

# Youth Happenings @ Congregation Etz Chaim

**March 2, 2019, Parshat Vayakhel, 25 Adar I 5779**



## Vayakhel Times & Numbers

Candle Lighting- 5:30pm  
Mincha- 5:30  
Shacharit- 9:00 am  
Teen Minyan- 9:45am  
Tot Shabbat- 10:15  
Junior Cong.- 10:15  
Mincha- 6:25 pm  
Shabbos Ends- 6:39pm



NUMBER OF MITZVOT: 1

1 Mitzvah lo Taseh (neg.commandment)

NUMBER OF PESUKIM: 122

NUMBER OF WORDS: 1558

NUMBER OF LETTERS: 6181

## SAVE THE DATE!

**This Year's Purim Carnival**  
**will be on Sunday,**  
**March 17th from approx.**

**10:00-12:15 pm**

**NO CHARGE!**

**Blow up ride!**

**Carnival games!**

**Face Painting!**

**PHOTO BOOTH!**

**PRIZE LOADED**

**RAFFLE!**

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## MAKING THE MOST OF THE MISHKAN

As the *Parsha* opens, it's the day after *Yom Kippur*, the 11th of *Tishrei*. Things are settling down after the unfortunate episode with the golden calf. The people aren't feeling very good about themselves right now. Although *Hashem* has forgiven them, they just missed total annihilation by the skin of their teeth!

Moshe gathers up the people for a big announcement. *Hashem* has not only forgiven *Bnai Yisrael* for their terrible sins, but has decided that He will now dwell among the people. But first a special "home" for the *Shechina* must be erected. This home is called the "*Mishkan*." Now, we know all about the *Mishkan* because we planted bugs on the summit of *Har Sinai* & heard all the details that *Hashem* gave Moshe in previous weeks. But *Bnai Yisrael* is hearing about this for the first time. Little do they realize that this remedy existed before the "mad cow disease" ran rampant.

*Bnai Yisrael* are up on the bleachers, waving banners and crying out with great joy in their hearts. Now they know for sure that *Hashem* will always be in their midst. They are eager to begin the construction and are hanging on Moshe's every word. But before Moshe will give details, he warns *Bnai Yisrael* that even though building the *Mishkan* is holy work, it is forbidden to do any work on the *Mishkan* on Shabbat. It is wonderful that they are so eager to do good. Sometimes when we do something wrong we want to rush to make it right. In this case *Bnai Yisrael* had a whole Shabbat to fully take in the extent of how foolish they were, and how fortunate it was that *Hashem* had forgiven them.

## "Quote of the Week"

*"What matters is not so much where you stand, but with what force you are moving in which direction."*

-Rabbi Menachem Mendel Schneersohn  
(The last Lubavitcher Rebbe)

## DID YOU KNOW.....

Did you know that if a Torah is 99% Kosher it's 100% pasul (unkosher)? There are 304,805 letters in a Torah, and if one letter is missing or there is one too many the whole Torah is pasul. Therefore, a sofer (scribe) has to be completely focused on writing the Torah.

## 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!

One goes to wash his hands and makes a bracha, but does not eat. He then makes another bracha, but still does not eat. How is this so?

### Last Week:

The Golden Calf- what a foolish act  
But more gold cows were made- it's a fact!  
Tell me the Jewish leader who did this sin  
Look in the Book of Kings & you could win  
A- King Jeroboam ben Nevat

**THE SHABBAT OF MARCH 16**  
**SPECIAL KIDS SERVICES WILL BE**  
**HELD IN THE BET MIDRASH AT 10:15**  
**AM. Grades 2-6.**



**LUNCH AT THE  
YOUTH HOUSE  
GRADES 8-12-  
THIS SHABBAT  
3/2/19- NOON**

### IMAGES OF ISRAEL

**A FUN, EDUCATIONAL, AND PRIZE-  
LOADED GAME AFTER JR. CONG ON  
MARCH 9TH.**



### MIDOT MATTER MOST:

**"Please" really is the  
magic word. Try to use it  
as much as possible.**

Altruism- Al·tru·ism

(ăl' trŭ-iz'm) 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.



## #ILEAD

**Israel Leadership, Education and  
Advocacy Day**

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



**Sunday, March 3  
11 a.m. – 3 p.m.**

**Alex Aidekman Family  
Jewish Community Campus  
901 Route 10, Whippany**

### COLLEGE PREP SERVICES FAIR

Parent program from noon – 1 p.m.

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

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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

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