

Youth Happenings @ Congregation Etz Chaim



Feb 15, 2020 Parshat Yitro 15 Shvat 5780

Yitro Times and Numbers

Candle Lighting- 5:12pm

Mincha- 5:15pm

Shacharit- 9:00 am

Teen Minyan- 9:45am

Tot Shabbat-10:15

Junior Cong.- 10:15 upstairs

Mincha- 5:10 pm

Shabbos Ends- 6:13pm



NUMBER OF MITZVOT: 17

(14 of 17 are within the *Aseret HaDibrot*)

3 MITZVOT ASEH (POSITIVE COMMANDMENT)

14 MITZVOT LO TAASEH

NUMBER OF WORDS: 1104

NUMBER OF LETTERS: 4022

NUMBER OF PESUKIM (SENTENCES): 75

Many *Chumashim* print the number of *pesukim* at the end of the Sidra. In *Yitro's* case, the number is *AYIN-BET* or 72 *pesukim*. The discrepancy is due to different ways of counting the *Aseret HaDibrot*. The *Aseret HaDibrot* consists of 13 *pesukim*. But, when they're read as Statements, rather than *pesukim*, there's only 10. Similarly, the *Aseret HaDibrot* is comprised of 10 *parshiot*. That's probably where the other 3 *pesukim* went.

**SAVE THE DATE:
THIS YEAR'S
PURIM CARNIVAL
WILL BE ON 3/9
FOLLOWING MEGILLAH READING**

Rabbi Klibanoff will be
hosting a **Shiur for Kids**
in grades 5-8 on Wednesday,
February 26 from
7:30-8:15 pm.

Pizza & pasta will be served.

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Rabbi Sam Klibanoff

Presidents: Dr. Michael Rieber & Jeff Suskind

Youth Director: Yoni Glatt

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 *Kurbanot* (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"

"To be kind it more important than to be right. Many times, what people need is not a brilliant mind that speaks, but a special heart that listens."

-The Lubavitcher Rebbe

DID YOU KNOW???

Did you know that according to the Talmud (in Shabbat) the two tablets of the Ten Commandments were truly supernatural items? The Talmud says that the letters were cut completely through the stone, and that some letters (א and ב) miraculously stood in place!

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!

With Yitro's 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

Last Week:

Az Yashir- what a great song
It's not too short or too long
Show me another place where a Jew did sing
Not counting Psalms or songs of a king
A- Shirat Devorah in Judges (last week's Haftarah)



THIS WEEK WITH MORAH DEBBIE! (WEATHER
PERMITTING). MORAH NICOLE RETURNS NEXT

WEEK ON MARCH 6

10:15 IN THE BEIT MIDRASH FOR CHILDREN IN GRADES 1
AND UNDER.

PURIM: THE RIGHT TO FIGHT

Yoni's after school
JTEEN U class on
Purim and Israel's
right to defend itself.
February 25th at
5:45pm-
Teen Bet Midrash
upstairs.
Grades 8-12.
Dinner will be served.

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

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.

Boruch Hashem

FEEDING 350 FAMILIES IN METROWEST

THE NEXT JRA DAY WILL BE @ Cong. Etz Chaim

Sunday
March 1
9:30am
1 Lafayette Drive,
Livingston, NJ 07039

The Jewish Relief Agency packs and
delivers monthly food boxes to over
350 needy families in the MetroWest
Area. Join us in helping local and
#FightingHungerLocally.

Box assembly is on Sunday. Deliveries
can be made any day that week.

For more information
or to reserve a route:

- Call Alisha Blugrind @ the Etz Chaim office
- Email office@etzchaimnj.com
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