

Youth Happenings @ Congregation Etz Chaim

Jan. 26, 2019, Parshat Yitro, 20 Shevat 5779



Yitro Times & Numbers
 Candle Lighting- 4:48pm
 Mincha- 4:50
 Shacharit- 9:00 am
 Teen Minyan- 9:45 am
 NO Tot Shabbat
 Junior Cong.- 10:15
 Mincha- 4:40 pm
 Shabbos Ends- 5:49pm



NUMBER OF MITZVOT: 1
1 MITZVOT LO TAASEH (NEGATIVE COMMANDMENT - PROHIBITION)
NUMBER OF PESUKIM: 72 (some say 75)
NUMBER OF WORDS: 1104
NUMBER OF LETTERS: 4022



KRAZY CUPCAKE KABBALAT SHABBAT!

**Save the Date: NEXT Friday
Night, February 1.**

All children are invited to join us for a special Friday night service! There will be candle lighting with the Rebbetzin, the youths will help lead services, the Rabbi will have a special "kids" d'var Torah, and then we will have Kiddush, hamotzei, and cupcakes!

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HERE COME THE IN-LAWS

As our *Parsha* opens, word of the miraculous exodus and *Bnai Yisrael*'s victory over Amalek has reached Midyan and fallen on the ears of Yitro, Moshe's father-in-law. For the past year, while Moshe was in Egypt, freeing the Jewish slaves, his wife, Tziporah and their two sons, Gershom and Eliezer, have lived safely in Yitro's house. Now that the *Bnai Yisrael* are closing in on Sinai, near the Midyanite territory, Yitro takes Moshe's family for a reunion with the "shepherd gone national leader."

When they reach the Cloud of glory they discover it is as hard as a rock. Yitro isn't able to penetrate the mist because he is not yet a part of *Bnai Yisrael* (he has not yet converted). So he sends a letter with an arrow into the Cloud of glory telling Moshe that his family has arrived. *Hashem* allows this arrow to go through. Moshe, Aharon & all the 70 *Zekainim*, followed by all of *Bnai Yisrael* leave the Cloud to greet Yitro.

Moshe tells Yitro all the details of the miracles that *Hashem* has brought about for *Bnai Yisrael*: the *makot* (plagues), the splitting of the *Yam Suf*, the "well of Miriam," the *Mann*, the *slav* and the victory over Amalek. Yitro is so ecstatic that he insists upon having a *brit milah* (circumcision) right then and there, becoming a *ger* (convert) and accepting *Hashem's mitzvot* upon himself. He offers *Karbanot* (sacrifices) to *Hashem*, and sits down with Aharon and the *Zekainim* to have a meal, with humble Moshe serving the guests.

"Quote of the Week"

"If you want to make peace, you don't talk to your friends. You talk to your enemies."
 -*Moshe Dayan*

DID YOU KNOW.....

Did you know that Judaism was put on trial and defended by the Ramban (Rabbi Moshe Ben Nachman)? At the famous Disputation at Barcelona in 1263 the Spanish King James I together with the Catholic Church decided that the best way to get Jews to convert would be to have a public debate with the greatest rabbi alive, the Ramban, that would no doubt show how wrong and mistaken Judaism is and lead to mass conversion of the Jews. It didn't exactly work out that way. The Ramban CRUSHED it and made the Church look quite foolish. King James even said "I never encountered a man who, while yet being wrong, argued so well for his position." (Of course he couldn't openly admit the Ramban was right about Judaism). When the Pope read the account of the debate he demanded the Ramban be exiled- King James promised no harm would come to the Ramban if he debated, and since exile technically isn't "harm", the Ramban had to leave Spain. Fortunately he ended up in Eretz Yisrael where he established a shul in the Old City that still exists today.
 To read a graphic novel of this account go to the Teen Library upstairs.

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!

With Yitro it's said I used to advise
I was in Egypt and heard the babies cries
In a list of Tanach you might look
Mine is the name of a Biblical book *

(*Hint:- We never read it in shul.)

LAST WEEK:

The locusts came and they ate and ate
The hunger they caused was indeed great
But we see locust plagues in Tanach again
It's in Navi- tell me who and when

▲- Sefer Yoel (Joel)

**LUNCH AT THE
YOUTH HOUSE –
THE SHABBAT OF
MARCH 2nd
GRADES 8-12.
12:15 pm.
PLEASE RSVP
WITH YONI.**

**NO TOT SHABBAT
THIS WEEK- IT
WILL RETURN
NEXT SHABBOS**

**MIDOT MATTER MOST:
IT MIGHT NOT ALWAYS BE
EASY, BUT TRY EXTRA HARD
TO FOLLOW THE
5TH COMMANDMENT.**

Altruism- Al·tru·ism

(ăl' trō̄-ĭz̄'m) 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.

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

