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"After the Holocaust we don't just need Jewish fans.
... We need Jewish Players." (Esther Jungreis)

"Becoming a Player in the Jewish Future"

An Evening of Inspiration for Jewish men and women
of all backgrounds, with world renowned author and lecturer,
Rebbetzin Esther Jungreis

One of the most inspiring and sought after speakers on the Jewish scene today, Esther Jungreis was born in Hungary and came to the United States after surviving the Nazi's Bergen Belsen concentration camp. She is the Founder and President of Hineni, (www.hineni.org) an international outreach organization with centers in New York and Jerusalem. In March 2006, she was appointed by President Bush to a five year term as a council member of the US Holocaust Memorial Museum.



Rebbetzin Jungreis has been featured in numerous national publications, including The New York Times, Newsweek, Time, and People, is the author of four best selling books, "Jewish Soul of Fire", "The Committed Life", "The Committed Marriage" and "Life Is A Test", writes a weekly column for the Jewish Press, has a weekly television program and lectures around the world.

Please join us and treat yourself to an evening of great inspiration from a truly great and inspiring woman.

🌀 **WEDNESDAY, JUNE 18, 8:00 PM AT THE CTN / SHAAREI TZEDEK CAMPUS**

2832 West Touhy Avenue, Chicago (*in the main Shaarei Tzedek Sanctuary*)
Lecture will be followed by book signing.

🌀 **TICKETS & SPONSORSHIPS:**

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🌀 **REGISTRATION AND INFORMATION:**

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Hang in there - Shabbos is coming!

TORAH PORTION: BECHUKOSAI (LEVITICUS 26:3 - 27:34)

*This week's CTN Shabbat Fax
is dedicated by Russell Simmons,
"in honor of Julie, my bride of 11 years".*

1. If you walk according to My laws ... (26:3)

"Walking" with the Torah. Instead of "living" by the Torah.

... It's an interesting choice of words. And something to think about.

Because what it means is that the Torah wants us to always grow.

To constantly work on becoming better people. And better Jews.

Things like being more sensitive to the needs of others.

Being careful about what we say.

Making our *Shabbat* more special.

And much more.

... We work on it. We struggle. And we improve.

Which is great.

But we know how it is.

Just when it seems like we are finally making progress.

A new challenge comes our way. And we blow it.

It can get us down. We think: *What's the point?*

But that's the wrong way to look at it.

Because what really counts is that we are "walking". That we have a goal. And that we are taking steps.

We should see our setbacks as challenges. As opportunities to grow.

And keep walking. Because step by step we can reach the goal.

• **A baby is starting to walk.** *And one day, his mother holds out her arms. "Come to Mommy."*

He gives her a big smile. He takes a step. And then another.

He's about to fall into his mother's arms. And what does she do?

She moves back a few steps.

He tries to reach her. But he falls. He's frustrated. And he cries.

... What's happening?

It's simple. The mother and the baby have two different agendas.

The baby wants one thing. To reach his mother.

*The mother? She wants him to learn how to walk.
Because she's seen what he can do. And knows that he's ready for more.
... Jewish tradition teaches that life is like that.
When we have taken one step - we are given the challenge for the next.
And that way, we have the opportunity to keep growing.*

STORY OF THE WEEK

*A disciple of a great mystic once approached his master with a request.
"You have taught us so much about the importance of being good. Of not sinning. And I so much want to be like that.
... Well I know that you are a holy man. And your prayers are powerful. Please pray for me that I be virtuous. That I avoid sin."
The master closed his eyes in deep meditation. And after a few minutes he looked up at his disciple and said: "... I have prayed. And my prayers have been answered.
G-d is completely agreeable that you should not sin.
... Now it's up to you."*

QUOTE OF THE WEEK ... FROM REBBETZIN ESTHER JUNGREIS

*"... I was invited to speak in Berlin. And to be honest with you, after the liberation from Bergen-Belsen, I never had any inclination to set foot on German soil.
But when I received an invitation to speak to German students and to the Congress of Jewish Scientists and Physicians,
I said to myself, I have to go ...
I was asked, Rebbetzin, what will you say in Berlin? And I said, "What will I say in Berlin?
I don't have to say anything in Berlin.
I just have to say, 'Hineni' – 'Here I am'.
And that's the miracle of our generation.
Think about that. Me, a child from Bergen-Belsen, speaking in Berlin. On Torah. On faith. In the name of G-d.
... And not only that. ... I had the privilege of speaking in Moscow. And do you know where I spoke in Moscow?
In front of the KGB building!
And do you know who was in my audience?
Former KGB agents. Who discovered that they are Jews.
Who came back ... and were crying like babies ...
... We are living in amazing times ... "*

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Shabbat Shalom and have a great week!

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