

# Youth Happenings @ Congregation Etz Chaim

**March 24, Parsha Tzav, 7 Nisan 5778**



## **Tzav Times & Numbers:**

Candle Lighting- 6:54pm  
Mincha- 6:55pm  
Shacharit- 9:00 am  
Teen Minyan- 9:45  
Jr. Congregation- 10:15  
Tot Shabbat- 10:15  
Mincha -7:00  
Shabbat Ends- 8:03 pm

NUMBER OF MITZVOT: 19  
9 MITZVOT ASEH (POSITIVE  
COMMANDMENT)  
9 MITZVOT LO TAASEH (NEGATIVE  
COMMANDMENT – PROHIBITION)  
NUMBER OF PESUKIM: 97  
NUMBER OF WORDS: 1353  
NUMBER OF LETTERS: 5096

## **ATTENTION GRADES 7 & UP MATZO BALL MITZVAH PROJECT**

**MARCH 25, 1:00-3:00PM @ E.C.**

DESCRIPTION: HELP PREPARE &

PACKAGE MATZO BALL

SOUP TO BE DONATED

TO TONI'S

KITCHEN. A SOUP

KITCHEN IN MONTCLAIR.



**A SPECIAL MAZEL TOV TO OUR  
FORMER SHALIACH & KRAV MAGA  
INSTRUCTOR MAOR TIRI ON HIS  
ENGAGEMENT TO CHANI MOSHEL!**



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## **ALL THOSE ASHES**

Each morning the *Kohanim* draw lots to determine who will be first to perform the daily rituals. The winner performs the *terumat hadeshen* (taking a portion of ashes). First he purifies himself in the *mikva*. Next, he puts on his priestly garments. Then he pours water from the *Kiyor*, (the washing basin), over his hands & feet. Next he takes a silver pan & climbs the ramp of the *Mizbayach*. From the previous day's ashes he takes a handful and places it into the vessel. Then he takes the pan to the east side of the ramp and pours out the contents in a designated spot. One of the miracles that occurred in the *Bait Hamikdash* was that these ashes would be swallowed up into the floor immediately. No trace of them would remain.

After the first pan of ashes are poured out, it's a "free-for-all" for the rest of these *Kohanim* as they rush up the ramp and empty the ashes of the *Mizbayach*. These ashes are piled in the center of the *Mizbayach*. This pile is called a *Tapuach*. It is considered a monument to the large amount of *Korbanot* that had been offered *the day before*.

As days go by, the *Tapuach* gets very large, excess ashes are taken to a place outside of the *Mishkan*. During the time of the *Bait Hamikdash*, these ashes are taken by a *Kohain* wearing old priestly garments, to a special spot outside the walls of *Yerushalayim*.

## **"Quote of the Week"**

"When a person realizes he has faults, he is in a much better situation than one who does not realize it, since he can now work on improving himself."

*-The Chofetz Chaim*

## **DID YOU KNOW.....**

Did you know many non-Jews believed (and some still sadly do) that Jews have horns!? This is based on a mistranslation in Exodus 34:35. It says there that light radiated off of the face of Moses. The Hebrew word for radiance is *KARAN* קָרַן but the Latin translators of the Torah read it as *KEREN* which spawned the ridiculous myth that Jews have horns under their keepahs. To make matters worse the great artist Michelangelo purposely made his famous statue of Moses with horns sprouting from his head. As this is obviously ridiculous and easy to prove false some scholars believe the "mistranslation" was done purposely to promote anti-Semitism. In fact, Michaelangelo's famous sculpture of Moses depicts the great tzadik with horns!

## **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!

Name three fast days we generally observe  
When food or drink we do not serve  
But name 3 special occasions you may eat  
And feel free to have your favorite treat

Last Week-

**What clothing is needed to end Shabbat?**

**A- A Tee**

## **FRIDAY AFTERNOON BASKETBALL IS COMING BACK!**

**FRIDAY, APRIL 21- 4:30  
AT THE YOUTH HOUSE!  
GRADES 7 AND UP.  
WEATHER PERMITTING.**



## **ISRAEL THROUGH THE AGES**

Our free ongoing class for  
grades 8-12 will return  
Monday March 26th @  
5:45pm. Dinner & snacks  
served. Next class:

### ***THE RISE OF ISLAM***

## **ISRAEL IN THE PARSHA**

JENNIFER ROMANOFF'S  
CLASS WILL CONTINUE  
MONDAY THE 26TH  
FOLLOWING YONI'S CLASS.

**MIDOT MATTER MOST:  
NO MATTER HOW FAR  
YOUR ANGER GETS YOU,  
YOUR KINDNESS WILL  
CARRY YOU FURTHER.**

Altruism- Al-tru-ism

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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: RAV MOSHE FEINSTEIN 1895-1986**

Rabbi Moshe Feinstein (RMF) was born in the town of Uzda, near Minsk, Belarus where his father was the rabbi. He was born on 7 Adar, which is also the date of Moshe Rabbeinu's birth (and death).

RMF studied with his father and also in yeshivas throughout Belarus, before being appointed rabbi of Luban where he served for sixteen years. He married Shima Kustanovich in 1920 and had 3 children (Fay Gittel, Shifra, and David) before leaving Europe. Under increasing pressure from the Soviet regime, he moved with his family to New York City in 1936 where he lived for the rest of his life.

Settling on the Lower East Side, he became the rosh yeshiva of Mesivtha Tifereth Jerusalem. He later established a branch of the yeshiva in Staten Island, New York, now headed by his son Rabbi Reuven Feinstein. His son Rabbi Dovid Feinstein heads the Manhattan branch.

Rav Moshe was president of the Union of Orthodox Rabbis of the United States and Canada and chaired the Moetzes Gedolei HaTorah of Agudath Israel of America from the 1960s until his death. Rav Moshe also took an active leadership role in Israel's Chinuch Atzmai.

RMF was revered by many as the *Gadol Hador* (greatest Torah sage of the generation), including by Rabbis Yaakov Yisrael Kanievsky, Aharon Kotler, Yaakov Kamenetsky and Yosef Shalom Elyashiv, even though several of them were far older than he. Rav Moshe was also recognized by many as the preeminent Torah sage and *Posek* of his generation, and people from around the world called upon him to answer their most complicated Halachic questions. There are endless stories about his brilliance, and the amazing accomplishments he achieved through the power of Torah.

His most famous works are the *Igros Moshe* ( halachic responsive), *Dibros Moshe* (Talmud commentary), and *Darash Moshe* (Torah commentary). When he passed away in 1986 there were over 300,000 people at his funeral, which is one of the biggest Jewish funerals since the Mishnaic era. He is buried in Har Hamenuchot, Israel.