

# Youth Happenings @ Congregation Etz Chaim



**Dec. 7, 2019 Parshat Vayetzei, 9 Kislev 5780**

## Vayetzei Times and Numbers

Candle Lighting- 4:12pm

Mincha- 4:15

Shacharit- 9:00 am

NO Teen Minyan- Bar Mitzvah

Tot Shabbat-10:15

Junior Cong.- 10:15 upstairs

Mincha- 4:10 pm

Shabbos Ends- 5:15pm



**NO MITZVOT IN THIS PARSHA**

**NUMBER OF PESUKIM: 148**

**NUMBER OF WORDS: 2021**

**NUMBER OF LETTERS: 7512**

## A Midsummer Night's Dream

Yaakov arrives at Har Hamoriah just as the sun is setting. So he *davens Maariv* and heads for bed. Well, actually there are no beds in sight, so stones will have to do. Yaakov takes twelve stones and makes a "pillow" out of them on the ground. He doesn't know it, but, miraculously, all 12 stones merge into one "fluffy" rock pillow, supporting this *tzadik* as he sleeps. Yaakov dreams of a ladder that stretches from the ground next to him all the way up to the heavens. On this ladder, a line of *Malachim* (angels) are climbing up to *Shamayim* (heaven). These are the *Malachim* that have protected him while he was in *Eretz Yisroel*. Along side them, another line of *Malachim* make their way down the ladder to the earth. These new heavenly recruits are coming to protect Yaakov in Charan. *Hashem* appears to Yaakov, promising him that he will be protected until he returns to *Eretz Yisroel*.

When Yaakov wakes up he exclaims "I knew that this was a traditional sacrificial area, but who knew this was such a holy place?" Now he realizes he is by the gateway to heaven. If only he had known this before, he would never have slept here! Yaakov marks the spot with the stone he slept on. He promises that if *Hashem* will truly protect him, give him food and clothing and return him safely to *Eretz Yisrael*, on this spot he will offer sacrifices and always give *Hashem* 10% of everything he earns. This is called *Maaser* (tithing). Like Yaakov, we too should give at least 10% of our earnings to *tzeddakah*.



***MAZEL TOV TO JONAH KLEIN AND THE  
ENTIRE KLEIN FAMILY ON THE OCCASION OF  
JONAH'S BAR MITZVAH THIS SHABBAT!***

## **CHANUKAH: BEHIND THE MENORAH**

**Yoni's after school class for  
grades 8-12 continues  
Tuesday, Dec. 10 @ 5:45.  
Dinner will be served.**

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Rabbi Sam Klibanoff

Presidents: Dr. Michael Rieber & Jeff Suskind

Youth Director: Yoni Glatt

## ***"Quote of the Week"***

*"Walk before every man in modesty and humility. Not  
only before those of your religion, but before  
every man."*

**-Rabbi Meir**

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

Did you know that Antiochus IV isn't the only bad guy in the Chanukah story? Sure, he gets a lot of the "credit" for enacting all the terrible decrees against the Jews. But he in fact dies at the "half-way" point of the Chanukah story. His son actually makes peace with the Jews, but is murdered shortly after by Demetrius I who resumes the oppression of the Jewish people- and whose forces kill Judah Maccabee. Demetrius's men are later defeated by Yonatan Maccabee.

## **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!

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

Last Week:

Yaakov didn't marry a Jew, but Esav did....Sort of.  
Explain.

A- One of Esav's wives was named Judith. Get it?



This week with Morah Nicole!

Morah Debbie Returns next week on Dec. 14

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:**

**TALK IT OUT: BEING  
NEGATIVE AND PASSIVE  
AGGRESSIVE DOESN'T  
SOLVE ANYTHING.**

Altruism- Al·tru·ism

(ăl' trōō-īz' əm) 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.



**December 15th, 4:00-6:00pm**

Special Performance By:

**THE MENTALIST**



**BOUNCE HOUSE  
LATKES & DOUGHNUTS  
CHANUKAH GAMES  
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