

# Youth Happenings @ Congregation Etz Chaim



**June 16, Parshat Korach, 4 Tammuz 5778**

## Korach Times & Numbers:

Candle Lighting- 8:12pm

Mincha- 7:00pm

Shacharit- 9:00 am

Teen Minyan @ the Main Minyan

Jr. Congregation- 10:15

Tot Shabbat- 10:15

Mincha – 8:10 Shabbat Ends- 9:20 pm



NUMBER OF *MITZVOT*: 9

5 *MITZVOT ASEH* (POSITIVE COMMANDMENT)

4 *MITZVOT LO TAASEH* (NEGATIVE COMMANDMENT - PROHIBITION)

NUMBER OF *PESUKIM* (SENTENCES): 95

NUMBER OF WORDS: 1409

NUMBER OF LETTERS: 5325

## YEAR END

# RAFFLE

**ONLY MITZVAH MONEY WILL BE ACCEPTED. TICKETS WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE-SO START SAVING UP! AT THE SHUL DINNER MONDAY, JUNE 18**

## WHERE IN LIVINGSTON IS YONI??

Each Friday afternoon for the first three weeks in June at approx. 3:00pm. Yoni will be posting/sending out a selfie in a local establishment. The first 4 kids to figure out where Yoni is & show up there win prizes from that place of business *and* tickets for the year-end raffle!

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## KORACH: DOWNS AND UPS

Korach has been a bad boy, openly rebelling against Moshe (and Hashem). Hashem orders Moshe to clear an area around the family tents of Korach, Datan, & Aviram. Something terrible is about to happen. Moshe makes one last attempt to get Datan & Aviram to repent. But these two rebels are too stubborn. They won't even answer Moshe when he speaks! Suddenly, the Earth splits open and swallows Datan and Aviram, their families, tents and possessions! At the same time, a heavenly fire burns Korach & his 250 followers who stand at the entrance of the *Mishkan* with their pans of *Ketoret*. Korach is sucked into the hole, joining Datan & Aviram.

The earth closes but the *Bnai Yisrael* can hear the victims. In a song, they declare that Hashem is righteous and His judgement is correct, & that Moshe and the *Torah* are true. They also confess that they are evil for rebelling against Moshe.

The sons of Korach, however, are saved from death because at the last minute they did *Teshuvah* (repented) and sided with Moshe. They later establish a virtuous family in *Eretz Yisroel* from who descended the great prophet Samuel. This shows that even if one had evil parents or ancestors he/she can still achieve righteousness.

## "Quote of the Week"

*"Your future is whatever you make it, so make it a good one."*

**-Dr. Emmett Brown**

## DID YOU KNOW?

Did you know that Jericho is the oldest continuously inhabited city in the world? Though some scholars dispute this, the archeological evidence backing this claim is strong. Nearly all agree it's the world's oldest walled city. Jericho has certainly been a point of interest in history. Most famously is Joshua's campaign conquering it, and the law against a Jew rebuilding it. (For some interesting and eerie research look up what happened to the Jews who did try to build there.) Alexander the Great made it into one of his private estates, and Herod leased it from Cleopatra, who was given it as a gift from Marc Antony. Today it is inhabited by Palestinians in Judea (aka the West Bank).

## YIDDLE RIDDLE ??????

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

Korach's sons just made it out alive  
And then in Torah they did thrive  
Now in song they're well known  
Don't tell me where, this has to be shown

### Last Week-

Spy vs. Spy, it's what happens this week  
Bad things about Israel some did speak  
40 years later spies are sent once more  
Tell me their names and you will score  
A- Calev and Pinchas

## FRIDAY AFTERNOON BASKETBALL FINAL WEEK TIL SEPT.!

FRIDAYS- 4:30  
AT THE YOUTH HOUSE!  
GRADES 7 AND UP.  
WEATHER PERMITTING.



HAVE A GREAT  
SUMMER  
EVERYONE! FULL  
YOUTH  
DEPARTMENT  
ACTIVITIES WILL  
RESUME ON THE  
SHABBAT AFTER  
LABOR DAY.



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FOR THE  
GOVERNMENT, DON'T  
BE A SPY.**

Altruism- Al-tru-ism

(אַלְטְרוּיִזְמוֹ) 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.