

Youth Happenings @ Congregation Etz Chaim



Nov. 16, 2019 Parshat Vayera, 18 Cheshvan 5780

Vayera Times and Numbers

Candle Lighting- 4:21pm

Mincha- 4:25

Shacharit- 9:00 am

Teen Minyan- 9:45

Tot Shabbat-10:15

Junior Cong.- 10:15 upstairs

Mincha- 4:15 pm

Shabbos Ends- 5:22 pm



NO MITZVOT IN THIS PARSHA

(See side bar)

NUMBER OF PESUKIM: 147

NUMBER OF WORDS: 2085

NUMBER OF LETTERS: 7862



New and gently used coats and sweaters
Children and adult sizes

Now thru Sunday, Nov 24, drop off new or gently used coats, sweaters, sweatshirts, hats & gloves Collection box is located in the shul coat room, so drop off at your convenience.

On Sunday, Nov 24 at 10am we invite our youngest members to help organize the donations and load the truck for delivery to Yad Leah

Any questions? Mindy Schall (email) or Samantha Migdal (smigdal@gmail.com)



Co-sponsored by The Youth Department & Women's Club.

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NO MITZVOT IN THIS PARSHA?!

Although none of the *Taryag* (613) *mitzvot* are counted from *Vayera*, there are many *mitzvah*-lessons to be found in the *Parsha*. Many of the details of the *Mitzvah* of *Hachnasat Orchim* (hospitality), considered part of the *mitzvah* of *G'milut Chasadim*, are derived from the behavior of *Avraham Avinu*. Similarly, *Bikur Cholim*, (visiting the sick), also a part of *G'milut Chasadim* as well as being part of the *mitzvah* to emulate *Hashem*.

Hashem decides to pay a visit to *Avraham*. This teaches us the importance of the *Mitzvah* of *Bikur Cholim*, (visiting the sick). *He* sees how *Avraham* yearns for guests, so *He* sends three *Malachim* (angels) in shepherd clothing walking down the road. *Avraham* is so excited to see guests that he interrupts his conversation with *Hashem* and runs out to greet them. *Avraham* invites the strangers to his tent for a meal. He quickly sends one of his men to fetch water to wash their feet. While they are resting under a tree, *Avraham* makes dinner arrangements. That's *Sarah's* department & you can be certain that she's as enthusiastic as her husband: The guests are fed a delicious meal. We should all strive to be as amazing at *Hachnasat Orchim* as *Avraham* & *Sarah*. Don't think of *Hachnasat Orchim* as a burden, but as a chance to do an incredible altruistic *Mitzvah*.



"Quote of the Week"

"We are human beings. We are sometimes sad. And sometimes we are 100% right to be sad. But the most important thing is that even when you are sad, don't stop being happy..."

-Rabbi Shlomo Carlebach

DID YOU KNOW.....

Did you know that the largest *Aron Kodesh* (ark) in the world is located in.....yup, you guessed it, The Belz Great Synagogue in Jerusalem? The *Aron* stands at nearly 40 feet high (12 meters) and weighs 18 tons! It is so big it has the capacity to fit 70 Torah scrolls. This *Aron* is such an accomplishment it's even listed in the Guinness Book of World Records.

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!

**The Midrash says to S'dom I once went
And was nearly robbed of every cent
A judge said to pay the robber for making him bleed
So I hit the judge and had *him* pay for this misdeed**

Last Week:

I am read about this time of year
I have different names, to be clear
Find where I was living near my end
Where I met Avraham, my holy friend
A- Shem, aka Malchi-Tzedek



This week with Morah Debbie.

Morah Nicole Returns Dec. 7

10:15 in the Beit Midrash

For children in grades 1 and under.

ETZ CHAIM BUDDIEZ PROGRAM!

**Come to shul,
GET REWARDED-
STARTING
NEXT WEEK!**

AFTER LIFE

Yoni's new after school
class for grades 8-12.

Tuesday, Nov. 19 @ 5:45.

Dinner will be served.

**MIDOT MATTER MOST:
TELLING THE TRUTH IS VERY
IMPORTANT, BUT SOMETIMES IT'S
BETTER TO SAY NOTHING AT ALL**

Altruism- Al-tru·ism

(אַלְטְרוּיזְמוֹ) 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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and saves the world, one person at a time, every day.*



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REGULAR AND ONGOING
TEEN VOLUNTEER
OPPORTUNITY?**



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.

Available projects, taking place on
a monthly or bimonthly basis from
December through May, include:

Homeless Solutions (Morris County)

1st Wednesday of each month, 6:50-8:30 p.m.

Lester Senior Housing (Morris County)

2nd and 4th Mondays of each month, 4-5 p.m.

Daughters of Israel (Essex County)

2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month, 4-5 p.m.

This program is made possible through a
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**FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE
PROGRAMS AND TO REGISTER VISIT**

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Questions? Contact Alejandra Castano at
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