

# Youth Happenings @ Congregation Etz Chaim



**Dec. 21, 2019 Parshat Vayeshev, 23 Kislev 5780**

## Vayeshev Times and Numbers

Candle Lighting- 4:14pm

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- 5:18pm



NO MITZVOT IN THIS PARSHA

NUMBER OF PESUKIM : 112

NUMBER OF WORDS: 1558

NUMBER OF LETTERS: 5972

Vayeishev is read on the Shabbat before Chanukah when Rosh HaShanah was not on Shabbat. (On rare occasions, it is Shabbat Chanukah, and not Mikeitz. When Chanukah starts on Shabbat, both Vayeishev & Mikeitz are read on Chanukah.)

## Light Up the Nights!

Wherever you are, take a picture of your family lighting the Chanukah and tag @etzchaimlivingston on Instagram and use the Hashtag #itsECTolight

The post with the most likes will win a fabulous prize!



## **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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## DREAM WEAVER

One night Yosef dreams that he and his brothers are tying up stalks of grain in the field. Yosef's bundle rises up in the air. Then the brothers' bundles all bow down to Yosef's bundle. The next day Yosef runs out to tell his brothers all about it. This really grinds their gears. They hate him for acting so superior to them. But Yosef's immaturity and their jealousy doesn't discount the dream. It would come true. There are just a couple of details that need to unravel. Yes, his brothers will bow down to him, but they won't know it is him. They'll think it is an Egyptian Viceroy receiving the honor. And what about the stalks of grain? Little do they know that there will be a terrible famine that will force them to go to Egypt to buy grain.

Soon after, Yosef has another dream. In this one, Yosef is a star in the sky. Eleven smaller stars, the sun and the moon surround him and bow to him. Yosef has got to tell his brothers about this one! He's so excited, he doesn't even wait for his brothers to be alone. He announces his dream at the dinner table while Yaakov listens in. Yaakov's a smart man. He knows how this all looks to his other sons. They're going to hate Yosef for making them look inferior before Yaakov. So he tells Yosef that the dream is just a ridiculous illusion, especially since the moon represents Rachel, and Rachel is dead. But secretly Yaakov waits to see how this prophecy pans out.

## *"Quote of the Week"*

*"It is right to submit oneself to G-d and, being mortal, not to think oneself equal to Him"*

**-Antiochus IV** (yes, THAT Antiochus...seriously)

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

Did you know that many scholars date the tradition of giving Gelt on Chanukah back to the days of the Maccabees? Giving presents is an adaptation of gift giving on xmas- in fact Jews used to give presents on Purim, but that tradition changed to Chanukah in the late 19<sup>th</sup> century due to the popularity of giving xmas presents. However, giving coins on Chanukah has been an age old tradition. One of the true signs of a country's independence is having their own money. When the Jews re-gained their independence from the Greeks they printed their own coins. It then became a tradition to give coins on Chanukah.

## 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!

**History repeats itself time and again  
Another Jew interprets dreams for a  
King in a Tanach- tell me who and when**

Last Week:

I look like Israel

I sound like Israel

But I'm in Utah. Who am I?

A- Zion National Park



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:

**ACCEPT. TOLERATE.  
EDUCATE. IN THAT ORDER,  
NOT THE REVERSE.**

Altruism- Al·tru·ism

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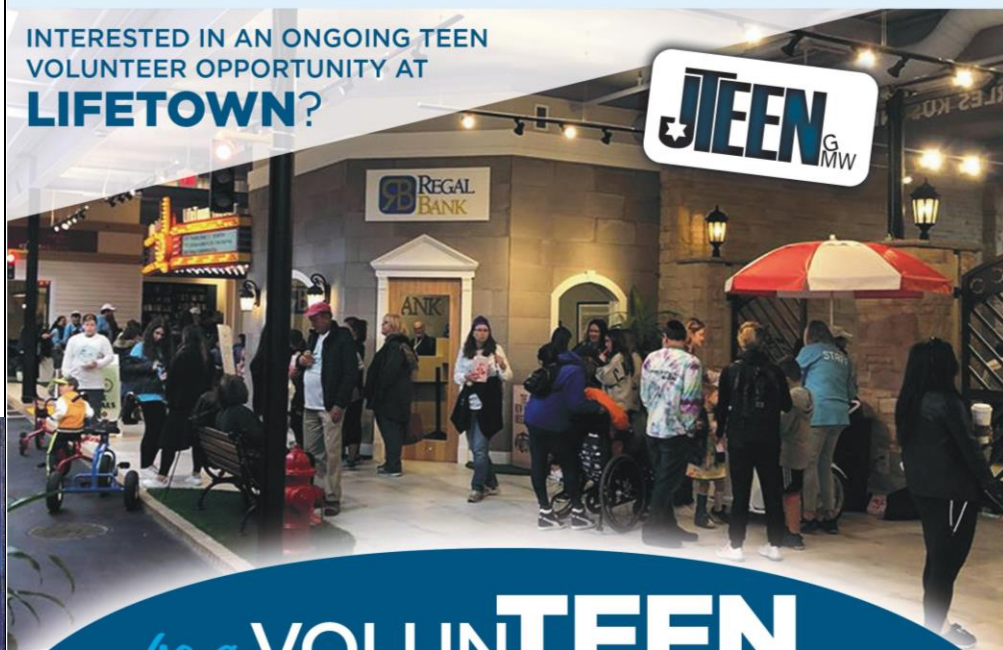
1. Unselfish concern for the welfare of others; selflessness.

2. Zoology-behavior by an animal that is not beneficial to or may be harmful to itself but that benefits others of its species.

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**INTERESTED IN AN ONGOING TEEN  
VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY AT  
LIFETOWN?**



*be a* **VOLUNTEEN**

As a VolunTEEN, you'll join other teens to offer ongoing hands-on help and build relationships with those you're assisting.

Volunteers are an essential part of LifeTown's activities and key to **Friendship Circle's** mission of integrating people with unique abilities and the larger community.

A few hours of your time can make a child smile, ensure a teen gets to play sports, help a young adult master job-skills training, and provide much-needed respite opportunities for parents of children with special needs.

**Volunteer on Sundays and school holidays:**

Sunday, 12/29 • 10 a.m. – noon  
Monday, 1/20 • 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.  
Monday, 2/17 • 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.  
Thursday, 2/20 • 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.  
Sunday, 3/15 • 10 a.m. – noon

This program is made possible through a grant from the Cooperman Family Fund for a Jewish Future.

**For ages 14+**

**For more information about this and other volunteer programs and to register visit**

[www.jteengmw.org/volunTEENS](http://www.jteengmw.org/volunTEENS)

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