

# Youth Happenings @ Congregation Etz Chaim

**Nov. 17, 2018, VaYetzei 10 Kislev 5779**



## VaYetzei Times & Numbers

Candle Lighting- 4:19pm

Mincha- 4:20

Shacharit- 9:00 am

Teen Minyan- 9:45 am

Tot Shabbat- 10:15

Junior Cong.- 10:15 upstairs

Mincha- 5:20 pm

Shabbos Ends- 5:27pm

**NO MITZVOT IN THIS PARSHA**

**NUMBER OF PESUKIM: 148**

**NUMBER OF WORDS: 2021**

**NUMBER OF LETTERS: 7512**



**SAVE THE DATE: ETZ CHAIM YOUTH CHANUKAH PROGRAM: NEW TIME- SUNDAY MORNING, DECEMBER 2- 10:45AM. -BUBBLE SHOW SPECTACULAR! -EPIC RAFFLE! -CHANUKAH FOOD & TREATS!**

## NAME THAT PARSHA!

**A SPECIAL, FUN-FILLED, PRIZE LOADED GAME FOLLOWING JR. CONGREGATION THE SHABBAT OF NOVEMBER 17!!! FOR GRADES 2-6.**

Congregation Etz Chaim: [www.etzchaimnj.org](http://www.etzchaimnj.org)

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## A Midsummer Night's Dream

Yaakov arrives at Har Hamoriah just as the sun is setting. So he *davens Maariv* and heads for bed. Well, actually there are no beds in sight, so stones will have to do. Yaakov takes twelve stones and makes a "pillow" out of them on the ground. He doesn't know it, but, miraculously, all 12 stones merge into one "fluffy" rock pillow, supporting this *tzadik* as he sleeps. Yaakov dreams of a ladder that stretches from the ground next to him all the way up to the heavens. On this ladder, a line of *Malachim* (angels) are climbing up to *Shamayim* (heaven). These are the *Malachim* that have protected him while he was in *Eretz Yisroel*. Along side them, another line of *Malachim* make their way down the ladder to the earth. These new heavenly recruits are coming to protect Yaakov in Charan. *Hashem* appears to Yaakov, promising him that he will be protected until he returns to *Eretz Yisrael*.

When Yaakov wakes up he exclaims "I knew that this was a traditional sacrificial area, but who knew this was such a holy place?" Now he realizes he is by the gateway to heaven. If only he had known this before, he would never have slept here! Yaakov marks the spot with the stone he slept on. He promises that if *Hashem* will truly protect him, give him food and clothing and return him safely to *Eretz Yisrael*, on this spot he will offer sacrifices and always give *Hashem* 10% of everything he earns. This is called *Maaser* (tithing). Like Yaakov, we too should give at least 10% of our earnings to *tzedakah*.

## "Quote of the Week"

*"Anger is a serious character flaw which causes people to sin... Once you have distanced yourself from anger, the quality of humility will enter your heart. This radiant quality is the finest of all admirable traits."*

-The Ramban (Rav Moshe Ben Nachman)

## DID YOU KNOW.....

Did you know that Antiochus IV isn't the only bad guy in the Chanukah story? Sure, he gets a lot of the "credit" for enacting all the terrible decrees against the Jews. But he in fact dies at the "half-way" point of the Chanukah story. His son actually makes peace with the Jews, but is murdered shortly after by Demetrius I who resumes the oppression of the Jewish people- and whose forces kill Judah Maccabee. Demetrius's men are later defeated by Yonatan Maccabee.

## MIDDLE RIDDLE

THE FIRST KID WHO TELLS YONI THE ANSWER GETS \$3 MM, THE SECOND GETS \$2, & THE 3<sup>rd</sup> GETS \$1- NO TELLING THE ANSWER! Ages 12 and Under.

In Jewish history I've got a very bad name  
I'm a well know king of great international fame  
Maybe I wasn't that bad in every single way  
After all Jeremiah told the Jews to do what I say

Last Week:

As a Levi there's something I'll never see  
Nor should any man in my family tree  
A Yisroel or a Cohen might see it transpire  
At least I can be in the Bet Hamikdash choir  
A- A Kohen getting Shaini, or a bichor washing a Kohen's hands

**REMEMBER: MITZVAH MONEY ISN'T ONLY GOOD AS RAFFLE TICKETS, BUT CAN ALSO BE EXCHANGED WITH YONI FOR \$10 AMAZON GIFT CARDS!**



## TOY Drive

At the Chanukah Chagigah-  
Please bring a toy, book,  
or game for a needy child!

**MIDOT MATTER MOST:**  
**Everyone is entitled to their opinion. Try not to force yours onto someone else.**

Altruism- Al·tru·ism

(ăl' trōō-ĭz'əm) 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.

## MONSTERS IN JUDAISM

**CLASS RETURNS ON  
TUESDAY, NOV. 20- 5:45  
TEEN BET MIDRASH- DINNER  
WILL BE SERVED.  
GRADES 8-12**



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