

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: SHOFTIM (DEUTERONOMY 16:18 - 21:9)

This week's CTN Shabbat Fax is sponsored by Myra (Mickey) Sanderman in memory of her mother, Dorothy K. Lipp, a loving inspiration to her children, grandchildren, Stacy (Josh) Spielman and Steven (Sara) Sanderman, and great grandchildren, Tziyona, Devorah, Yehuda, Ephraim and Aviva Spielman, and Hannah and Julia Sanderman.

1. Righteousness, righteousness shall you pursue... (16:20)

It's an important verse. But the wording seems a little strange.

Why not just say 'pursue righteousness'? Why does it say the word *righteousness* twice?

... Jewish tradition says that it is teaching us a very important lesson.

That of course 'pursuing righteousness' is very important.

... *But it's not enough.*

There's something else to be very careful about. As we work towards that goal.

To make sure we do it in a righteous way.

... Because sometimes we can be involved in a very important project. Something to help others. Maybe something for the community. Or an important project at work.

There's lots of pressure. Deadlines to be met.

... And we know how it is.

How sometimes when it gets like that, we're not quite as patient as usual.

Not as sensitive to other people's feelings.

... The Torah wants us not just to work *for* righteousness.

But also to work *with* righteousness.

Moshe. G-d tells him about his mission. To take the Jews out of Egypt.

And to give them the Torah. That will change the world.

It's got to be the most important – and most exciting – mission in human history.

And what does Moshe say?

"I can't do it. Send someone else."

The Talmud says that there was a reason that he said no. Something was on his mind.

... *His older brother Aaron.*

Moshe was afraid that Aaron would be hurt. Would feel slighted that his younger brother got the job.

... *So Moshe says he simply can't go.*

Until G-d assures him that Aaron will be thrilled to see his brother as the leader.

... *Moshe taught us to do what's right.*

But he also taught us how to do what's right.

STORY OF THE WEEK

It was after a funeral, on a cold rainy day in Jerusalem. One of Israel's leading Rabbis, close to ninety years old, is in the procession.

A few blocks from the cemetery, he asks the driver to stop. He wants to walk the rest of the way. And in the cold and the rain, he does.

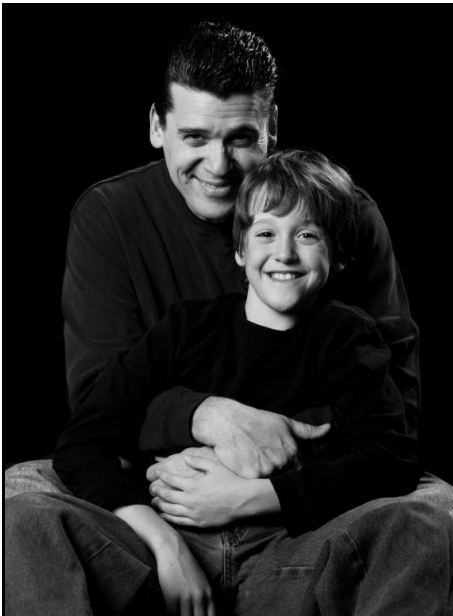
He explained: 'Seventy years ago, I was a Yeshiva student in Russia. I was so poor that I couldn't even afford a coat. I nearly froze in the Russian winter.

This man was also there. And he bought me a warm coat.

Now, at his funeral, I wanted to remember what it felt like to be so cold.

So I could say my final thank you, fully appreciating the favor he did for me.'

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.)

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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