

# No matter what kind of Jew you are ...



**The Proud Jew ...**  
*who would like to  
be even more proud ...*



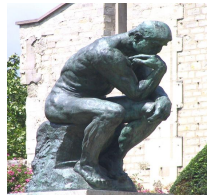
**The Skeptical Jew ...**  
*who's not sure Torah is  
really the word of G-d ...*



**The Curious Jew ...**  
*who wonders what being  
Jewish really means ...*



**The Mystical Jew ...**  
*who is intrigued by the idea  
of Torah prophecies ...*



**The Thinking Jew ...**  
*who likes a good, solid  
intellectual challenge ...*



**The Hebrew School Jew ...**  
*who never thought Torah  
study could be fun ...*

## ... this program is for you!

### **“The Seven Wonders of Jewish History”**

The history of the Jewish people defies all sociological patterns. And what makes this history even more remarkable is that it was all predicted thousands of years ago!

Join CTN's Rabbi Moshe Katz, for a roller-coaster ride through Jewish history as you'll examine seven unique prophecies, and explore how each one has been confirmed by actual events. This is a 'do not miss' event!

**WHEN:** Tuesday, June 16  
7:00 pm: Refreshments, drinks and schmoozing  
7:30 pm: The 'Seven Wonders' Workshop

**WHERE:** The CTN Center, 2832 West Touhy, Chicago.

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**REGISTRATION:** [www.torahnetwork.org.htm/register.htm](http://www.torahnetwork.org.htm/register.htm)



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**Wondering Jew.™**

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*Hang in there - Shabbos is coming!*

## TORAH PORTION: NASO (NUMBERS 4:21 - 7:89)

This week's CTN Shabbat Fax is sponsored by a friend, in honor of CTN and the Katz and Deutsch families, and all they do for the community.

### **1. May G-d bless you and protect you.**

***May G-d shine His countenance upon you and be gracious to you.***

***May G-d lift up His face toward you and grant you peace. (6:24 -26)***

For centuries, Jewish parents have used these words to bless their children. Each and every Shabbat.

*'May G-d bless you.*

*And protect you.'*

... Because it's not enough to be blessed.

We also need protection.

*And in fact, sometimes we need protection from the blessing itself!*

... Think about it. We want everything good for our children.

*But all good things come with a challenge.*

Like, we want them to be comfortable. To have financial security.

*... But will they get so comfortable, that they forget about the needs of others?*

And we want them to be accepted in society. Not to be treated differently because they're Jewish.

But freedom and opportunities bring a major challenge.

*... Will their Jewish identity remain strong? Will they remain proud, knowledgeable and involved Jews?*

And we want them to enjoy life.

*... But will they appreciate all the wonderful things they have?*

*Or will they take them for granted?*

... So we ask for blessings. But we also ask for protection.

That they have the strength to live up to the challenges. And be truly blessed.

- We all wish the best for our children.

*And Judaism gives us powerful tools to help make those blessings happen.*

... Jewish traditions. Like having a *pushka* - charity box - in our home.

It trains our children to give *Tzedakah*.

We can encourage them to put in a few cents every time they get some money.

It could be from their allowance. Birthday presents. Or an after-school job.

They'll learn something very important:

*That money comes with a responsibility.*

*To use it to help others.*

*... And there's having a Shabbat meal as a family.*

*It tells them something about our values.*

*That as busy as life is, we have to make time for the important things.*

*Like family. Our heritage. And G-d.*

### THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

*A man once asked Rabbi Yisrael Salanter: "I run a business. And I only have a few minutes a day for Torah study.*

*What should I do? Study Bible? Talmud? Jewish law? Or maybe Jewish history?"*

*Rabbi Salanter's response? "Study the Torah's teachings about the need for self-improvement.*

*And you know what will happen?*

*... You'll suddenly realize that you have more than a few minutes for Torah study.*

### QUOTE OF THE WEEK

*Every man has three names.*

*One that his father and mother called him.*

*One that his friends call him.*

*And one, the name he acquires for himself.*

### THE KIND OF TORAH STUDY YOU WISH THEY HAD BACK IN HEBREW SCHOOL!

**Wednesday Evenings, 8:15 pm, at the CTN Center:**



**Let** *the*  
**words**  
*come to*  
**life!**

*Growth. Spirituality. Insight. And tradition.  
All in one amazing hour of Torah Study.*

Join Rabbi Doni Deutsch each Wednesday for a unique and powerful look at a 3000 year old best seller. Discover the depth of Torah's stories, the mysteries of its laws and the relevance of its lessons, through centuries of Talmudic and mystical commentaries. All brought down to earth and applied to our everyday lives.

No matter what your background and prior Torah study experience, this class is for you.

Shabbat Shalom and have a wonderful week!

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