

# Youth Happenings @ Congregation Etz Chaim



**June 1, Parshat Bechukotai, 27 Iyar 5779**

## Bechukotai Times & Numbers

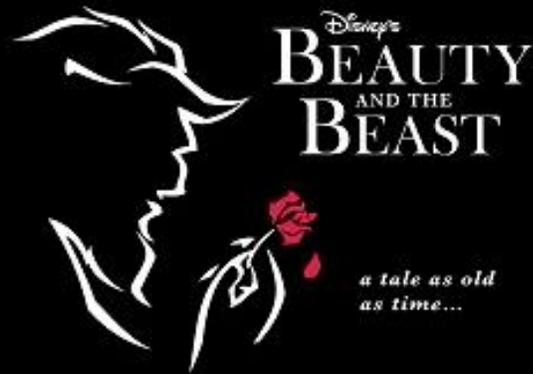
Candle Lighting- 7:57pm  
 Mincha- 7:00  
 Shacharit- 9:00 am  
 Teen Minyan- 9:45am  
 Tot Shabbat- 10:15  
 Junior Cong.- 10:15  
 Mincha- 7:50pm  
 Shabbos Ends- 9:06pm



NUMBER OF MITZVOT: 12  
 7 MITZVOT ASEH (positive commandment)  
 15 MITZVOT LO TAASEH (negative commandment – prohibition)  
 NUMBER OF PESUKIM: 78  
 NUMBER OF WORDS: 1013  
 NUMBER OF LETTERS: 3992

## BE OUR GUEST

TUESDAY, JUNE 18- 7:00 PM  
 ETZ CHAIM YOUTH OUTING TO SEE  
 BEAUTY AND THE BEAST  
 @ THE PAPER MILL PLAYHOUSE.  
 ONLY \$30 PER SEAT.  
 TALK W/ YONI TO RESERVE TICKETS



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## THE FARMERS TITHE

The final *mitzvah* in the book of *Vayikra* is for a farmer to give a tenth of his cattle to *Hashem*. If a Jewish farmer raises cows, sheep or goats he has a *mitzvah* to give every tenth new born animal to *Hashem*. This *mitzvah* is called "*Ma'aser Behaima*." Here's how it's done:

Once a year a farmer takes all the animals born that year into a stable with a door too small for more than one animal to exit at a time. Their mothers are left outside so the young animals will want to leave the stable. The farmer counts the animals as they leave. Every 10<sup>th</sup> animal that comes out is touched with a stick that has been dipped in red paint. Then the farmer calls out "This animal is *Ma'aser*." The farmer then takes these chosen animals to *Yerushalayim* where the *Kohain* slaughters them. Next, the *Kohain* burns the inner parts on the *Mizbayach* (Altar) as a sacrifice to *Hashem* and gives the meat to the farmer who is permitted to eat the meat only in *Yerushalayim*.

Part of *Hashem's* plan is to make sure that even a farmer who works morning till night will find the time to study and appreciate *Torah*. The farmer would then return to his family with a great sense of understanding and welcome the *Shechina* into every aspect of his life.

All you can eat  
 FRESH MADE  
 PIZZA-Shavuot Night!

## 9<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL SHAVUOS

## YOUTH BBQ

@ The Youth House- Shavuot,  
 Sunday, June 9, 1:00pm

All ages  
 welcome!!



## 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!

Shavuot is almost here, it's the truth  
And on it we read the Book of Ruth  
A midrash says she had this nephew that was bad  
He was pretty big and died when he was mad

Last Week:

Find this number, it's not so distressing  
Just take the days we count with a blessing  
Then add the day Jews go to Meron  
This is easy, you can do it on your own  
A- 82 (49 days of Sefira + 33 of Lag Ba'Omer)

**THE SHABBAT OF- JUNE 15**  
**SPECIAL KIDS SERVICES WILL BE**  
**HELD UPSTAIRS IN CLASSROOM 2 AT**  
**10:15 AM. Grades 2-6.**



### "Quote of the Week"

*"If you believe that you can  
damage, then believe that  
you can fix."*

*-Rebbe Nachman of Breslov*

**FRIDAY AFTERNOON  
BASKETBALL  
IS  
BACK!  
FRIDAYS- 4:30  
AT THE YOUTH  
HOUSE!  
GRADES 7 AND UP.  
WEATHER PERMITTING.**



**MIDOT MATTER MOST...**  
**DON'T LIE OR MAKE EXCUSES.**  
**SOMETIMES YOU'RE WRONG,**  
**AND THAT'S OK.**

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.

## TORAH GREATS- THE TAZ 1586-1667

Rav David HaLevi Segal, also known as the Turei Zahav, or more famously The Taz, was born in Ludmir, Ukraine. He became a reputed Talmudic scholar, and married the daughter of Rabbi Yoel Sirkis of Brest, Belarus whom he frequently quoted in his works. After residing with his in-laws and continuing his Torah studies for several years, The Taz and his family moved to Kraków, Poland. He was then appointed chief rabbi of Potelych, Poland, where he lived in great poverty. Later he went to Poznań, Poland where he remained for several years.

Around 1641 he became rabbi of the old community of Ostrog, in Slovenia. There The Taz established a famous *yeshiva*, and was soon recognized as one of the great halakhic authorities of his time. In Ostrog, he wrote a commentary on R' Joseph Caro's *Shulchan Aruch (Yoreh De'ah)*, which he published in Lublin in 1646. This commentary, known as the *Turei Zahav* ("Rows of Gold"), was accepted as one of the highest authorities on Jewish law. Thereafter, Segal became known by the acronym of his work, the *TaZ*. Two years after the publication of his commentary, The Taz and his family had to flee the massacres of the Cossack insurrection under Bogdan Chmielnicki in 1648–1649. The Taz went to Steinitz, Moravia (Czech Republic), where he remained for some time. Not happy there, he returned to Poland as soon as order was restored, settling in Lemberg for the rest of his life. In Lemberg, The Taz was appointed Av Beit Din & became chief rabbi as well.

The Taz's last days were saddened by the death of his two sons, Mordechai and Solomon, who were killed in the riots occurring in Lemberg in the spring of 1664. His wife had died long before; and The Taz married the widow of her brother, Rav Samuel Hirz. His third son from his first marriage, Isaiah, and his stepson, Aryeh Löb, were the two Polish scholars who were sent to Turkey in 1666 to investigate the claims of the false-Messiah, Shabbetai Tzvi. The two returned with a present for Segal from Shabbetai Tzvi — a white silk robe, along with a letter in which the latter promised to avenge the wrongs of the Jews of Poland (he didn't). The Taz's descendants were the Russian rabbinical family Paltrowitch, which produced 33 rabbis over several generations; it's believed actress Gwyneth Paltrow and Congresswoman Gabrielle Giffords are also descendants.