

Youth Happenings @ Congregation Etz Chaim



Dec. 28, 2019 Parshat Miketz, 30 Kislev 5780

Miketz Times and Numbers

Candle Lighting- 4:18pm

Mincha- 4:15pm

Shacharit- 9:00 am

Teen Minyan- 9:45am

Tot Shabbat-10:15

Junior Cong.- 10:15 upstairs

Mincha- 4:15 pm

Shabbos Ends- 5:20pm



NUMBER OF PESUKIM: 146

NUMBER OF WORDS: 2022

NUMBER OF LETTERS: 7914



This Shabbat is one of the very few times we read from 3 Torahs! 1 for Shabbat, 1 for Chanukah and 1 for Rosh Chodesh.

Light Up the Nights!

Wherever you are, take a picture of your family lighting the Chanukiah and tag @etzchaimlivingston on Instagram and use the Hashtag #itsECTolight

The post with the most likes will win a fabulous prize!



PRISONER

EXCHANGES IN ISRAEL

Yoni's after school JTEEN U class returns on Monday January 6th at 5:45pm- Teen Bet Midrash upstairs. Grades 8-12. Dinner will be served.

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Presidents: Dr. Michael Rieber & Jeff Suskind
Youth Director: Yoni Glatt

FROM RAGS TO RICHES

Yosef has just told Pharaoh about the seven years of famine. But what can Pharaoh do about it? Well, lucky for Pharaoh, Yosef has an environmentally sound answer: Hire a wise man to store away grain during the years of plenty so that there'll be enough to eat when the famine comes along. Yosef is the wisest man Pharaoh's ever met. Pharaoh removes his ring and places it on Yosef's finger. Next thing you know, Yosef is dressed in the finest linen and wears a gold necklace and even rides around in Pharaoh's chariot. In a matter of hours, Yosef has gone from a thirty year old jail bird to Viceroy of Egypt- second in command to the king!

There is a valuable lesson one can learn from this. Even when times are tough and it seems like hope is lost, one can never know what the future might bring. Just looks at Yosef! A true rags to riches tale. And things got even better for Yosef! Pharaoh gives Yosef Potifar's daughter, Osnat, for a wife. And guess what... according to the midrash she turns out to be the daughter of Dina, who had been adopted by Potifar. See how sometimes everything is *bashert* (destined)? Even in Egypt, Yosef manages to find a nice Jewish girl! And Yosef is blessed again: Two sons are born to him before the famine years, Menashe and Ephraim.

"Quote of the Week"

"Far be it from me to save my own life in a time of distress, for I am no better than my brothers. But I will avenge my nation and my sanctuary ..."

-Simon Maccabee, 142 BCE

DID YOU KNOW.....

Did you know that a wicked Kohen Gadol named Menelaus can be considered the real villain of Chanukah? Menelaus was believed to have been from the tribe of Binyamin & NOT even a real Kohen. It was he who persuaded Antiochus IV to Hellenize Judaism. He assisted Antiochus when he marched on Jerusalem, killed thousands, and plundered the Temple. This led to the Jewish revolt. Menelaus was eventually put to death by Antiochus V, as part of the boy-kings concession to the Maccabees after losing several battles to them.

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!

**THE MACCABEES RULED LARGE
WHILE YEHUDA WAS IN CHARGE
BUT AFTER HE WAS GONE I CONTINUED ON**

Last Week:

**History repeats itself time and again
Another Jew interprets dreams for a King in a
Tanach- tell me who and when
A- Daniel for Nebuchadnezzar, in Sefer Daniel**



This week with Morah Debbie! (Weather permitting).

Morah Nicole Returns next week on Jan. 4

10:15 in the Beit Midrash For children in grades 1 and under.

**NCSY LUNCH AT
THE YOUTH
HOUSE.
65 SHREWSBURY DR.
JANUARY 25-
NOON.
GRADES 8-12.**



**MIDOT MATTER MOST:
DON'T LET YOUR SUCCESSES
GO TO YOUR HEAD.
OTHERWISE THEY MIGHT
TURN INTO FAILURES.**

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.

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**INTERESTED IN AN ONGOING TEEN
VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY AT
LIFETOWN?**



be a **VOLUNTEEN**

As a VolunTEEN, you'll join other teens to offer ongoing hands-on help and build relationships with those you're assisting.

Volunteers are an essential part of LifeTown's activities and key to **Friendship Circle's** mission of integrating people with unique abilities and the larger community.

A few hours of your time can make a child smile, ensure a teen gets to play sports, help a young adult master job-skills training, and provide much-needed respite opportunities for parents of children with special needs.

Volunteer on Sundays and school holidays:

Sunday, 12/29 • 10 a.m. – noon
Monday, 1/20 • 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Monday, 2/17 • 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Thursday, 2/20 • 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.
Sunday, 3/15 • 10 a.m. – noon

This program is made possible through a grant from the Cooperman Family Fund for a Jewish Future.

For ages 14+

For more information about this and other volunteer programs and to register visit

www.jteengmw.org/volunTEENS

Questions? Contact Alejandra Castano at
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