It was constructed from gold and ivory and covered in magnificent jewels. It was also booby trapped! Six steps lead up to the seat, each one was a trap if you didn't know how to step, and the seat was booby trapped as well! Pharaoh Shishak of Egypt captured the throne and was crippled for life by it. Nebuchadnezzar was also injured by it. After Achashverosh was wounded by the throne he realized he would never sit on it & had his craftsmen make him a copy of it- it took them three years to complete the inferior replica!

MIDDLE RIDDLE ??????

Yoni is away this week so it's just for fun.

**We made the Mishkan, as you will read
It was quite complicated, not an easy deed
Betzael was most definitely the man
But I gave him a helping hand**

LAST WEEK:

The original Temple was holy as can be
It had the luchot, the Ark and no idolatry
And yet inside two giant statues stood
Tell me of what to be the best in the hood
A- Angels

**THE SHABBAT OF FEBRUARY 23
SPECIAL KIDS SERVICES WILL BE
HELD IN THE BET MIDRASH AT 10:15
AM. Grades 2-6.**



**SAVE THE DATE-
LUNCH AT THE
YOUTH HOUSE
GRADES 8-12-
SHABBAT OF 3/2/19**

TORAH GREATS: THE CHAZON ISH: NOVEMBER 7TH 1878-OCTOBER 24TH 1953

Rav Avrohom Yeshaya Karelitz aka The Chazon Ish (TCI) was born in Kosava Belarus. He was the eldest son of Rabbi Shmaryahu Yosef Karelitz, the Rav of Kosova. He had three younger brothers who all became rabbis. His brother Yitzchak succeeded their father as the Rav of Kosova; tragically he, his wife and daughter were shot to death in their home by the Germans in 1942. As a youth, TCI was sent to study under Rabbi Chaim Soloveitchik of Brisk. He did not take to the Brisker method of study, and later it became clear that he actually opposed it. After two years, he returned home and continued his education, learning with his father who was head of the local Beth din, and soon after married his wife Bashe. In 1920 they moved to Vilna and became close to R' Chaim Ozer Grodzinski, consulting with him in all religious & communal matters. Encouraged by Rav Grodzinski and with Rabbi Abraham Isaac Kook's help, the Chazon Ish settled in Eretz Israel in 1933. His house in Bnei Brak became the address for thousands who sought his guidance.

Of Biblical Proportions by Chari Pere



TCI manifested unusual talent and diligence from an early age. He devoted his life to the study of Torah while simultaneously gaining knowledge in secular sciences such as astronomy, anatomy, mathematics, and botany. After his marriage, he continued to lead an extremely modest life, his wife providing for their needs while he spent day & night studying Torah in-depth. He did not have any children.

**MIDOT MATTER MOST:
TRUE MIDOT: TREATING THOSE
WHO CAN DO NOTHING FOR
YOU THE SAME AS THOSE WHO
CAN DO SOMETHING FOR YOU**

Though he held no official position, the Chazon Ish nevertheless became a recognized worldwide authority on many matters relating to Jewish law and life. He was not appointed as communal leader, yet his positions and rulings influenced the life and institutions of religious Jewry, especially in Israel. He did not publish many responsa, yet still achieved recognition as a leading authority on *Halacha*. He declined to participate in any of the religious-political movements which were very active prior to, and during the formation of the State of Israel in 1948. Yet, he had an immense influence on Haredi Judaism in Israel, whose formative period coincided with his years in Israel. In recognition of his deep insight and broad awareness and interest in many fields of study, many sought his guidance on social and political issues, including David Ben-Gurion. Rav Karelitz wrote a book called "The Chazon Ish", the title by which he became almost exclusively known. He also wrote over 40 books in Hebrew. He is buried in Bnai Brock.

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.