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'High Holiday Services'. Does just hearing the words make you think of expensive tickets, formal seating, being a spectator at a service that isn't all that meaningful and listening to a sermon? ... A really long sermon.

Well, the CTN YJP Rosh Hashanah Experience is not like that at all.

Instead, you spend some time on Rosh Hashanah with a warm approachable rabbi and other YJP's, you ask questions and get answers, you explore, you discuss, you sing, you pray and you laugh. *And you experience your most meaningful Rosh Hashanah ever.*

Did we forget to mention the delicious Shabbat lunch and that it costs just \$15? Yup. That's right. Just \$15!

Here's what a past participant says about our Rosh Hashanah Experience:

Dear Rabbi Katz,

*It's almost been one year from the Rosh Hashanah class you led, which left me with such a sweet impression of Judaism and Torah learning. It has significantly directed my course this past year and I am grateful to have been there. I enjoyed the event, learned a lot, and met great people - and I look forward to another wonderful year of learning and growing. Thanks again,
Tatum (Brenner)*

This year, try the CTN YJP Rosh Hashanah Experience.

Where you'll go home inspired. Not tired.

Young Jewish Professionals (20s & 30s) Rosh Hashanah Experience

Saturday, September 19, 2009. 10:30 am – 12:30 pm, followed by lunch
At the CTN Center, 2832 W. Touhy. www.torahnetwork.org/register.htm

Space is very limited and advance registration is required.

THE CHICAGO TORAH NETWORK SHABBAT FAX[©]

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Hang in there - Shabbos is coming!

TORAH PORTION: KI-SAITZAI (DEUTERONOMY 21:10 - 25:19)

*This week's CTN Shabbat Fax is sponsored by Dr. Albert Zickmann,
in appreciation of Chicago Torah Network and in honor of
all of Klal Yisrael (the Jewish People).*

1. Do not be unjust to the stranger or the orphan ... Remember that you were slaves in Egypt. (24:17-18)

It's a very powerful lesson.

Millions of Jews were enslaved and persecuted in Egypt for hundreds of years.

We might think that type of experience gives a person some kind of special rights or privileges.

The Torah says no!

Having gone through difficult times does not necessarily give us privileges. But it does give us something else.

... Obligations.

Like always being especially sensitive to the suffering of others.

▪ *Rabbi Yekusiel Halberstam - the late Chassidic Rabbi of Klausenberg - is a good example. He spent years in Nazi concentration camps. His wife and eleven children were killed.*

He survived. And went on to rebuild his community and its institutions. And he also built something else.

A hospital in Israel. A unique institution providing patient-centered high quality health care for all persons in need and in accordance with principles of halacha – traditional Jewish law.

Why did the Rabbi decide to build a hospital?

It was because of his experiences in the concentration camp. When he endured so much personal suffering and loss.

His response? He made a promise.

That if he survives the war he would dedicate his life to others.

To help relieve their suffering. To make their lives better.

... And that's exactly what he did.

FROM JEWISH TRADITION

What happens when we see a *siddur* – a Jewish Prayer Book – that fell to the floor?

Traditionally we pick it up right away. And show our love. By giving it a kiss.

... It's a beautiful custom. And it should get us thinking.

A *siddur* has no feelings and we react that way.

What about a person? A human being with sensitivity and feelings.

... What happens when we see a person who has fallen? Or maybe is just down?

Shouldn't we stop what we are doing to 'lift him up', and to show our love and concern?

BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND: THE "LIVING LIFE TO ITS FULLEST" SEMINAR

"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 ..."

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 ... I am learning something about myself and life every day. Thank you!"

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

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

Jonathan Erlich, Medical Student, University of Chicago



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WHEN: Monday, Aug. 31: 7:00 pm Schmoozing & Refreshments / 7:30 pm Seminar

WHERE: 2650 North Lakeview, Chicago. Party Room.

INFO: info@torahnetwork.org or 773.761.0400 x208

COST: \$10 incl. materials. **Advance registration required**

REGISTRATION: www.torahnetwork.org/register.htm



Shabbat Shalom and best wishes for a wonderful week.


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