



Finally. An easy way to learn to read Hebrew - that actually works! In fact, it's already worked for over 100,000 people around the world!

Think about it: You spent years studying a *foreign* language.

... *Why not invest six weeks learning your own?*



THE CTN HEBREW READING CRASH COURSE

Tuesday Evenings, November 11 – December 16, 8–9 pm

At the CTN Center, 2832 West Touhy, Chicago

There is no charge for this course including the workbook, but pre-registration is required.

Register online at www.torahnetwork.org/register.htm

Info: 773.761.0400 x208 or info@torahnetwork.org



Home for the
Wondering Jew™

Hang in there - Shabbos is coming!

TORAH PORTION: TORAH PORTION: HA'AZINU (DEUTERONOMY 32:1 - 32:52)

This week's Shabbat Fax is dedicated in the memory of Eliyahu ben Lipa, Eliya Gabrielelev, z'l, on his 18th yahrzeit by his daughter, Allana Yelkonovich, and his granddaughter, Elisheva Vladimirskiy. 'We miss you and work hard on making you proud.'

Special Succot Holiday Issue

- 1. "Dwell in Succah booths, so that your generations shall know that I, G-d, gave the Jewish People Succot in which to dwell, when I took them out of Egypt ..." (From the Torah reading for Succot)**

The Succah. A makeshift, temporary house.

It's a major ritual in Jewish tradition.

And it's not the only Jewish ritual that involves a 'symbolic home'.

Think of the Jewish wedding ceremony. With the *Chuppah*. The wedding canopy.

Jewish mystics find deep meaning in that similarity.

... Because we just finished the High Holidays. Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur.

A time to reflect on how we live our lives. And how we can improve.

A time to repair some damaged relationships.

Relationships with our fellow man.

And our relationship with G-d. As a People. And as individuals.

This relationship started 3500 years ago. Out in the desert.

When G-d "... Gave the Jewish People Succot in which to dwell."

He took us into His Succah. His home.

His *Chuppah*.

It's 3500 years later. And it's another year later for each of us.

Rosh Hashanah comes. The Day of Judgment. And we take stock.

And we know that our relationship with G-d has been through a lot. Had its share of ups and downs.

And then Yom Kippur. The Day of Atonement. We tried to improve. Make commitments for the future.

And we hope that we've been forgiven.

And somehow we feel more connected. Feel better about our relationship with G-d.

But there's one more step to take. To make things the way they once were.

It's a time to renew our vows.

To stand with G-d once again – under the Chuppah – and make our commitments to Him.

To take the gifts He has given us – and use them to make His world a better place.

To make our relationship with Him deeper. More special.

... A Succah is a *Chuppah*.

And Succot is the time to renew our vows with G-d.

2. G-d, You gave us with love, the Holiday of Succot, the time of our joy ... (From the Holiday Prayers)

Think of a child who leaves home. A runaway.

The pain of his parents is unbearable. They love him so much.

And every day they wait for a phone call.

Finally one day it comes.

"Hi. It's me. Can I come home"?

Of course, the parents are delighted. And welcome him home with love.

... But they always have this nagging feeling.

Maybe he didn't come home because he loved them.

But because he was afraid. Or couldn't make it in his own.

And maybe he'll leave again.

... Until one day.

They notice him whistling and humming with joy as he did his chores.

And then they know that he is happy to be home. And that he returned out of love.

... We also returned to G-d on Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur.

Resolved to be better. To correct our mistakes. And to stay connected.

... But who knows?

Maybe it was just the fear of being judged. Maybe it wasn't all that deep.

And maybe as life goes back to normal, we'll get distanced again.

Then comes Succot. A time to rejoice with Jewish tradition. To make the Succah and the Holiday special.

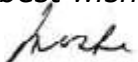
A time to get together with family and friends to celebrate. And make it truly joyous.

... It's a way to show G-d that we came back out of love.

And that we are here to stay.



Shabbat Shalom and best wishes for a joyous and meaningful Succot and a great week!


Rabbi Moshe Katz


Rabbi Doni Deutsch

Chicago Torah Network <http://torahnetwork.org>
2832 West Touhy Avenue, Chicago, IL 60645
Phone: 773.761.0400 Fax: 773.761.9262 e-mail: info@torahnetwork.org