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Hang in there - Shabbos is coming!

TORAH PORTION: AIKEV (DEUTERONOMY 7:12 - 11:25)

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1. Love G-d, walk in His ways and be connected to him ...(11:22)

Being connected to G-d. Walking in His ways.

... What comes to mind?

Things like prayer. *Speaking to G-d.*

Or studying Torah and following the commandments. *Listening to G-d.*

And those certainly play a major role in having a relationship with G-d.

... But Jewish tradition emphasizes another way of connecting to Him.

Another *'walking in His ways'*.

Doing *chessed*. Acts of kindness.

Showing compassion and love to others.

... Because G-d is a giver. Not a taker.

And we walk in G-d's ways when we become givers instead of takers.

... Doing *chessed* is more than another way of connecting to G-d.

It's the deepest way.

... Because *being like G-d* is as close to Him as you can get.

▪ *There's an old Jewish story about a man who gets to visit the world to come.*

*First he walks in to hell. And sees people sitting on both sides of a long table filled with food.
They're reaching out for the food.*

... But no one is eating.

He looks closer.

And sees that their arms don't bend at the elbows.

They're able to touch the food. To pick it up.

But they can't put it into their mouths.

So they're all just sitting there with a hungry, frustrated look on their faces.

... Then he enters heaven.

And it looks exactly the same.

A lot of people sitting at a table filled with food.

And again their arms can't bend.

... But this time, in heaven, they're all happily eating their fill.

How?

Simple.

... Each person is picking up food and feeding the person across from him.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

The world to come will be wonderful.

... But life in this world is even better.

Think of the wonderful things we can do here.

... Like being there for our fellow man.

To celebrate with them at times of joy.

And share their pain at times of sorrow.

... As great as the world to come is, those opportunities will not be there.

Rabbi Chaim Schmuelevitz

CTN YJP "LIVING LIFE TO ITS FULLEST" SEMINAR: MONDAY, AUGUST 31

Register now for the next presentation of "Living Life to its Fullest" – a powerful seminar that will help you discover the tools for getting greater pleasure and meaning out of life.



"It was one of the best evenings I have had for a long time. I could not go to sleep when I got home; I was very deep in thought about your words of wisdom. It was great."

Lydia Kamerlink, Attorney at Law
Kamerlink, Stark, McCormack & Powers LLC

"I thoroughly enjoyed your program. The lessons you shared helped me focus hard on living life to its fullest ... which I really think affected my input at a difficult meeting recently. ... I am learning something about myself and life every day. Thank you!"

Bob Mednick
Member, Advisory Council to the U.S. Comptroller General

"Thanks for everything. I had a great time at the discussion ... it will definitely help improve my life."

Jonathan Erlich, Medical Student
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WHAT: CTN YJP "Living Life to its Fullest" Seminar

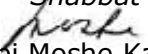
WHEN: Monday, August 31. 7 pm Schmoozing and Refreshments. 7:30: Seminar

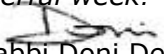
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Shabbat Shalom and have a wonderful week!


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