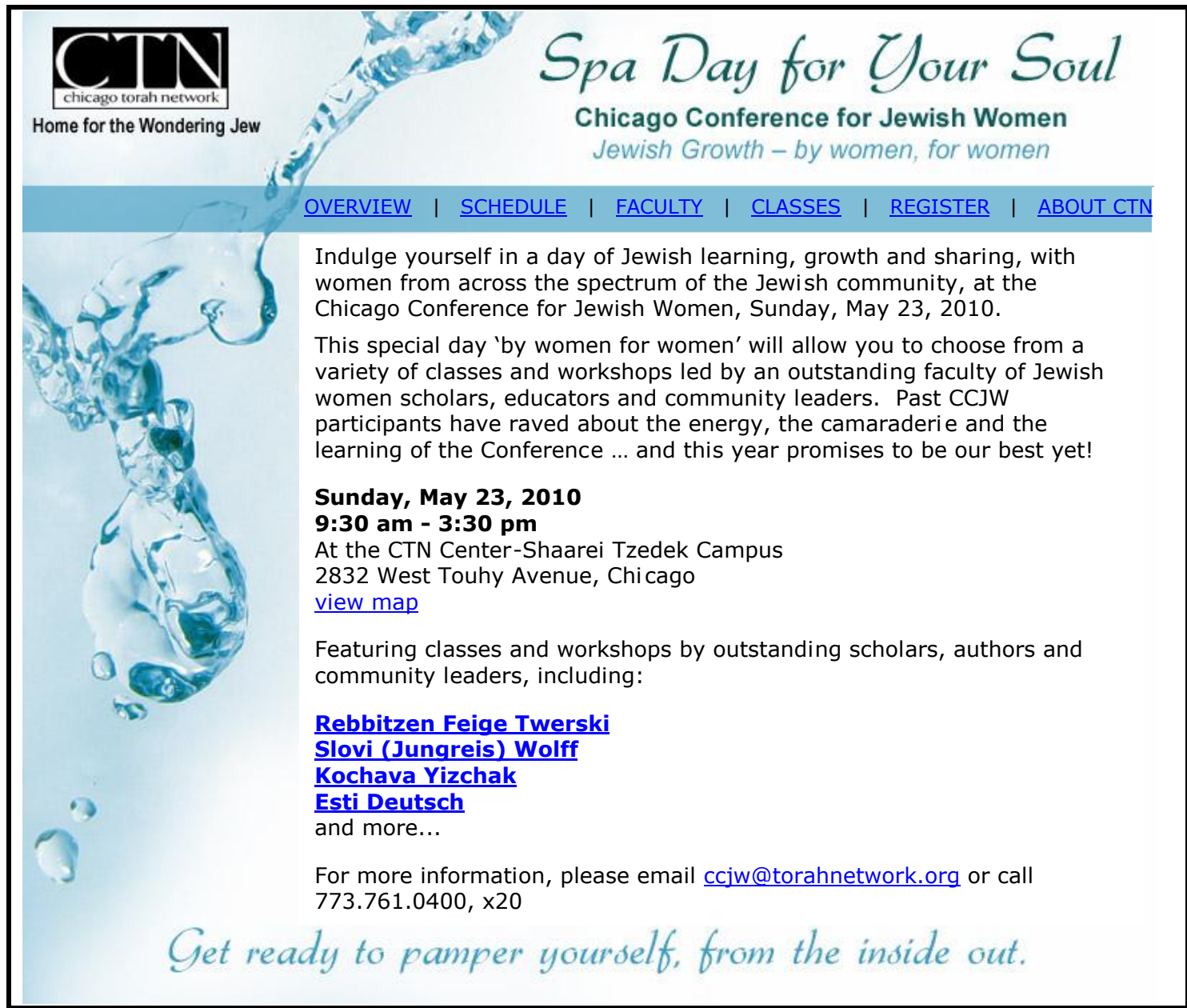


Think of it as a Spa Day for Your Soul!

The Chicago Conference for Jewish Women is back. And it's better than ever.

Watch for the conference website with complete schedule, details and reservation info this week.



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Indulge yourself in a day of Jewish learning, growth and sharing, with women from across the spectrum of the Jewish community, at the Chicago Conference for Jewish Women, Sunday, May 23, 2010.

