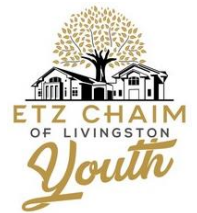


Youth Happenings @ Congregation Etz Chaim



September 21, 2019, Parshat Ki Tavo 21 Elul 5779

Parshat Ki Tavo Times & Numbers:

Candle Lighting- 6:39pm

Mincha- 6:40

Shacharit- 9:00 am

Teen Minyan- 9:45

Tot Shabbat- 10:15

Junior Cong.- 10:15 upstairs

Mincha- 6:40 pm

Shabbos Ends- 7:45 pm



NUMBER OF MITZVOT: 6

3 MITZVOT ASEH (POSITIVE COMMANDMENT)

3 MITZVOT LO TAASEH (NEGATIVE COMMANDMENT - PROHIBITION)

NUMBER OF PESUKIM: 122

NUMBER OF WORDS: 1747

NUMBER OF LETTERS: 6811

YONI'S AFTER SCHOOL EDUCATION PROGRAM RETURNS THIS MONDAY NIGHT, SEPT. 23 AT 5:45:

THE BETA ISRAEL: WHO ARE THE ETHIOPIAN JEWS?

WELCOME TO ALL TEENS IN GRADES 8-12. DINNER WILL BE SERVED.



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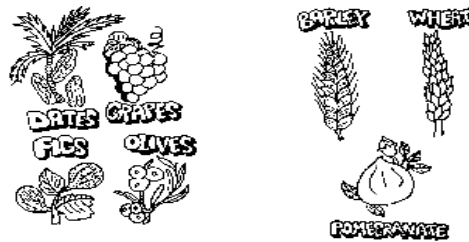
Rabbi Sam Klibanoff

Presidents: Dr. Michael Rieber & Jeff Suskind

Youth Director: Yoni Glatt

FIRST FRUITS

When a farmer sees the first fruit of his crop, he runs back to the house, grabs a string and ties it around that fruit or stalk, and declares. "This is *Bikurim*." This *Mitzvah* only applies to the seven famous fruits of *Eretz Yisroel* as mentioned in *Parshat Eikev (Devarim 8:8)*: This does not apply during a *Shmita* year, when the land rests. The first of any or all of these famous seven *Minim* (species), must be marked and brought to *Yerushalayim*. This is called "*Bikurim*." *Bikurim* are a gift for *Hashem* and is presented to *Hashem* as you'd give a present to your friend, in a nice basket.



The best time to bring *Bikurim* is between *Shavuot* and *Sukkot* (but you can still bring *Bikurim* until *Chanukah* if need be.) The first fruits are paraded through the streets of *Yerushalayim* and are eventually eaten by the *Kohain*, who is dedicated to the service of *Hashem*. This is *Hashem's* gift to the *Kohain* who has no land of his own in Israel.

"Quote of the Week"

"Just as ups and downs are a part of life in general, so crises and misgivings are part of the life of faith."

-Rav Judah Mischel, Executive Director of Camp HASC

DID YOU KNOW...

Did you know that while they lived devoutly religious lifestyles while still in Ethiopia, many Beta Israel communities did NOT blow the Shofar on Rosh Hashana for this? According to historian/anthropologist Steven Kaplan many of the Ethiopian Jews stopped this practice in the early 20th century as anti-Semitism was rising sharply in Ethiopia and they feared blowing the shofar would expose their Jewishness.

MIDDLE RIDDLE ??????

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

When can a person be called to the Torah for 3 successive aliyot (called up to make blessings at the public Torah reading) on the same day?

Last Week:

Mama Mia! The ghetto! There've been a few
That separated and secluded many a Jew
But this European city was the very first
Now it's for tourists, the evil decrees reversed
A- Venice, Italy

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**BASKETBALL IS
BACK!!
FRIDAY 4:00 PM
AT THE GLATTS BOYS
IN GRADES 7 AND UP
ARE WELCOME.
WEATHER PERMITTING.**



**Junior
Congregation
10:15 am upstairs
grades 2-6**

**MIDOT MATTER MOST:
LAUGHING AT SOMEONE BEING
TEASED CAN ACTUALLY BE WORSE
THAN DOING THE ACTUAL TEASING.**

Altruism- Al·tru·ism

(אַלְטְרוּיִזְם) *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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אברהם יצחק יעקב יוסף משה אהרן דוד

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BASKETBALL

THE
ULTIMATE
SKILLS AND
KNOWLEDGE
COMPETITION

**For Boys & Girls Grades 5-8
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 15- 2nd DAY of SUKKOT
3:00pm @ THE YOUTH HOUSE**

SHOOT

ANSWER

WIN!