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'Living Life to its Fullest'

Judaism's Powerful Tools for Getting Pleasure and Meaning out of Life.



Jewish tradition has amazing tools that will make a real difference in your life. Guaranteed.

Short, simple things to say, think and do, that will help you appreciate and enjoy all of life's gifts. And will help bring real spirituality into your busy life. In just seconds a day!

... Little things. That will make a big difference.

Now this is the Judaism you wish they would have taught you about in Hebrew School!

WHEN: Tuesday, July 21, 7 pm (*please note correct date*)
Followed by refreshments, drinks & schmoozing

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

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

REGISTRATION: www.torahnetwork.org/register.htm



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Hang in there - Shabbos is coming!

TORAH PORTION: PINCHAS (NUMBERS 25:10-30:1)

This week's CTN Shabbat Fax is sponsored by Sam & Mimi Seleski, in memory of Mordechai ben Nechemia Mendlovitz, on the occasion of his yahrzeit.

1. G-d said to Moshe: Go up to this mountain and see the Land of Israel ... You will see it, but you will die ... here (27:12 - 13)

Moshe is told that he will not go to the Land of Israel. He will only see it from a distance.

... It's not just the story of Moshe.

It was the story of the Jewish people.

For two thousand years.

Scattered around the world. Unable to get to the Land of Israel.

But it was always in our heart. And in our mind.

We never lost sight of it. Never forgot it.

... Even more amazing?

It almost seems like the Land never forgot us either.

... Think about it.

We were gone for close to 2000 years.

Israel was conquered many times.

By many different empires.

... But as much as they tried, no one could get it to blossom.

The Land remained desolate.

... Here's what Mark Twain wrote after he visited the Land of Israel in 1867.

"A desolation is here ... the further we went the hotter the sun got. And the more rocky and bare, repulsive and dreary the landscape became ... There was hardly a tree or a shrub anywhere ...

Jerusalem is mournful, dreary and lifeless ...

It is a hopeless, dreary, heartbroken land...".

... And then the Jewish People returned.

After 2,000 years.

And with G-d's help, we made the desert bloom.

... Jews remember Israel.

And Israel remembers the Jews.

STORY OF THE WEEK

Jerusalem, 1964. A wall divides the city in half.

Jews have no access to East Jerusalem - and to the Western Wall.

They could only stand at a distance and look.

One day, an American tourist sees an eight year old Israeli boy, bleeding.

"What happened?"

"I was playing with my friends, and some Arabs threw stones at us from the other side of the wall".

He brings the boy to a doctor to be bandaged.

The next day, he sees the same boy playing in the same place!

"Haven't you learned? What are you doing here again?"

The boy looks the American in the eye, and says:

'It's worth bleeding a little - to get hit by a stone from the Western Wall!'

A DEEPER LOOK ...

'The world stands on three things: Torah study. Divine Service. And acts of kindness.'
(Talmud; Ethics of the Fathers)

Because there are three parts to a person. Our mind. Our heart. And our body.

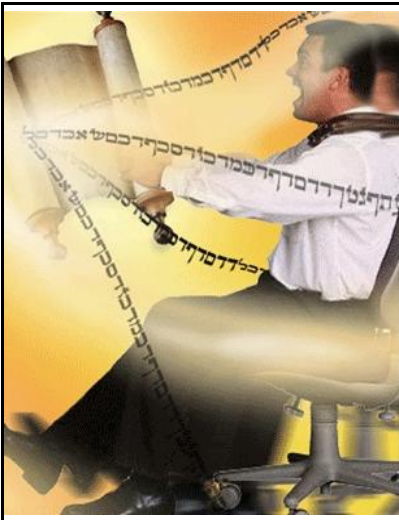
And the Jewish mystics teach that we can connect to G-d – and sanctify ourselves – in three ways.

... Through Torah study, our mind connects. Through Divine service and prayer, our heart.

And even our body can become holy and connected. Through the acts of kindness we do with it.

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

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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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