

Youth Happenings @ Congregation Etz Chaim



Feb 8, 2020 Parshat Beshalach 13 Shvat 5780

Beshalach Times and Numbers

Candle Lighting- 5:04pm

Mincha- 5:05pm

Shacharit- 9:00 am

Teen Minyan- 9:45am

Tot Shabbat-10:15

Junior Cong.- 10:15 upsta

Mincha- 5:00 pm

Shabbos Ends- 6:05pm



NUMBER OF MITZVOT: 1

1 MITZVOT LO TAASEH (PROHIBITION)

NUMBER OF PESUKIM:116

NUMBER OF WORDS: 1681

NUMBER OF LETTERS: 6423

SAVE THE DATE:
THIS YEAR'S PURIM CARNIVAL
WILL BE ON 3/4 FOLLOWING
MEGILLAH READING

ETZ CHAIM YOUTH DEPARTMENT



FAMILY ICE SKATING NIGHT

SAT. NIGHT FEBRUARY 8

7:30-8:45PM



\$10 PER SKATER (INCLUDES SKATES)

ALL AGES WELCOME. AGES 6 AND UNDER MUST
HAVE ADULT ACCOMPANIMENT

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MOSHE'S HANDS IN THE AIR ('CAUSE HE DOES HAVE A CARE)

It was bound to happen sooner or later, but who would have believed a nation would get up the guts so soon to attack *Bnai Yisrael*. After witnessing so many miracles and the divine strength of *Hashem*, you'd think Amalek would be shaking in their boots. But Amalek descends from Esav and they're willing to tempt fate for a chance to clobber *Bnai Yisrael*. As Amalek approaches, Moshe figures he'd better send his best *tzadikim* into battle. Amalek will then understand the awesome power of *Hashem*. Moshe appoints his student Yehoshua to gather an army. Moshe decides that he will daven to *Hashem* on the top of a hill where all the Jewish soldiers can observe him. Moshe holds up both his hands to the sky and begins to pray. When the soldiers notice Moshe's raised arms, they know that *Hashem* is on their side. But Moshe's arms begin to tire and the soldiers begin to worry and lose their courage. If Moshe's arms go down they could lose! As Moshe sits on a rock in prayer, Aharon, together with Miriam's son, Chur, hold up Moshe's arms until the battle is over. *Hashem* accepts Moshe's prayers & grants *Bnai Yisrael* a great victory. Imagine, a bunch of ex-slaves beating one of the fiercest armies around!

Hashem is furious with Amalek. The splitting of the *Yam Suf* is a sign to all nations that *Hashem* has supreme power. The nations of the world have sat in awe of *Hashem's* greatness. Even though Amalek has lost the battle, they still broke that magic spell. For this, *Hashem* decrees that when the *Bnai Yisrael* are settled in Israel the King's first order of business will be to wipe out every man, woman, child & animal - and the very name of Amalek FOREVER!

"Quote of the Week"

*"Get in the habit of always speaking calmly to everyone.
This will prevent you from anger, a serious
character flaw..."*

-The Ramban (Nachmanides)

DID YOU KNOW.....

Did you know that the splitting of the Red Sea in this week's Parsha is NOT the only time in Tanach that Hashem split a body of water? It actually happens four times! When the Jews were finally done wondering through the desert, Hashem split the Jordan River for Joshua and the rest of the Jews to enter Israel. Hundreds of years later Hashem would also split the Jordan for both Elijah and his student Elisha.

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!

Az Yashir- what a great song
It's not too short or too long
Show me another place where a Jew did sing
Not counting Psalms or songs of a king

Last Week:

These are kosher, they might be a treat
But many say it's something they'd never eat
You can see them in the air
And too many might give you a scare
A- Locusts



**THIS WEEK WITH MORAH DEBBIE! (WEATHER
PERMITTING). MORAH NICOLE RETURNS NEXT
WEEK ON MARCH 6**

**10:15 IN THE BEIT MIDRASH FOR CHILDREN IN GRADES 1
AND UNDER.**

ISRAEL: PEACE AT LAST?

**Yoni's after school
JTEEN U class on
Trump's peace plan.
February 11th at
5:45pm-
Teen Bet Midrash
upstairs.
Grades 8-12.
Dinner will be
served.**

**MIDOT MATTER MOST:
REMEMBER:
WHOEVER GOSSIPS
TO YOU, WILL ALSO
GOSSIP ABOUT YOU.**

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.

THE SOURCE OF EATING FRUIT ON TU B'SHAVAT

Although eating fruits on Tu B'Shevat is practically a universal Jewish custom, it is not mentioned in the Torah or Talmud. It is not even mentioned in any work by the Rishonim (Rabbi's from 1000 years ago). It is first mentioned about 450 years ago in Sefer HaMachzor HaGadol. He writes, 'Since Tu B'Shevat is the beginning of the year for trees, the custom is for everyone to buy on this day a little of every available fruit.' From that point, this custom is mentioned in various seforim as being the 'custom of the Ashkenazim,' and quoted in the Magen Avraham (131:16) and Mishna Berurah." (131:31).

Some have a Tu B'Shevat Seder' where they eat 15-30 different types of fruit, drink four cups of wine and learn various texts. So where does this come from? This is first mentioned by the Maharani Chagiz in a Teshuva (printed in 1752/5488) where he writes that he follows the custom of his teacher, who was his grandfather, the Maharam Galanti II, who would daven to Hashem that He should renew for us and the fruits a good year and he would eat fifteen types of fruit. For each fruit they would learn a perek of Mishnayos, completing Damai, Bikurim and Rosh Hashanah. These mishnayos were chosen since Damai deals with the separation of terumos and ma'asros from the produce of someone who is suspect of not having done so; Bikurim discusses the halacha of bringing the first fruits to the Beis Hamikdash, and Rosh Hashanah, of course, because Tu B'Shevat is a sort of Rosh Hashanah.

In addition to this, in a sefer published anonymously in 5491 by the name of Chemdas Yamim, there is a long chapter dealing with Tu B'Shevat. This chapter was reprinted on its own under the name, 'Pri Eitz Hadar.' The author created a Tu B'Shevat Seder, detailing how many fruits to eat and the various texts to learn. In his introduction he writes 'This is a good custom... to have many fruits on this day and to say words of song and praise... as I instituted among my colleagues... and although in the writings of the Rav zt"l (the Arizal) this custom is not found; in my opinion it is a wondrous rectification of the nigleh (revealed) and nistar (hidden).' Very kabbalistic! He bases the institution of this custom- having a seder- on the words of the Talmud Yerushalmi at the end of Kiddushin (4:12): "Reb Chizkiya said in the name of Reb Cohen, a person will eventually give a reckoning for everything his eye saw and he did not eat Reb Lezer was concerned about this teaching and he would save his coins, and with them he would eat from every item once a year (to give himself the opportunity to praise Hashem for His goodness)." Though this doesn't explicitly mention Tu B'Shavat, it is still a good basis for observing the day. In the seder of the Chemdas Yamim, he advises that one should eat twenty types of fruit and drink four cups of wine!