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Hang in there - Shabbos is coming!

TORAH PORTION: CHUKKAS (NUMBERS 19:1 - 22:1)

This week's CTN Shabbat Fax is sponsored by the CTN Rabbis in honor of the upcoming marriage of CTN student Tatum Brenner and Jeremy Stern. May they build a beautiful home that is a pride to the Jewish People!

1. And Miriam died ... (20:1)

Miriam. The older sister of Moses and Aaron.

Moses was the lawgiver. Aaron, the High Priest.

But what do we know about Miriam?

According to Jewish tradition, Miriam gave the Jewish People something they needed more than anything else.

Faith. Hope. And inspiration.

And in fact, it's because of her that there was a Moses!

... It goes back to the days in Egypt.

Miriam's parents were respected leaders of the Jewish People.

And then the persecution began.

Pharaoh issued his decree: *All Jewish baby boys will be thrown into the Nile.*

He wanted to do more than kill Jews. He wanted to break their spirit.

And he succeeded.

Miriam's parents felt that it was not a time to bring more children into the world.

So they separated.

And so did many other couples.

No one saw any future for the Jewish People.

... *Except Miriam.*

She protested.

"Pharaoh's decree was against Jewish boys.

But what we're doing to ourselves means there will be no Jewish children at all.

What about the future of the Jewish People?

What about our mission?

Pharaoh will never be able to destroy us.

We have G-d's promise."

Her parents understood that she was right. They listened to her.

And they had another child.

Who was he?

Moses!

... And that's how it's been throughout our history.

At times, things looked bad. Really bad.

And we could have thrown in the towel.

... But there were always Jewish men and women like Miriam. Inspired by Miriam.

Who never lost their faith in the eternity of the Jewish People.

A DEEPER LOOK ... AT SHALOM

Shalom. It means 'peace'.

And that's why the traditional Jewish greeting is 'Shalom Aleichem'. Peace unto you.

... But in Jewish tradition there's more to it.

Because in Hebrew, the word 'shalom' comes from the word 'shalaim'.

Which means complete.

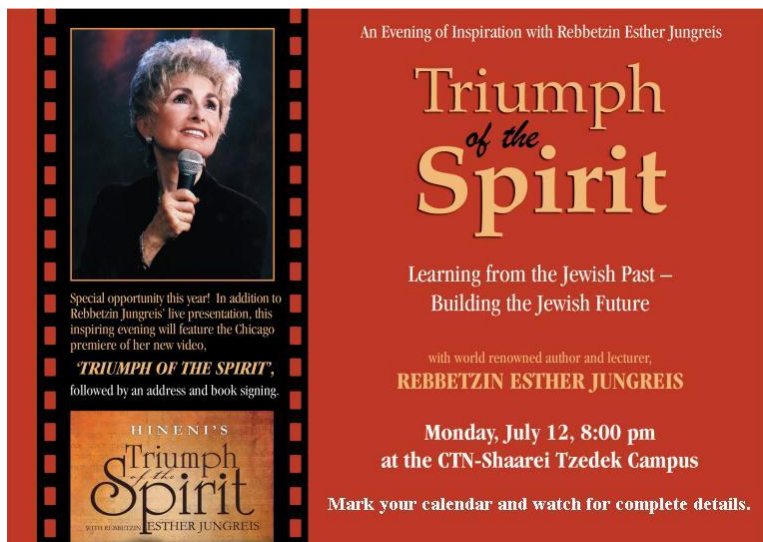
... And when we meet someone, we're saying more than just 'hello'. More even than 'nice to meet you.'

... What we are really expressing is that I value what each and every human being has to offer. That until I met you, I was missing something. Was incomplete.

And I look forward to getting a greater sense of completion from meeting you and all that you have to offer.

(Rabbi Shlomo Carlebach)

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Shabbat Shalom and have a wonderful week.

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