

# Youth Happenings @ Congregation Etz Chaim

**October 28, Parshat Lech Licha, 8 Cheshva 5778**



## Lech Licha Times & Numbers:

Candle Lighting- 5:40pm  
Mincha- 5:40pm  
Shacharit- 9:00 am  
Teen Minyan- 9:45  
Junior Congregation- 10:15  
Tot Shabbat- 10:16  
Mincha-5:30  
Shabbat Ends- 6:46 pm



1 MITZVAT ASEH (POSITIVE COMMANDMENT) - CIRCUMCISION - BRIT MILAH

NUMBER OF PESUKIM (sentences): 126  
NUMBER OF WORDS: 1686  
NUMBER OF LETTERS: 6336

## ISRAEL THROUGH THE AGES

Our free ongoing class for grades 8-12 continues with Yoni this Tuesday 10/31 at 5:45pm. Pizza & pastries served. This Week's Class: Where are the Lost Tribes?

JSU Shabbaton for 9th-12th PS teens from all over NJ happening Nov 3/4 at the Westminster in Livingston. A meaningful & fun Shabbat experience is planned with awesome activities as well. Sat. night activity included! Drop off is from 3:30-4:30 Friday & Pick up is a few hours after Shabbat. Cost is only \$100. Speak with Yoni for more details.

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## SO LONG CHARAN! HELLO, CANAAN!

Avram discovers Hashem as a young boy. But it isn't until he's 75, that Hashem finally speaks to him in a dream. He commands Avram, "Leave your land, your father's house, and go to the land that I will show you."

Hashem doesn't specify any particular location though? But check out Avram's unyielding loyalty to Hashem: He immediately picks up and goes. And it's not just him. His wife Sarai, his nephew Lot, and his servant Eliezer, head out the door. Then there are all of Avram's followers. Let's not forget that Avram is a very persuasive person. He's got loads of students who will follow him wherever he goes. With heaven-sent clouds as their guide, they soon arrive in the beautiful land of Canaan.

The problem is that a drought also arrives at the same time; the rain stops falling, the crops wither and the trees stop producing fruit. What a disaster! Of course, this is all part of Hashem's plan. Will Avram complain? Will he say, "In Charan we had plenty to eat and now we are starving"? Nope! Avram trusts Hashem and is determined to make the best of the situation. He's got unrelenting faith. The lesson here is: **YA GOTTA BELIEVE!!**



## *"Quote of the Week"*

"When you waste a moment, you have killed it in a sense, squandering an irreplaceable opportunity. But when you use the moment properly, filling it with purpose and productivity, it lives on forever."

-Rav Menachem Mendel Schneerson, the last Lubavitcher Rebbe

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

Did you know that there are no punctuation marks or a true numerical system to the Torah? Jews started using a numerical system in the Middle Ages when they were forced to debate Christians. The Christians would cite passages by number, and Jews had to learn the system to defend Judaism.

## MIDDLE RIDDLE ?????

THE FIRST KID WHO TELLS YONI WHO THE ANSWER IS GETS \$3 MM, THE SECOND GETS \$2, & THE THIRD GETS \$1- NO TELLING THE ANSWER!

Worshipping Idols? Avram knew that was very dumb  
But there used to be lots of idols and then some  
The followers of this one in the Torah were extra bad  
And would sacrifice their kids - they were truly mad

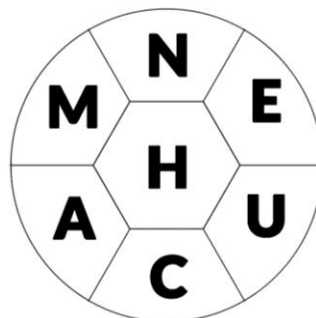
### Last Week-

Look closely at the animals on the other side  
Spot the problem- keep your eyes open wide  
The pic contradicts what we read this week  
Can you tell me the pasuk of which I speak?  
A- Genesis 6:2

A FUN NEW JEWISH GAME AT JUNIOR. CONG.:

## THE JEWISH SPELLING BEE!

Win Mitzvah Money at Jr. Cong. figuring out  
what Jewish word is in the hives- you must use  
every letter at least once.



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Challenged Children In Israel

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lifestyle.

## ISRAEL IN THE PARSHA

JENNIFER ROMANOFF'S  
AFTER SCHOOL CLASS  
RETURNS THIS TUE. OCTOBER  
31 BEFORE YONI'S CLASS

## MIDOT MATTER MOST: BEFORE BLAMING OTHERS, FIRST LOOK WITHIN YOURSELF.

Altruism- Al-tru-ism

(אַלְטְרוּיִזְמוֹ) 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.

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