

# Youth Happenings @ Congregation Etz Chaim

**Sept. 8, 2018, Parshat Nitzavim 28 Elul 5778**



## Parshat Nitzavim Times & Numbers:

Candle Lighting- 7:00pm

Mincha- 7:00

Shacharit- 9:00 am

Teen Minyan- 9:45 am

Junior Cong.- 10:15 upstairs

Mincha- 7:00 pm

Shabbos Ends- 8:07 pm

**NUMBER OF MITZVOT:** 0- But some count the *mitzvah* of *T'shuva* from this *Parsha*.

**NUMBER OF PESUKIM (SENTENCES):** 40

**NUMBER OF WORDS:** 657

**NUMBER OF LETTERS:** 2575



**NOTE: TEEN MINYAN BOTH DAYS OF ROSH HASHANAH 8:00-10:40- FULL DAVENING AND KIDDUSH!**

## SUKKAH HOPS

There will once again be **TWO** Succah hops this year!!! The first will be on Day 2 of Sukkot (Sept. 25) on the West Orange side of the Shul and the second will be on Shabbat Chol Hamoed (Oct. 29) on the Livingston side. Stay tuned for exact times and locations.

**SAVE THE DATE!!!**  
**SUNDAY, SEPT. 30- 12:15PM**  
**CHOL HAMOED SUKKOT**  
**SPECIAL PIZZA PARTY IN THE**  
**SUKKAH AND OUR 2<sup>ND</sup>**  
**ANNUAL SUKKOT RAFFLE!!**  
**WIN LOTS OF GREAT PRIZES!**

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## IDOLIZING IDOLS

Just in case anyone thinks that you can pay "lip service" to *Hashem* by announcing that you accept the *Torah* while, in your heart, you're a *Siva* fan or *Buddha* follower- forget it! *Hashem* is very jealous when it comes to idol worship! Thoughts definitely count and all punishments are on! If *Bnai Yisrael* serves idols, *Hashem* will burn out the earth of *Eretz Yisrael* like He did to *S'dom*. Nothing will grow in the land and there will be terrible famine.

When *Bnai Yisrael* are exiled from the land they will ask why *Hashem* has abandoned them. The only answer there can be is that the Jews have abandoned *Hashem*. Moshe makes it clear that if a Jew secretly believes in idols, *Hashem* will single him out for punishment. But if a Jew is seen serving idols, he must be brought to justice otherwise the entire nation will be punished.

Even if *Hashem* sends the *Bnai Yisrael* into *Galut* (exile), the Jews must know that *Hashem* will not stay angry forever. *Galut* is *Hashem*'s way of pushing the Jews to do *Teshuvah*. How much of a push? If the Jews do *Teshuvah* on their own, the exile will go easily. The longer *Bnai Yisrael* pushes off *Teshuvah*, the harder the *Galut* will get. When *Hashem* brings the nation out of exile, all curses will transfer to their enemies and *Bnai Yisrael* will be "blessed for success!" Woohoo!

**MAKE YOUR OWN SUKKAH DECORATIONS AND HELP DECORATE THE SHUL SUKKAH!**  
**Sun. Sept 23rd 10:00-11:00am**



## DID YOU KNOW.....

Did you know that the tragedy of Gedaliah ben Achikam happened on Rosh Hashanah? After destroying the Bet Hamikdash, Nebuchadnezzar showed mercy and left a Jewish governor named Gedaliah in charge of Israel (called Judea then). However, a general named Yishmael, who was a descendant of King David, felt he should rule Israel. The prophet Jeremiah actually supported Gedaliah, as it was not time for there to be a new Jewish king in the land. Yishmael plotted to kill Gedaliah on Rosh Hashanah- and Gedaliah was even warned about this. However, Gedaliah, a righteous man, couldn't believe another Jew- let alone one of his top soldiers- would kill another Jew on RH. Tragically he was wrong & one of the greatest tragedies in Jewish history occurred. As a result we fast the day AFTER Rosh Hashanah: Tzom Gedaliah.

## **KIDDIE RIDDLE**

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

### Who Am I?

Jingle bells, jingle bells  
Jingle all the way  
I hope my bells keep-a- jingling  
And I get through this day.

## **SUKKOT MAGIC!**

With Magician ERIC WILZIG!

## **AN INCREDIBLE MAGIC SHOW SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 30**

**11:00AM- Etz Chaim**

**Free for Members**

**\$20 Per Family- Non members**

## **ETZ CHAIM YOUTH- ROSH HASHANAH 5779**

8:00 am- Teen/Hashkama Minyan (will be over by 10:45 guaranteed)

9:00 am- Shofar blowing at Teen Minyan

9:45-10:45- Grades 5 and up in Teen Minyan (upstairs) 10:15- 11:00

Tot Shabbat Upstairs- Tots will be brought into main shul for Shofar blowing.

**9:45-1:00- Babysitting upstairs for children ages six months to five. Please do NOT bring children this age to the basement as there will be sports with Coach Rick. We will have snacks for all of the kids, but if you bring your own, please make sure they're nut free.**

	<u>10:00- 10:45</u>	<u>10:45- 11:30</u>	<u>11:35- 12:00</u>	<u>12:00-12:45</u>	 <u>12:45-1:15</u>
Grades K & Pre-K	Tot Shabbat- Upstairs	Babysitting- Upstairs	Lunch (Teen Bet Midrash)	Baby- sitting- Upstairs	Baby-sitting- (outside- basement weather permitting)
Grades 1 & 2	Coach Rick- Basement	Coach Rick- Basement	Lunch (Teen Bet Midrash)	Coach Rick- Basement	Games w/Yoni- Teen Bet Midrash
Grades 3 & 4	Coach Rick- Basement	Coach Rick- Basement	Lunch (Teen Bet Midrash)	Coach Rick- Basement	Coach Rick- Outside
Grades 5 & 6	Teen Minyan	Teen Bet Midrash w/Yoni	 Lunch (Teen Bet Midrash)	Games w/Yoni- Teen Bet Midrash	Coach Rick- Basement

**Parents Please note-** Kids in grades 7 & up are expected to either daven in the Teen Minyan or the main minyan & should NOT be loitering or interfering with other groups.