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*CTN presents an Evening of Inspiration for Jewish men and women
of all backgrounds, with world renowned author and lecturer,*

Rebbetzin Esther Jungreis



One of the most inspiring and sought after speakers on the Jewish scene today, Esther Jungreis came to the United States after surviving the Nazi's Bergen Belsen concentration camp. She is the Founder and President of Hineni (www.hineni.org), and in March 2006, she was appointed by President Bush to a five year term as a council member of the US Holocaust Memorial Museum.

Rebbetzin Jungreis has been featured in numerous national publications, including The NY Times, Newsweek, Time, and People, is the author of four best selling books, "Jewish Soul of Fire", "The Committed Life", "The Committed Marriage" and "Life Is A Test", writes a weekly column for the Jewish Press, has a weekly television program and lectures around the world.

Please join us and treat yourself to an evening of great inspiration from a truly great and inspiring woman.

AN EVENING OF INSPIRATION WITH REBBETZIN ESTHER JUNGREIS

↪ **Wednesday, May 20, 8:00 pm at The CTN / Shaarei Tzedek Campus**
2832 West Touhy, Chicago (in the main Shaarei Tzedek Sanctuary)
Lecture will be followed by book signing.

↪ **Tickets and Sponsorships**

Sponsor / Reserved Seating: \$180 (Will be listed in event program)

Registration: \$20 / Full time students: \$10

Patrons of \$1,000 and above will be invited to a private reception with Rebbetzin Jungreis before the lecture.

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This Special Evening of Inspiration is dedicated
in loving memory of Rhoda Ross and Howard Ross,
parents of Bonnie and Vicki Ross.

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TORAH PORTION: EMOR (LEVITICUS 21:1 - 24:23)

This week's CTN Shabbat Fax is sponsored by a 'huge fan of Esther Jungreis', encouraging everyone not to miss this unique opportunity to be inspired by a truly special person.

1. "These are My appointed holidays ... Six days you shall work and the seventh day is a day of rest ... In the first month ... Passover ... (Leviticus, 23:3)

The Hebrew word used here for holidays is 'Moadim'. But that's not what the word really means.

'Moadim' really means a time or place for a meeting. A get together.

... And that's what Shabbat and the Holidays are really all about.

Days that G-d and the Jewish People get together.

Like when the Temple stood in Jerusalem. Jews went up to Jerusalem. To visit G-d in 'His house'.

... But there's a difference between the Holidays and Shabbat.

On the Holidays it's us going to G-d's house.

On Shabbat, G-d comes into our homes.

... And like a good friend who comes to visit, He brings gifts. The gift of peace and tranquility that permeates the home.

The gift of spiritual rejuvenation.

And, when we share the gift with our children?

... The gift of Jewish continuity.

2. "Six days you shall work and the seventh day is a day of rest, a sacred day to G -d ... (Leviticus, 23:3)

Rabbi Noach Weinberg z"l told the story about a successful businessman who makes a huge investment that turns sour. And he loses it all.

One day, he's driving along the highway and passes a race track. And starts thinking, 'This could be my salvation'. So he pulls over and goes inside and takes a look at the program. There's a horse named Spatula. The odds? 3000 to 1!

"If I use my last \$100 and Spatula wins? That's \$300,000. I'm back on my feet." So he goes over to the window and puts down a \$100 bill.

He's never been particularly religious, but it's pretty clear to him that he could use some help. So he starts praying.

"Oh G-d, shine Your benevolence upon me and Spatula. I really need Your help. Just let Spatula get out of the gate with the other horses. Maybe if she gets off to a good start..."

And it happens. The gate opens and Spatula is right there with them!

"Oh thank You Almighty for giving me hope. If You could only keep her at pace with the others. Even for thirty seconds. Maybe she'll get inspired..."

Again, the prayer is answered! It's no longer a fantasy. This can really happen!

His prayers intensify. He can barely get the words out. "I am so grateful for everything You've done for me, Oh G-d. Providing me with this incredible opportunity. And believe me, G-d, I know that You're very busy. But can I ask You one more thing?"

The race is half over. It's time for Spatula to make her move. Could You possibly move her to the front. Even by a nose? Let her get a taste of being in the lead!"

And it happens. Spatula surges to the front. A 3000 to 1 shot is leading the race! The crowd rises to their feet.

Once again, the guy turns towards heaven. "G-d, my appreciation knows no bounds. This is a dream come true. But leading by a nose still means nothing. Could I ask You for a length or two in front of the others? Please show me Your power!"

Incredibly, it happens. The other horses seem no match for Spatula! There's only one short stretch to the race. And he offers one final prayer.

"I have no words left, G-d. I'll never forget You for this. But the race is not over yet. Other horses are still within reach!"

He's sweating profusely. His voice is cracking.

"Putting Spatula ahead five lengths right now would seal the victory. Please do it!"

Sure enough. Spatula surges ahead by five lengths. Only seconds separate him from the finish line.

The guy drops into his seat. Looks up. And says calmly.

... "Okay, G-d, I can take it from here!"

(From What The Angel Taught You by Rabbi Noach Weinberg; ArtScroll Publications)

We work hard all week. And Judaism says that's exactly what G-d wants us to do.

He created a world. And wants us to use it. To work on it. And to make the most of it.

Hopefully we do well. And we succeed.

We're proud of ourselves. And that's okay.

... But there's a danger.

The danger of thinking that we did it all on our own.

We're talented. Clever. Gifted. We seize the opportunities that come our way.

And we can forget where our gifts and talents come from. Who brings the opportunities our way.

... So G-d gives us Shabbat.

A day to sit back and reflect. To look up and say:

... "Thank You G-d.

I couldn't have done it without You.'



Shabbat Shalom and have a wonderful week.


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