

# Youth Happenings @ Congregation Etz Chaim



**April 13, 2019, Parshat Metzora, 8 Nisan 5779**

## Metzora Times & Numbers

Candle Lighting- 7:14pm  
 Mincha- 7:15  
 Shacharit- 9:00 am  
 Teen Minyan- 9:45am  
 Tot Shabbat- 10:15  
 Junior Cong.- 10:15  
 Mincha- 7:10 pm  
 Shabbos Ends- 8:24pm



**METZORAH: NUMBER OF MITZVOT: 11**  
 11 MITZVOT ASEH (positive commandments)  
 0 MITZVOT LO TAASEH (negative commandments)  
 NUMBER OF PESUKIM: 90  
 NUMBER OF WORDS: 1274  
 NUMBER OF LETTERS: 4657

## SAVE THE DATE

JUNE 23- 1:30 PM  
 ET Z CHAIM YOUTH OUTING TO SEE  
 BEAUTY AND THE BEAST  
 @ THE PAPER MILL PLAYHOUSE.  
 TALK W/ YONI FOR MORE DETAILS.



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## HOW TO GET PURIFIED

As our Parsha opens, we ask the question "How does a *Metzorah*, a person with *Tzora'at*, become cured?" Firstly, after being separated from other people for 7 days, you can imagine how relieved a *Metzorah* is when they notice his/her are spot's gone. The *Metzorah* calls for a *Kohain* to make a 'house call' and examine him. If the *Kohain* agrees that the spot is gone he declares this to be the first of an 8 day purification process.

Next, the *Kohain* takes an earthenware bowl filled with fresh spring water, and 2 birds of the same species. He slaughters one of the birds over the spring water and squeezes the blood into the bowl. The bird is then buried. Then the *Kohain* ties together a stick of cedar wood and a branch from an *Aizov* (hyssop) tree with a red wool string. He takes the tied set of sticks & the live bird and dips them into bloody water. He sprinkles some water on the *Metzorah's* hand 7 times and then sends the bird away. The *Kohain* shaves off ALL the hair of the *Metzorah*, then the *Metzorah* goes into a *Mikvah* to purify himself and his clothes. Then the *Metzorah* counts 7 days. On the 7th day the *Metzorahs* shaves off ALL their hair again. The *Metzorahs* and their clothes then go back in the *Mikvah*. Now it's *Korban* time: *Chatat*, *Asham*, *Olah* and a *Mincha*, every kind of *Korban* that cleanses the *Metzorah* from sin. The *Kohain* places blood from the *Korban Asham*, followed by oil on the *Metzorah's* right earlobe, middle joint of his right thumb, & the middle joint of the right big toe. The rest of the oil is placed on the *Metzorah's* head. Finally, the *Metzorah* is a pure person. He/She may return to their family after what's been a grueling experience of at least 2 weeks. He/she better take *Lashon Hora* quite seriously from now on!

## "Quote of the Week"

"Some people like the Jews and some do not; but no thoughtful man can doubt the fact that they are, beyond all question, the most formidable and the most remarkable race which has ever appeared in the world..."

-Winston Churchill, former English Prime Minister

## DID YOU KNOW.....

Did you know that the first Hebrew- English Hagaddah printed in the US was in 1837? Solomon Henry Jackson, an English-born American Jew, published the first American edition of the Haggadah in New York. Jackson had moved to the city in the 1820s to establish the first Hebrew printing press, as well as *The Jew*, a monthly newspaper and the first Jewish periodical in the United States.

## 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!

**Kingsley, Kilmer, and Brooks;  
Connected they are.  
Each actor played this Jewish star.**

Last Week:

A punishment of Tzaraat was Gaichazi given  
For his arrogance and greed was he stricken  
By this prophet who helped a few kings  
And did many miraculous things

A- Elisha

**THE SHABBAT OF MAY 11  
SPECIAL KIDS SERVICES WILL BE  
HELD UPSTAIRS IN CLASSROOM 2 AT  
10:15 AM. Grades 2-6.**



**YONI'S NEWEST AFTER  
SCHOOL CLASS:  
WARRIOR WOMEN IN  
JEWISH HISTORY-  
TUESDAY 4/16- 5:45**

**FRIDAY AFTERNOON  
BASKETBALL  
IS  
COMING BACK!  
FRIDAY, APRIL 12-  
4:30  
AT THE YOUTH  
HOUSE!  
GRADES 7 AND UP.  
WEATHER PERMITTING.**



**MIDOT MATTER MOST:  
NO LASHON HARA! REMEMBER:  
IT'S ALWAYS BETTER TO SAY  
TOO LITTLE THAN TOO MUCH!**

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.

## TORAH GREATS: RABBI YEHOShUA BEN LEVI- 3<sup>RD</sup> CENTURY CE

Rabbi Yehoshua ben Levi (RYBL) was an Amora (Rabbi of the Talmud) who lived in Israel in the first half of the third century. He headed the school of Lydda in southern Israel. RYBL was an elder contemporary of R' Yochanan bar Nappacha and Resh Lakish, who presided over the school in Tiberias. It is uncertain whether the name "ben Levi" meant the son of Levi, whom some identify with Levi ben Sisi, or a descendant of the tribe of Levi. Rabbi Joshua ben Levi studied under Bar Kappara, whom he often quoted. But RYBL considered his greatest indebtedness to Rabbi Judah ben Pedaiah, from whom he learned a great number of legal rulings. RYBL had a gentle disposition. Though wealthy, he was known for his modesty and piety, and whenever he instituted public fasting and prayer, it was said that his appeals were answered. RYBL was often sent as a delegate to the Roman governor, as it is believed he also had a very pleasant appearance to go with his keen intellect and saintly demeanor. His son married the daughter of R' Yehuda Hanasi (the Prince).

His love of peace prevented him from making any attacks against the theology of the heretics. And he said cursing one of them is not allowed, pronouncing rather Psalm 145:9, "God's mercies extend over all His creatures." His love of justice and his concern that the innocent might suffer on account of the guilty (Babylonian Talmud Yoma 19b) led him to speak against the custom then prevailing of removing from office a reader who, by omitting certain benedictions, had aroused the suspicion of heresy.

RYBL was a favorite hero in legend. He was often made to be the companion of Eliyahu Hanavi in the latter's wanderings on earth (Pesikta 36a). He also had legendary dealings with the Angel of Death (Babylonian Talmud Berakhot 51a). It's said that while yet alive, he was permitted to visit Shamayim and the nether world, and he sent a description of what he saw there to R' Gamaliel through the submissive Angel of Death. Many of the legends relating to R' Yehoshua have been collected in separate small works entitled "Ma'aseh de-Rabbi Yehoshua' ben Levi" and "Masseket Gan 'Eden we-Gehinnom." There is a debate regarding a grave in Tzipori that some believe is the actual resting place of RYBL.