This special day 'by women for women' will allow you to choose from a variety of classes and workshops led by an outstanding faculty of Jewish women scholars, educators and community leaders. Past CCJW participants have raved about the energy, the camaraderie and the learning of the Conference ... and this year promises to be our best yet!

Sunday, May 23, 2010
9:30 am - 3:30 pm
At the CTN Center-Shaarei Tzedek Campus
2832 West Touhy Avenue, Chicago
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Featuring classes and workshops by outstanding scholars, authors and community leaders, including:

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and more...

For more information, please email ccjw@torahnetwork.org or call 773.761.0400, x20

Get ready to pamper yourself, from the inside out.



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Hang in there - Shabbos is coming!

Torah Portion: ACHAREI MOS - KEDOSHIM (LEVITICUS 16:1 - 20:27)

This week's CTN Shabbat Fax is sponsored by the Katz and Deutsch families, in honor of Aryeh and Nechama Wells, on the occasion of the bar Mitzvah of their son, Elazar Mendel. May he bring you much joy, and may your home be filled with blessings always.

1. You shall correct your neighbor ... and do not bear a sin because of him. (19:17)

Correcting others. *It's a Torah commandment.*

But somehow, it just doesn't sound right.

After all - shouldn't we 'live and let live'? Mind our own business?

Judaism says not necessarily.

... We need to be very careful.

Because sometimes not getting involved, can be something else.

It can be apathy.

That maybe I don't care enough about the other person.

And that's why I don't bother getting involved.

The Torah demands that we love each other enough to care.

And if we care enough about others, we will want to help them improve.

But there's more to this Mitzvah. A lot more

Because correcting others is a very risky business.

The Torah's rule? Before saying anything – I have to be sure that I'm doing it out of love.

And if I am doing it out of love – I have to make sure that the other person feels that love.

Do I put him down? Or do I build him up?

Correct him in front of others? Risk embarrassing him?

Or do it privately? And sensitively?

So the Torah stresses: *"Be careful not to bear a sin because of it."*

If you can't correct with love – and with sensitivity – don't do it at all.

It won't work.

And it would just be a sin.

• **Dr. Abraham Twerski** is a highly respected psychiatrist, author and Torah scholar.

One of his favorite stories has to do with how as a child, he was quite a chess player.

"One Rosh Hashana, one of our guests challenged me.

He was a rabbi. And he assured me that playing chess on the Holiday is permitted.

So we played two games.

Later in the day, my father – a famous Chassidic rabbi and scholar – called me over.
He was in his study. Learning Torah.

"You played chess today? On Rosh Hashana?"

"Yes. The guest told me it's permitted."

My father said: "Yes. It's true. Technically there is nothing wrong with it. But shouldn't Rosh Hashana be spent on things that are more important?"

Thinking about how we can improve ourselves. Become better people in the year to come?"
I understood.

And then my father looked at me with a twinkle in his eye.

"Tell me. Did you checkmate him?"

"Yes. Twice."

And my father gave me a big smile.

... What a powerful lesson about how to correct others."

A DEEPER LOOK

"Love your friend like yourself." Besides the simple meaning, the Jewish mystics talk about different kinds of 'friends' a person has in life.

One is the neshama. The Divine soul that each human being has as a 'companion' throughout life.

'Love it. Don't ignore its needs. And its wants.'

Another friend? G-d.

G-d wants to have a relationship with us. Wants us to connect to Him.

... 'Love your neighbor as yourself' is about seeking harmony in all our relationships.

With other people.

With our true selves - our soul.

And With G-d.

THIS MONDAY YJP EVENT: A TASTE OF TALMUD

Join Rabbi Moshe Katz for a hands-on, dynamic, and interactive study of a section of the Talmud. Discover for yourself how a few lines of the Talmud can shed light on such diverse topics as spiritual and ethical growth, relationships, animal rights, and more.

This Monday, April 26, 7 pm: Refreshments / 7:30 pm: Taste of Talmud.

At the Pearson Condominium Hospitality Room (37th floor), 250 E. Pearson, Chicago, IL 60611
(Take lobby elevator to the 36th floor, then take the other elevator to the 37th floor.)



Shabbat Shalom and have a great week!

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