

## Two Unique, Amazing CTN Programs Coming Up!



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 Ave. Chicago. \$40 advance paid reservations. [www.torahnetwork.org/ccjw.htm](http://www.torahnetwork.org/ccjw.htm)

Featuring classes and workshops by outstanding scholars, authors and community leaders, including: Rebbitzin Feige Twerski, Slovi (Jungreis) Wolff, Kochava Yizchak, Esti Deutsch, and more.

For more info. please email [ccjw@torahnetwork.org](mailto:ccjw@torahnetwork.org) or call 773.761.0400 x207



This is a terrific opportunity to combine a great kosher lunch with quality Jewish learning, while at the same time giving dignity and respect to developmentally challenged young adults.

Lunch will be provided by the KJ Café - a truly unique cafe, staffed by young adults of Keshet, which provides educational, recreational and vocational programs for Jewish children and young adults with special needs. And lunch will be followed by Rabbi Katz's popular workshop, "Living Life to its Fullest": Judaism's powerful tools for getting greater pleasure and meaning out of life.

Please join us for a great lunch, great learning and a great mitzvah!

Wednesday, May 12th, 2010, At the Northbrook JCC, 300 Revere Drive  
11:30 am – Networking & Lunch / 12:00 – Workshop. \$20 (includes lunch)

Advance registration required. Space limited. [www.torahnetwork.org/register.htm](http://www.torahnetwork.org/register.htm)

*Hang in there - Shabbos is coming!*

## Torah Portion: EMOR (LEVITICUS 21:1 - 24:23)

*This week's CTN Shabbat Fax is sponsored by Dan & Debbie Shmikler, in honor of Rabbi Dr. & Mrs. Jerry Lob, wishing mazel tov on the engagement of their son Yehuda, and thanking the Rabbi Dr. for the spiritual awakening he provides.*

### **1. You shall not hurt the feelings of another. And you shall fear your G -d. (25:17)**

Respecting other people's feelings. In Judaism, it is one of our greatest responsibilities.

*Right up there with fearing G-d.*

There is a powerful – *and challenging* – statement made by the Rabbis of the Talmud:

They say: *We are held accountable in life for two things.*

*Have we treated G-d as our King?*

*And have we treated our fellow man as royalty?*

- Rabbi Moshe Feinstein was recognized as our generation's leading Torah scholar and Halachic authority.

He had a son-in-law, whose greatness as a human being and as a Torah scholar was legendary.

Rabbi Feinstein was devastated when his son-in-law passed away as a young man. He had been the apple of his eye.

People wondered how he would be able to go on.

*... The family was leaving the funeral chapel. About to drive to the cemetery.*

*When Rabbi Feinstein excused himself for a few minutes. And walked down the block.*

*Why? He had heard that there was another funeral taking place there. A relatively unknown man had died.*

*Rabbi Feinstein understood how that family must feel.*

*With thousands of people attending the services for the Rabbi. And so few at the funeral of their loved one.*

*Rabbi Feinstein went there to be with them. To try to help them feel a little less alone.*

*He was able to put aside his personal tragedy. To be there for others at their time of need.*

## STORY OF THE WEEK

Chana Kamenetsky. The wife of Rabbi Jacob Kamenetsky, one of the great Torah scholars of the 20th century. And one of the busiest.

People would come from all over the world to consult the Rabbi. The flow of people almost never stopped. Prominent Rabbis. As well as ordinary men and women. Some with questions of Jewish law. Others seeking his advice on personal issues. As well as troubled people who just needed someone to listen.

Running such a home would be a challenge for anyone. Especially for a woman in her eighties!

But Mrs. Kamenetsky would not only welcome every single person with a smile. She treated each one like royalty.

... There was a young boy in the neighborhood who wanted to do something to help the poor. So he decided to help raise money for a local charity.

He would make the rounds in the neighborhood. And once a week he would be at the Kamenetsky door with his pushka. His little charity box.

He would leave with a dollar for charity. And a candy for himself.

It became a weekly ritual.

One week, as he left the home, Mrs. Kamenetsky called him back.

She just realized that she and the Rabbi were going to Florida for six weeks. And wouldn't be home when the boy came.

So she counted out six dollars and put them in the boy's pushka.

And then she did something else. Because remembering the small things, is a sign of a big person.

... She handed him six candies.

### QUOTE OF THE WEEK

*"The pointers on a clock's face indicate the present time.*

*But the past and future can be seen as well.*

*A digital clock however, has no past and no future.*

*Only the now.*

*When society rejects the traditions of the past, and exploits natural resources so as to endanger its future, its concern is only with the present.*

*... Ours is a digital clock generation".*

*(Rabbi Abraham J. Twerski M.D.)*

### THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

Join us this Wednesday for 'Lunch, Learn & Mitzvah' and see for yourself why people say these kinds of things about Rabbi Katz's 'Living Life to its Fullest' Workshop.

*"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**



*Shabbat Shalom and have a great week!*

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