



'High Holiday Services'. Does just hearing the words make you think of expensive tickets, formal seating, being a spectator at a service that isn't all that meaningful and listening to a sermon?

... A really long sermon.

*Well, the CTN YJP Rosh Hashanah Experience is not like that at all.*

Instead, you spend some time on Rosh Hashanah with a warm approachable rabbi and other YJP's, you ask questions and get answers, you explore, you discuss, you sing, you pray and you laugh.

*And you experience what will probably be your most meaningful Rosh Hashanah ever.*

Did we forget to mention that it costs just \$15. Yup. That's what we said. Just \$15!

This year try the CTN YJP Rosh Hashanah Experience.

*Where you'll go home inspired. Not tired.*

**Young Jewish Professionals (22-32) Rosh Hashanah Experience**

Tuesday, September 30, 2008. 10 am . 12:00 pm

At the CTN Center, 2832 West Touhy, Chicago.

[www.torahnetwork.org/register.htm](http://www.torahnetwork.org/register.htm)

*Space is very limited and advance registration is required.*



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*Hang in there - Shabbos is coming!*

## TORAH PORTION: KI SAVO (DEUTERONOMY 26:1 - 29:8)

*This week's CTN Shabbat Fax is sponsored by a Shabbat Fax and Torah Minute groupie who now can't wait for the next Five Minute Conference Call with Rabbi Deutsch.*

### **1. G-d will scatter you among the nations. (28: 3)**

... It's the story of the Jewish People over the last 2000 years.

Jerusalem and the Temple were destroyed. And we were scattered.

Think of a place - and we've probably been there.

And been expelled from there.

But there's one thing we took with us wherever we've gone.

Shabbat.

Once a week every Jewish family felt like royalty. No matter how little they had.

Their home became a palace.

No matter how simple it was.

... Yes we lost the Temple. A holy place.

*But we had Shabbat. A holy time.*

A chance to step back. To focus on what's really important.

A time to elevate ourselves.

To celebrate being Jewish.

And a time to remind ourselves of the very Jewish approach to G-d.

... That as much as G-d can be found in the Synagogue?

What He really wants, is for us to invite Him into our homes!

*... Buckingham Palace is the home of the royal family in England.*

*And there's an easy way to tell if the Queen is in residence.*

*She has her own Royal Flag. It's called a 'standard'. And it's flown above the building where the Queen is staying.*

*If you see the flag? You know the Queen is there.*

... The Torah calls Shabbat 'a sign'. Because it's also a kind of flag.

When Shabbat is celebrated in a Jewish home?

It's a royal palace.

... A sign that G-d has been invited in!

## STORY OF THE WEEK

**Rabbi Yisrael Mayer Kagan.** *Leading saint and scholar of pre-war Europe.*

*Rabbi Kagan was sitting in someone's office. He watched as the man prepared to send a telegram.*

*The businessman read it over and over. Crossing out words. Rewriting sentences.*

*"No, this word has to go. That one is unnecessary."*

*The Rabbi asked: "What's the big deal? Is each word so important?"*

*"Rabbi. You don't understand. I send hundreds of telegrams a day.*

*And I pay for each word.*

*I've got to be careful."*

*Rabbi Kagan reflected out loud. "Yes. It's true.*

*We do so much talking.*

*And we pay so dearly for each and every inappropriate word".*

## JEWISH PARENTING MULTIPLE CHOICE TEST (CORRECT ANSWER MAY WIN YOU GREAT TICKETS!)

Which is an example of spending real quality time with your pre-teenage son?

- (A) Great seats at my choice of a Chicago Bulls or Blackhawks game
- (B) A meaningful discussion of Jewish values
- (C) Ok, maybe B is more important, but if I could get a couple of those tickets thrown in, now that would be amazing!

Correct Answer: (C)

**Father-Son Torah Study™. For Jewish dads and their sons (age 9-10 in public school).**

Tuesday, Sept. 23, 7-8 pm (doors open 6:45). Highland Park Community House, 1991 Sheridan Rd.

*Participants will be entered in a raffle for two Bulls or Blackhawks tickets (with great seats)!*

*"The really nice thing about Father-Son Torah Study is that it gives us a chance to deepen our relationship and discuss important things we'd otherwise never get to do. It's a great opportunity." (Bobby Weiss, CEO, All Tile Inc.)*

This Tuesday, Sept. 23, join other fathers and sons for a fascinating guided discussion led by CTN's dynamic and award-winning Torah teacher, Rabbi Ephraim Hochberg. You'll be amazed at how it works! Past topics include, *Making the right choices; What it means to be a mentch – and how to get there; Recognizing G-d in our daily lives; What a bar mitzvah is all about;* and more.

Space is limited and reservations are required. Registration: [www.torahnetwork.org/register.htm](http://www.torahnetwork.org/register.htm)

Want more info? Email [rabbihochberg@torahnetwork.org](mailto:rabbihochberg@torahnetwork.org) or call 773.761.0400 x205.



*Shabbat Shalom and have a great week!*

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