

CTN Young Professionals Presents

Jewish Literacy Pays!



If you are a young Jewish professional (22-32), looking to increase your understanding and experience of Jewish tradition, have we got a deal for you! CTN's all new *Jewish Learning & Living™* is designed to make it easy to become an 'expert' in just six weeks. Explore Jewish ethics, beliefs and rituals, enjoy a festive Shabbat, celebrate the Holiday of *Succot*, and more.

◀ **Not only is there no charge for this program, but the first 20 people who register for and complete the course will receive a \$100 gas card, completely free of charge!**

Jewish Learning & Living™ - Schedule of Classes and Events

SEPT. 18 THE CRASH COURSE IN JEWISH HISTORY

7:30 pm 3000 years in just one hour! And it's everything history courses are usually not: exciting, funny, inspiring and very informative.

SEPT. 25 WHAT JEWS BELIEVE

7:30 pm A fascinating look at Judaism's teachings about G-d, Man, the Soul, the Afterlife and more.

OCT. 2 TEXTUAL TORAH STUDY

7:30 pm Whether or not you have ever studied a Torah text before and whether or not you know Hebrew, you will experience an exciting, hands-on Torah study session that will help you get in touch with the source of it all.

OCT. 3 INSPIRING SHABBAT SERVICE AND GALA SHABBAT DINNER

Time TBA Welcome Shabbat as a group with a beautiful, explanatory traditional service. Followed by a delicious Shabbat meal with all the rituals and trimmings. A feast for the body and soul!

OCT. 9 YOM KIPPUR. NO SESSION

OCT. 16 JEWISH RITUALS AND THEIR MEANING

Time TBA This week is the Holiday of Succot. Enjoy a festive dinner in a beautiful Succah, followed by an insightful and inspiring look at the what, how & why of many of the rituals that Jews have been doing for thousands of years.

OCT. 23 JEWISH ETHICS: THE LAWS OF SPEECH

7:30 pm Gossip. In Judaism it's one of the worst sins. What can and what can't we say? And what do I do with information that can help protect someone? This powerful class will help you become a better person – and a better Jew.

OCT. 30 GRADUATION DINNER

Time TBA

Classes take place at the CTN Center, 2832 West Touhy, Chicago. Register online at www.torahnetwork.org/register.htm. Info: info@torahnetwork.org or 773.761.0400 x201



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Hang in there - Shabbos is coming!

TORAH PORTION: RE'EH (DEUTERONOMY 11:26 - 16:17)

This week's CTN Shabbat Fax is sponsored by Jeff and Helena Cohen, wishing all of the children returning to school this year much hatzlacha (success) in their studies.

1. If there be a poor person among you ... You shall not harden your heart or close your hand ... Rather you shall open your hand to him ... and give him whatever he lacks. (15:7-8)

Charity. We think of it as helping others. Responding to those in need.

... *But the Torah tells us to go one step further: 'Give him what he lacks.'*

To be so sensitive that we get beyond the immediate. And beyond the obvious.

To try to understand what the person really needs.

Without his asking for it.

... And to provide those needs as well.

▪ *Rabbi Aaron Kotler.*

He was one of last generation's leading Torah scholars and community leaders and legendary for not wasting a minute. Constantly studying and teaching Torah. Or working on behalf of the Jewish People.

... *One afternoon a student entered the Rabbi's study. And was very surprised.*

There was Rabbi Kotler. In middle of a game of chess.

It was so out of character. He seemed to have all the time in the world.

The student couldn't contain himself. And later that day, he asked the Rabbi about it.

Rabbi Kotler explained: His 'chess partner' was a young man who lost his entire family in the Holocaust. He was totally broken. And extremely depressed.

For some reason, there was one thing he still enjoyed.

... *A good game of chess.*

"So I told him that I'm a pretty good chess player myself. And challenged him to a game.

He loved it.

Now he looks forward to our weekly game.

And to the discussions we have during and after it.

And thank G-d, he's slowly been coming back to himself."

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

"A guy says to me: 'I don't give charity. I'm selfish.'

I tell him, 'You're not selfish. You're foolish.

Because you think the greatest pleasure you can get from money is to eat it. Drive it. Or wear it.

... But you're wrong. Because there's a lot more you can do with your money.

... You can help. And you can create.

You can uplift your life. And the lives of others.

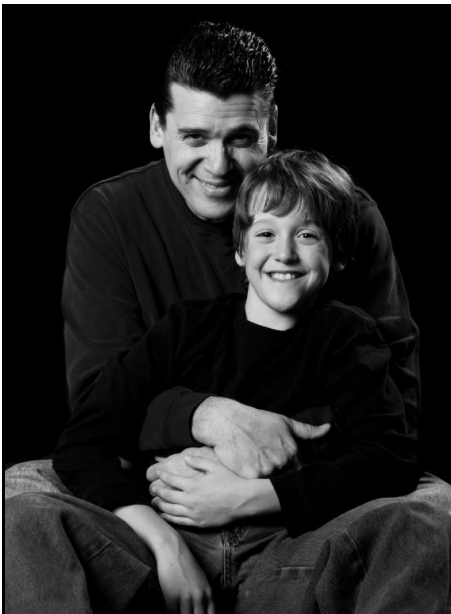
You're selfish? All you're interested in is enjoying life?

Try some of those things.

... And you'll discover just how much pleasure money can really give you."

(Based on The Bible for the Curious and the Clueless)

JEWISH PARENTING MULTIPLE CHOICE TEST



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)!*

It's a great new way to connect and share Jewish values with your son. A free program that will make a real difference in your relationship and in your family's Jewish future!

"The really nice thing 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.)

On Tuesday, September 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

Want more info? Email rabbihochberg@torahnetwork.org or call 773.761.0400 x205.



Shabbat Shalom and have a great week!

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