

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

**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 trōō-ĭz'əm) 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.

THE SHABBAT OF MARCH 16

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



#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, Whippny**

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

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

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.