

# Youth Happenings @ Congregation Etz Chaim

**Nov. 30, 2019 Parshat Toldot, 2 Kislev 5780**



## Toldot Times and Numbers

Candle Lighting- 4:13pm

Mincha- 4:15

Shacharit- 9:00 am

Teen Minyan- 9:45

Tot Shabbat-10:15

Junior Cong.- 10:15 upstairs

Mincha- 4:15 pm

Shabbos Ends- 5:16pm



**NO MITZVOT IN THIS PARSHA**

**NUMBER OF PESUKIM:106**

**NUMBER OF WORDS: 1432**

**NUMBER OF LETTERS: 5426**

# ETZ CHAIM CHANUKAH CHAGIGAH

**Sunday, Dec. 15,  
4:00-6:00pm**

**Toy Drive!  
Blow Up Ride!  
Games!  
Crafts!**

**Doughnut & Cookie  
Decorating!  
Chanukah Raffle!  
Plus a Special Show from**

**THE MENTALIST**

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Youth Director: Yoni Glatt

## RIGHTING THE "BIRTH-WRONG"

One day when the twins are 15, Esav comes back from the hunt empty handed, exhausted and hungry. He heads for the kitchen and finds Yaakov cooking up some red lentils. On that day, their grandfather Avraham has died and Yaakov is preparing a special mourner's meal for those sitting *Shiva*. Esav eyes the food and makes a desperate attempt to get a bite. "I'm exhausted," Esav cries. "Give me a swallow of this red stuff (and some of the red wine too.)" Yaakov sees this as the perfect opportunity to right a wrong. You see, Yaakov was supposed to be the *B'chor* but Esav was born first, so he's got the rights of the firstborn coming to him. That includes a double portion of the family wealth and, more important, special *brachot* from his father. Yaakov knows that he is meant to have the *brachot* and to be the *B'chor*. After all, what would Esav do with a bunch of *brachot*? He barely believes in *Hashem*! This hunting dry-spell is Yaakov's ticket to birthright destiny. So here's what Yaakov does...

"Sure I'll give you some of my delicious stew, Esav," Yaakov says, "but I want one little thing in return - your birthright."



"No problem," replies Esav. "What do I need that for!? Now shovel the red stuff down my throat!" So Yaakov feeds Esav and walks off with a pretty sweet deal - the privileges of the first born. Esav heads back out to the fields to hunt, all the while making fun of Yaakov and the birthright. If Yaakov was not a *Tzaddik* you could say he got the last laugh, but a *Tzaddik* like Yaakov doesn't laugh at another's misfortune- nor should we.

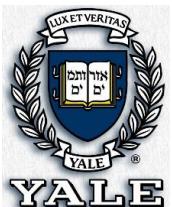
## "Quote of the Week"

*"Most men worry about their own bellies, and other people's souls, when we all ought to be worried about our own souls, and other people's bellies."*

-Rav Yisroel Salanter

## DID YOU KNOW.....

Did you know that in 1788 the President of Yale University, Reverend Ezra Stiles, introduced Hebrew as a requirement? Stiles had intensively studied Hebrew with Israeli Rabbi Chaim Isaac Carigal in order to better understand scripture. Amazingly enough the Yale valedictorian of 1792 made his speech in Hebrew and as you can see, the Yale logo still includes the words "Urim v'Tummin" on it.



## 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!

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

Last Week:

Avraham bought Maarat Hamachpelah  
And David bought the Temple Mount  
Look at the end of Samuel II for that account  
Find the total shekels spent by both men  
For our Holiest sites, both now and then  
A- 450 (50 for the Temple Mount)



This week with Morah Debbie.

Morah Nicole Returns next week on Dec. 7  
10:15 in the Beit Midrash  
For children in grades 1 and under.

## CHANUKAH: BEHIND THE MENORAH

**Yoni's after school  
class for grades 8-12  
continues**

**Tuesday, Dec. 10  
@ 5:45.**

**Dinner will be served.**

**Think you know the  
Chanukah story?  
Think again.**

### **MIDOT MATTER MOST:**

**NO ONE LIKES A  
COMPLAINER. TRY HAVING A  
DISCUSSION, NOT A  
WHINING SESSION.**

Altruism- Al·tru·ism

(ăl' trōō- īz' ām) 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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**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.

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FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE PROGRAMS AND TO REGISTER VISIT

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