

Youth Happenings @ Congregation Etz Chaim



Oct. 26, 2019 Parshat Bereishis, 27 Tishrei 5780

Bereishis Times and Numbers

Candle Lighting- 5:44pm
 Mincha- 5:45
 Shacharit- 9:00 am
 Teen Minyan- 9:45
 Tot Shabbat (ages 2-5)- 10:15
 Junior Cong.- 10:15 upstairs
 Mincha- 5:40 pm
 Shabbos Ends- 6:43 pm



NUMBER OF *MITZVOT*: 1
 NUMBER OF *PESUKIM* (SENTENCES): 146
 NUMBER OF WORDS: 1931
 NUMBER OF LETTERS: 7235

We also bentch Rosh Chadosh this week.
 Rosh Chodesh is on Tuesday and Wed.

THE BLAME GAME

There's only 1 commandment for Adam to observe in the Garden: He is commanded not to eat from the *Eitz HaDaat* (tree of knowledge). If he can pull this off for one day, Adam and his descendants will live forever! If he or Chava blow it, they'll eventually die.

There's one more character in the garden scene, the snake. This is no ordinary snake, though; this snake can walk and talk! The snake plays it innocent though: "Did *Hashem* tell you not to eat any of the fruit of the garden?" the snake asks. Chava responds, "We can eat fruit from any tree but the one at the center of the garden. Why, my husband, Adam told me we're not even allowed to touch it!" The snake knows that *Hashem* never commanded Adam not to touch the tree, but Chava doesn't! The snake shoves her against the tree of knowledge. It's a miracle.... she doesn't die! This doesn't make sense to Chava. If she didn't die from touching the tree, maybe her husband was lying to her about eating from the tree! Chava picks a fruit from the *Eitz HaDa'at* & bites into it. Then she runs to Adam and gives him a taste. As soon as they take a bite of that forbidden fruit, Adam and Chava change. The *Yetzer Hora* enters their bodies. They're now true human beings: no longer perfect. Their eyes are now opened and realize many new things. The first thing they realize is that they don't have any clothes on! Quickly they cover themselves with fig leaves.

Suddenly, *Hashem* calls out "Where are you?" Adam and Chava foolishly try to hide among the trees. Of course, there's no hiding from *Hashem*. Now they both know that they should never have eaten the forbidden fruit. But instead of admitting their mistake and doing *Teshuva*, they play "the blame game." Adam blames it all on Chava and Chava blames the snake. Bad move! All *Hashem* wanted was to hear was "I'm sorry!" Now Adam, Chava and the snake will be punished for their sins.

When we do something wrong the best thing to do is admit it and apologize, rather than trying to blame someone else.

"Quote of the Week"

"Logic will get you from A to B. Imagination will take you everywhere."

-Albert Einstein

DID YOU KNOW.....

Did you know that the Unicorn might have once existed? The Talmud stated at the beginning of tractate *Avodah Zara* that during the first winter Adam got frightened that the world was ending when he saw the days getting shorter and shorter. When they started getting longer again, he sacrificed a one-horned animal to thank *Hashem* for not destroying the world. That animal could very well have been The Unicorn.



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)



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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!

There's a tradition regarding a name That 2 father-in-laws' shouldn't have the same But in Bereishis we see that this *was* the case Tell me who and win this race

Last Week:

FIGURE OUT THE NAMES OF THREE WOMEN INVOLVED IN THE MITZVAH OF SHAKING THE ARBAH MINIM?

A- Esther (Hadassah), Myrtle, Willow, Hadar

WE HAVE SOME REALLY EXCITING NEWS REGARDING TOT SHABBAT!

We are so happy and excited to announce that Nicole Berger will be joining our Tot Shabbat programming every month starting on **November 2!** Nicole is currently earning her PsyD in School-Clinical Child Psychology at Pace University in NYC. Nicole also works part time at the Jewish Federation of GMW where she is the Coordinator of the new Here.Now. teen mental health programs. She also works at the Jewish Center in NYC two shabbasim a month as a group leader. Nicole is greatly looking forward to facilitating a love for Hashem, Torah, and Shabbat through parent-child interaction using fun songs and props! Morah Debbie and Hannah Mamet will still be rotating as well. Tot Shabbat is intended for ages 2-5. Younger children may join if accompanied by a parent.



YONI'S JTEEN EDUCATION PROGRAM RETURNS TUESDAY NIGHT, OCT. 29 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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PROGRAM!

COMING SOON!

MIDOT MATTER MOST:

BEFORE SHABBAT SEE IF YOUR PARENTS NEED HELP WITH ANYTHING ...ALSO DURING SHABBAT, AND AFTER



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.

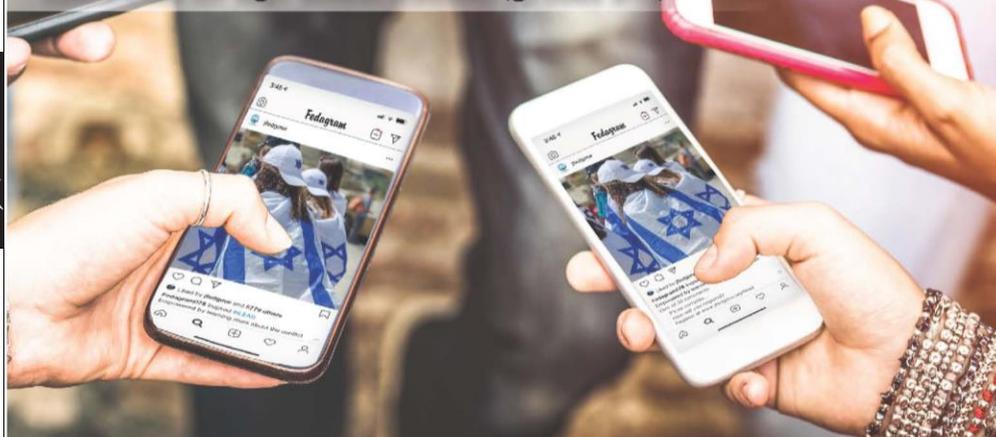
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#ILEAD

Israel Leadership, Education, and Advocacy Day

An Israel engagement and leadership training conference for high school students (grades 9-12)



Sunday, November 3
11 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Aidekman Jewish Community Campus
901 Route 10, Whippany

COLLEGE PREP SERVICES FAIR

Parallel parent program

Kosher lunch and snacks will be provided

Participating Organizations:

AIPAC, ADL, Artists for Israel, JTEEN, Hillel, Alums For Campus Fairness, Israel On Campus Coalition, StandWithUs, Write On For Israel/NY, Israel Action Network, Awesome Seminars

Empower yourself to become a pro-Israel supporter when you get to college and learn more about the complexities of the Arab-Israeli conflict.

Free and open to the public • Registration required

Attendance is mandatory for students applying for Jewish Federation grants for AIPAC Policy Conference 2020 and Israel Passport Program.

For more information and to register visit

www.jfedgmw.org/ilead

Questions? Contact Linda Scherzer, CRC Director, at lscherzer@jfedgmw.org or (973) 929-3087

Building an inclusive community is a priority. Contact us and we will make every effort to meet your needs.