

Youth Happenings @ Congregation Etz Chaim



March 9, 2019, Parshat Pekudei, 2 Adar II 5779

Pekudei Times & Numbers

Candle Lighting- 5:38pm
Mincha- 5:40
Shacharit- 9:00 am
Teen Minyan- 9:45am
Tot Shabbat- 10:15
Junior Cong.- 10:15
Mincha- 6:35 pm
Shabbos Ends- 6:47pm

NUMBER OF *MITZVOT*: 0
NUMBER OF *PESUKIM*: 92
NUMBER OF WORDS: 1182
NUMBER OF LETTERS: 4432

SAVE THE DATE!

This Year's Purim Carnival
will be on Sunday,
March 17th from approx.

10:00-12:15 pm

NO CHARGE!

Blow up ride!

Carnival games!

Face Painting!

PHOTO BOOTH!

PRIZE LOADED

RAFFLE!

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THE VALUE OF THE MISHKAN

As our *Parsha* opens, three months have gone by and all the parts of the *Mishkan* are done. Only the clothing of the *Kohanim* and *Kohain Gadol* remain to be completed. Moshe puts on his accounting hat and does an audit of all the materials collected for the *Mishkan* to determine which supplies went for what purpose. Afterwards he has Itamar *ben* (son of) Aharon verify his calculations. Moshe does this so no one will suspect him of pocketing any of the valuables. And the results are in:

A whopping 29 *kikar* and 730 *shekels* of gold. A grand total of 87,630 *shekels*. (A *kikar* is equal to 3000 *shekel*). An incredible 100 *kikar* and 1775 *shekels* of silver! A grand total of 301,775 *shekels*. The 100 *kikar* were used to make the 100 *Adanim* (sockets) - one *kikar* per socket. The other 1775 *shekels* were split between hooks and ornaments. These silver hooks were attached to the pillars in the courtyard to hold up the screens that fence in the *Mishkan*. The ornaments decorate the pillars.

70 *kikar* and 2400 (!) *shekels* of copper were melted down and used to build the copper *Mizbayach* (altar), its utensils, the sockets of the entrance, and the courtyard.

"Quote of the Week"

"The truly righteous do not complain about evil, but rather add justice; they do not complain about heresy, but rather add faith; they do not complain about ignorance, but rather add wisdom."

-Rabbi Avraham Yitzchak HaCohen Kook

DID YOU KNOW.....

Did you know that after Purim story Mordecai eventually moves back to Israel? The Purim story takes place while the Jews are still in the Babylonian exile (even though the Persians have wiped out the Babylonians). The books of Ezra and Nechemia tell us that when Emperor Cyrus the Great allows for the reconstruction of the Beit Hamikdash (Temple), Mordecai is one of the Jews who returns from exile.

MIDDLE RIDDLE ??????

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

241 pesukim- That's a whole lot!
Guess when it happens- give it a shot
It's not every year, or even every other
Here's a hint- It involves a parsha...and another

Last Week:

One goes to wash his hands and makes a bracha, but does not eat. He then makes another bracha, but still does not eat. How is this so?

▲ He's saying Birchat Kohanim

**THE SHABBAT OF MARCH 16
SPECIAL KIDS SERVICES WILL BE
HELD IN THE BET MIDRASH AT 10:15
AM. Grades 2-6.**



**YONI'S NEWEST AFTER
SCHOOL CLASS:
WARRIOR WOMEN IN
JEWISH HISTORY ...
COMING SOON!**

IMAGES OF ISRAEL

A FUN, EDUCATIONAL, AND PRIZE-
LOADED GAME AFTER JR. CONG
THIS SHABBAT!



**MIDOT MATTER MOST:
YOU CAN'T ALWAYS GET YOUR
WAY. DON'T CRY ABOUT IT IF
YOU DON'T.**

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.

TORAH GREATS : RABBEINU GERSHOM APPROX. 940-1040 C.E.

Rav Gershom ben Yehudah, best known as Rabbeinu Gersho (RG), was born in Metz, France in 960. RG was a student of Yehudah ben Meir ha-Kohen, who was one of the greatest authorities of his time. Having lost his first wife, RG married a widow named Bonna and became head of the Yeshiva in Mainz, Germany where he devoted himself to teaching the *Talmud*. During his lifetime Mainz became a center of Torah and Jewish scholarship for many Jewish communities in Europe that had formerly been connected with the Babylonian *yeshivas*. He was the spiritual guide of the fledgling Ashkenazic Jewish communities and was very influential in molding them at a time when their population was dwindling.

Students came from all over Europe to enroll in his *yeshiva*, and later dispersed among various communities in Germany and beyond which helped spread Jewish learning. He had many pupils from across Europe, including Rav Jacob ben Yakar, who became a teacher of Rashi. The fame of his learning eclipsed even that of the heads of the academies of Sura and Pumbedita.

Tragically, RG had a son who abandoned his religion at the time of the expulsion of the Jews from Mainz in 1012. His son converted to Christianity, and soon after passed away. RG grieved & observed the strictures of mourning for 14 days, double the required time for an actual death- 7 days for his physical death, 7 for his spiritual demise. However, he did apparently rule leniently regarding those who had submitted to baptism to escape persecution, and who afterward returned to the Jewish fold. He strictly prohibited reproaching them with infidelity, and even gave those among them who had been slandered an opportunity to publicly pronounce brachot in shul.

About 1000 CE he called a famous council (aka synod) which decided the following rulings: (1) the prohibition of polygamy (having multiple wives); (2) the necessity of obtaining the consent of both parties to a divorce; (3) the modification of the rules concerning those who became converted under compulsion; (4) the prohibition against opening letters addressed to another.

Less than a century after Rabbeinu Gershom's death in Metz, Rashi said of the great Rav: "All members of the Ashkenazi diaspora are students of his."