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An Evening of Inspiration
with a Master Torah Teacher

*Wednesday, February 18,
at the CTN Center*

CTN Presents: Jerusalem Torah ... Chicago Sushi

An Evening with one of Jerusalem's outstanding Torah teachers

Rabbi Shimon Green

Rabbi Shimon Green is unique. An American-born Rabbi now living in Jerusalem, his Yeshiva is widely recognized as a unique Torah resource. His unique method of teaching Torah has helped large numbers of people . from seasoned Torah students to first-timers who have never before looked at a page of Talmud . to develop Torah study skills at a whole new level.

He has also traveled the length and breadth of Israel to teach Torah in schools, army bases and kibbutzim, and has been invited to speak and teach in cities around the world. And wherever he is, his talks are famous for their depth, clarity, humor and inspiration.

And the great thing is that he is so accessible and so down to earth that minutes after meeting him, you feel like you're speaking to an old friend!

In order to experience this type of dynamic Torah study, you would usually have to travel to Jerusalem. Great idea . but not always that easy to do! Well now you don't have to. Instead, join us on Wednesday, February 18, as we bring some of Jerusalem's best Torah study to you!

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Wednesday, Feb. 18, at the CTN Center, 2832 W. Touhy, Chicago.

7 pm: Sushi Bar and Schmoozing

7:30 pm: Torah Study with Rabbi Green

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Hang in there - Shabbos is coming!

TORAH PORTION: BO (EXODUS 10:1 - 13:16)

This week's CTN Shabbat Fax is sponsored by Julian and Sarah Ungar, in honor of the birth of a son to our children, Uri and Tsiona Adler.

1. It was a night of anticipation for G-d, to bring them out from Egypt. (12:42)

The Exodus from Egypt.

The Torah calls it 'a night of anticipation'. A time that G-d was looking forward to.

For how long was he 'looking forward to it'?

... *Since the creation of the universe.*

G-d created the galaxies. The sun and the moon. The Earth. And human beings.

... But the world was still not complete.

Not until the Exodus. The birth of the Jewish People.

A People with a special mission.

... To teach the world about G-d.

A G-d Who makes moral demands. Who cares about how we live.

And the Jewish mission is more than teaching the world about G-d. And His greatness.

It's teaching the world about man.

And man's greatness.

... Teaching that every human being is created in the Image of G-d.

And entitled to dignity and respect.

... They're such important lessons.

Which is why the Exodus was a day of anticipation for G-d.

... And it's not just that day, 3000 years ago, that G-d was 'looking forward to'.

Jewish tradition says that there's another special day.

... *Today.*

And every day.

G-d waits with great expectation. To see what we will do with it.

... Whether we will use each day – each opportunity – to make our lives as meaningful as possible.

And to make the world as good a place as possible.

- *An absent minded professor is driving together with a student.*

And the professor goes through a stop sign.

And through another. And then another.

Finally, the passenger turns to the driver and says: Excuse me, but you just went straight through three stop signs"!

The professor looks up and says ...

"Oh ... I'm driving?"

... That's us. When G-d created the world, He 'gave us the keys'.

And said to us: "You're driving.

It's up to you to make this the kind of world I want it to be."

... Our lives are very busy. And we're always on the move.

But every once in a while, there's a 'stop sign'. Something that's supposed to get our attention.

... A person who needs some help. A little of our time. Or even our smile.

But unfortunately, all too often, we don't stop.

Or when there's an opportunity for Jewish growth.

... And we miss it. Drive right by.

And each week there's Shabbat. A time to stop and step back.

To get in touch with G-d. With family and friends. And with ourselves.

... But too often we may forget to stop.

One of the most important things a Jew can do in life?

... Improve those driving skills.

STORY OF THE WEEK

Rabbi Meir Chodosh was one of the great Torah scholars of the twentieth century. He was particularly known for his tremendous sensitivity towards the feelings of others.

Once, while he was hospitalized for a serious illness, his room was filled with visitors. A doctor entered the room to take a blood test. Rabbi Chodosh abruptly asked his guests to leave the room until the test was over.

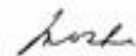
The guests were surprised at this uncharacteristic request, but quickly left.

Later, he explained his behavior to a family member.

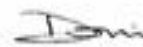
"That doctor has difficulty locating my veins. I didn't want the visitors to see him fumbling, because he might have been embarrassed. That is why I asked them to leave."

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Shabbat Shalom and have a great week!



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