

# Youth Happenings @ Congregation Etz Chaim

**Dec. 15, 2018, Parshat VaYigash 7 Tevet 5779**



## VaYigash Times & Numbers

Candle Lighting- 4:12pm  
 Mincha- 4:15  
 Shacharit- 9:00 am  
 Teen Minyan- 9:45 am  
 Tot Shabbat- 10:15  
 Junior Cong.- 10:15 upstairs  
 Mincha- 5:10 pm  
 Shabbos Ends- 5:20pm



**NO MITZVOT IN THIS PARSHA**

**NUMBER OF PESUKIM :106**

**NUMBER OF WORDS: 1480**

**NUMBER OF LETTERS: 5680**

This Tuesday is Aseret B'Tevet commemorating the siege of Jerusalem by Nebuchadnezzar II of Babylonia—an event that began on that date and ultimately culminated in the destruction of the first Beit Hamikdash.



## KRAZY CUPCAKE KABBALAT SHABBAT!

**Save the Date: 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!

Congregation Etz Chaim: [www.etzchaimnj.org](http://www.etzchaimnj.org)  
 Rabbi Sam Klibanoff  
 Rabbi Natan Kapustin, Assistant Rabbi  
 Presidents: Jeff Susskind & Dr. Michael Rieber  
 Youth Director: Yoni Glatt

## Preparing For The Future

Yaakov is all gung-ho to see Yosef after so many years. But the land of Canaan is very holy. Yaakov feels the need to ask *Hashem*'s permission to leave it for Egypt. He is worried that his children will be assimilated. So he heads over to Be'er Sheva and offers *korbanot* (sacrifices) to *Hashem* on the *mizbayach* (altar) his father Yitzchok built. *Hashem* gives an "A-okay" to Yaakov's request. *Hashem* tells Yaakov not to be afraid to go down to Egypt. They will be divinely protected. *Hashem* also promises Yaakov that Egypt is just a temporary stop in the fulfillment of the promise made to him and his fathers, Avraham & Yitzchak. It is in Egypt that *He* will make them into a great nation.

So Yaakov, his 11 sons and their families pack up all their possessions & animals, and head out to Egypt. Sixty-Nine people in Yaakov's household start the trek. Levi's daughter Yocheved (Moshe's mother), is born along the way, making it an even 70 upon arrival. Yehuda goes ahead to make preparations. He builds homes and a *Yeshiva* in the far off land of Goshen. After all, this is where Bnai Yisrael will be spending the next 210 years.



### *“Quote of the Week”*

*“Courage is for a moment. Regret lasts a lifetime.”*

- Rabbi Yom Tov Glaser

### **DID YOU KNOW.....**

Did you know that the first ghetto was in the city of Venice, Italy and was established in 1516? Jews were sectioned off into the small area of the ghetto, which was eventually expanded due to overpopulation. In 1797 Napoleon decreed the end of Jewish segregation and the ghetto age effectively came to an end, even though many Jews remained there. However, ghettos which had sprouted up across Europe would still remain for decades to come. Today the Venice Ghetto is the home to Chabad in Venice, has a Jewish museum, active shuls, a kollel, and some of the best kosher dining in the world.

## 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!

There are six of these every year  
One of which is very near  
Say them in any order but start with the  
most important of all  
And you'll be standing proud and tall

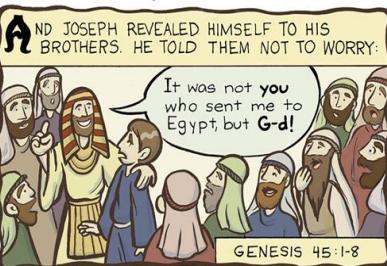
Last Week-

Where is there a hidden allusion to Chanukah on the first

page of the Torah?

A- The 25<sup>th</sup> word (in the 3<sup>rd</sup> verse) is Ohr

Of Biblical Proportions by Chari Pere



**COLLEGE KIDS-  
WELCOME HOME  
LUNCH AT THE  
YOUTH HOUSE  
12/29 12:00PM**

**MIDOT MATTER MOST:  
A TRUE WINNER DOESN'T  
MAKE THE PERSON HE/SHE  
DEFEATS FEEL LIKE A  
LOSER.**

Altruism- Al·tru·ism

(ăl' trōō-ĭz'ĕm) 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.

## SAVE THE DATE

SHABBAT OF JANUARY 12-  
SPECIAL KIDS SERVICES WILL BE  
HELD IN THE BET MIDRASH AT  
10:15 AM. Grades 2-6.



**ROCK N ROLL  
JUDAISM**

*A new Five- Part, free J-TEEN University class for grades 8-12.*

*December 18, January 8, 15, 29, and February 5.*

*5:45PM- Congregation Etz Chaim- 1 Lafayette Dr. Livingston ,NJ*

*Dinner Served  
at each class*

