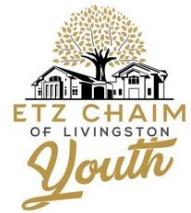


# Youth Happenings @ Congregation Etz Chaim

**Dec. 14, 2019 Parshat Vayishlach, 16 Kislev 5780**



## Vayishlach Times and Numbers

Candle Lighting- 4:12pm

Mincha- 4:15pm

Shacharit- 9:00 am

Teen Minyan- 9:45am

Tot Shabbat-10:15

Junior Cong.- 10:15 upstairs

Mincha- 4:10 pm

Shabbos Ends- 5:16pm



**ONE MITZVAT LO TAASEH IN THIS PARSHA** (Negative commandment): The first of the Torah's 365 prohibition; the only one in

*Bereishit*- Not to eat the *Gid HaNashe*- the sciatic nerve on the hip joint of an animal.

**NUMBER OF PESUKIM:** 154

**NUMBER OF WORDS:** 1976

**NUMBER OF LETTERS:** 7458



Don't forget to bring a new toy to donate at Chanukah Palooza on Sunday!

Toys will be donated to Jewish Family Services and the Food Pantry of the Oranges.

## BATTLES OF THE MACCABEES

Yoni's after school class for grades 8-12 continues Monday, Dec. 23 @ 5:45. Dinner will be served.

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## O Brother Where Art Thou?!

As the *Parsha* opens, the *Torah* tells us that of all twelve sons, Yosef, Rachel's son, is Yaakov's favorite. That's only one reason why the ten sons of Leah, Bilha and Zilpa don't like Yosef that much. The number one reason is that Yosef is a tattle-tale! It's important to remember that all ten brothers are in fact *tzadikim* (righteous people). But *tzadikim* are judged more harshly than others, and Yosef has a bad habit of playing both judge and jury. He waits in the bushes for his brothers to make a slip, and then, instead of gently correcting them, he runs to his father and tattles on them.

The brothers turn into a bunch of nervous wrecks! After all, look how Avraham kicked Yishmael out of the house for Yitzchak's sake. Everyone knows that Yosef is the first-born of Rachel, the favorite wife. Maybe Yaakov will kick them out too?! It doesn't help when Yaakov makes Yosef a real cool long-sleeved silk coat of many colors. Now Yosef struts around in his new duds advertising that he's the favorite. The brothers end up selling Yosef, but soon after are overrun with guilt. For years they look after Yosef, but with no luck. The brothers, as righteous men, should have known better, and ultimately spent years living in regret. Had they been wicked, they would have been happy to be rid of Yosef, and not remorseful.

### "Quote of the Week"

*"Self-sacrifice is not just the willingness to die for one's beliefs; it is the way in which one lives for them."*

-Rabbi Menachem Mendel Schneerson,  
aka the 7<sup>th</sup> Lubavitcher Rebbe

### DID YOU KNOW...???

Did you know that none of the five Maccabee brothers died a natural death? While their father, Matisyahu, died an old man of natural causes his sons did not. Eliezer and Judah were killed in battle- the former being crushed by an elephant and Judah martyring himself. Yochanan was betrayed and assassinated by an Arab tribe (later decimated by his remaining brothers). Yonatan was deceived by a Greek general and killed in captivity, and Shimon was assassinated by his own son-in-law.

## **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!

**I look like Israel  
I sound like Israel  
But I'm in Utah. Who am I?**

Last Week:

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  
A- Nebuchadnezzar



This week with Morah Debbie! (Weather permitting).

Morah Nicole Returns next week on Jan. 4  
10:15 in the Beit Midrash For children in grades 1  
and under.

## **NAME THAT MACCABEE!**

**A fun-filled,  
prize-loaded,  
educational  
game, during Jr.  
Congregation -**

**Shabbat of  
Dec. 21.**



**MIDOT MATTER MOST:**  
**YOU CAN'T ALWAYS  
CONTROL HOW YOU FEEL,  
BUT YOU CAN CONTROL  
HOW YOU ACT.**

Altruism- Al·tru·ism

(ăl' trü' īz' īm) 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.



Special Performance By:

**THE MENTALIST**

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CHANUKAH GAMES  
ARTS & CRAFTS  
COOKIE DECORATING  
UGLY SWEATER CONTEST!\***

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AND GET A FREE RAFFLE TICKET

