



# THE ETZ CHAYIM YOUTH NEWSLETTER™

**PARSHAT TOLDOS**  
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**SHABBOS MEVORCHIM**  
NOVEMBER 5/6, 2010

**Dvar Torah By: Moshe Schwalb**

**Grade: 8**

In this week's Parsha, Toldot, the theme revolves around families. There are many things one can learn about raising children and dealing with one's family, just by reading this Parsha. But there's one very interesting Passuk (verse), which tells us that although Esav was a murderer, Yitzchok loved Esav because Esav hunted for him, while Rivka loved Yaakov. The obvious question is...how can Yitzchok love Esav if he was really evil? Didn't he realize? Well, the Torah knew we'd ask, so it tells us that it was because Esav gave Yitzchok food, and respected him. The Lekach Tov explains that Yitzchok knew that Esav was evil, but the fact that Esav showed him respect proved that there was still hope for him, which is why Yitzchok loved him. That insight into a person is something few people have mastered, but if you look closer into the exact wording of the Passuk, you'll even an even deeper insight into our nature as humans:

When the Passuk says that Yitzchok loved Esav, it uses past tense, yet when describing Rivka's love it does so in present tense. It's no coincidence that Yitzchok's love was based on something tangible and was short-lived - this is proven when Yitzchok gives Yaakov the Brachot (blessings) although according to most commentaries he knew that it was Yaakov - while Rivka's love is pure and everlasting! The Torah is teaching us a very important lesson about love: When we love someone, it **MUST** be unconditional, or it won't last. We love our families for that reason. We need to look at people for who they are, and not for what they have to offer us, or what they've done or haven't done for us lately because basing our love on any one aspect will only spoil it. The same applies for loving G-d. We can't love G-d just when things are good, but must constantly work on loving G-d for what He is, and what He stands for, for He will stand when all else fails or falls!

-Good Shabbos, Moshe Schwalb

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2010**

Candle Lighting: 5:28 PM  
Mincha/Maariv- 5:35 PM

**SHABBOS, NOVEMBER 6, 2010**

Shacharit 8 & 9:00 AM  
Youth Groups 10:00 AM  
Daf Yomi: 4:20  
Mincha- 5:20 PM  
Maariv: 6:28 PM

*Shabbos is over @ 6:35 PM*

**PUSH YOUR CLOCKS BACK!**

### YOUTH UPDATES:

#### **EITZ CHAYIM MACCABI OLYMPIC GAMES!!!**

On December 5<sup>th</sup> 2010 will be the ultimate Olympic Games you will ever experience in your life! All grades are invited to play! It works like this- there will be 2 teams battling the entire day with **MANY, MANY** amazingly fun games Menachem and his leaders made! Running, throwing, jumping, skipping, crawling, and even reading!

**YOU MUST SIGN UP BEFORE NOVEMBER 15<sup>TH</sup> IN ORDER TO PLAY!**

Please sign up by Emailing Menachem at [embedsiner@optonline.net](mailto:embedsiner@optonline.net)

**WE'RE BACK!** We invite the 800am Chabura to a Kiddush after Davening sponsored by Stan Liebman. Fresh Herring, Single Salt, ECT...

**MAZEL TOV** to **Chani Gross** on her Birthday this past Thursday, and **Victoria Kalmanowitz** on her Birthday This Shabbos!!

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## NOTICE:

Make Sure You sign up for the Maccabi games by speaking to or emailing Menachem Bedziner!

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For more information about the Maccabi games, please look at the Youth Updates on the front page.

## THE QUESTION OF THE WEEK

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The Talmud says that Yakov was punished for 22 of the 36 years he spent away from his parents. He was not punished for the 14 years he spent studying in Yeshivat Shem V'Ever because he was performing the mitzvah of Talmud Torah. But during 14 of the 22 years he was living by Lavan, he was also performing a mitzvah -- he was working to earn his wives' hands in marriage. As Yakov spent an additional 14 years performing a mitzvah, why was he spared punishment only for the years spent learning Torah?

Tell Rabbi Schwalb Your Answer!

## THE RIDDLES OF THE WEEK

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### **Riddle #74:**

Josh Cunningham's wife had twelve toothpicks in front of her. She took one away. Now she had nine in front of her. How is this possible??!

### **Riddle #75:**

Frank weighs half as much as John and Hubert weighs three times as much as Frank. Their combined weight is 720 pounds. How much does each man weigh???

*Someone please tell me this answer!*

### **Riddle #76:**

How do you throw a ball so that it goes a short distance, stops, then goes the other way? It can't hit anything and it is not a boomerang ball.

*33 Newsletters in all, and 76 Riddles. Pretty Awesome!*

## THE RIDDLES OF LAST WEEK answers

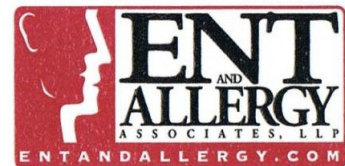
*The riddles of the week- just not*

- #71- 5 socks automatically gives you a matching pair.
- #72- The solution for both is 6, because that is the number of letters in the name of the numbers.
- #73- Eleven Letters are in "The Alphabet" (the word)

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# EITZ CHAYIM MACCABI OLYMIC GAMES!

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*Brought to you by our Amazing Youth Director and Leaders!*



WHEN: December 5 (1:30 to 3:30pm)

WHERE: West Hempstead High School Gym!

WHO: Kids ALL AGES!!

WHAT: Relay races, Torah contest; sports challenges, banner competition,  
Chanukah project for nursery age

COST: 1\$ per child (Pizza and Soda will cost extra). A portion of proceeds will  
be donated to the WH Food Bank



Please speak to or email Menachem at [embedziner@optonline.net](mailto:embedziner@optonline.net) the name  
and grade of your child so teams can be prepared in advance

HOPE WE SEE YOU THERE!!