

## COMING UP AT CTN ...

***Please participate in this Gala Dinner and important CTN fundraising campaign, as we celebrate the CTN past ... and build the CTN future.***

### **The CTN 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala**

**Guests of Honor: Morris & Delecia Esformes**

**Dinner Chairs: Bob & Debra Hartman**

Wednesday, September 15, 2010 at the Hyatt Regency Chicago

Make your reservation, make a contribution to CTN and / or place an ad in the Dinner Journal at [www.torahnetwork.org/dinner.htm](http://www.torahnetwork.org/dinner.htm)

### CTN User-Friendly High Holiday Services

This year featuring two different user-friendly options. Pick the one that's right for you.



#### **THIS YEAR, 2 GREAT OPTIONS FOR USER-FRIENDLY HIGH HOLIDAY SERVICES.**

**OPTION 1:** The CTN Learner's Service, with informal and meaningful discussion, some prayers in both English and Hebrew prayers and more. You explore, you discuss, you pray, you sing and you even laugh. And you have the most meaningful Rosh Hashanah ever!

Register for the 'Learner's Service' at [www.torahnetwork.org/register.htm](http://www.torahnetwork.org/register.htm)

**OPTION 2:** For those who would like a complete traditional service but can't completely follow it on their own, we have a limited number of tickets (for just \$25!) for the beautiful traditional service at Congregation Shaarei Tzedek right here on the CTN Center Campus. The great part is we'll provide a CTN volunteer sitting right next you to help you follow along, as well as an English / Hebrew 'Art Scroll' Machzor (Holiday Prayer Book) to use.

For further information about the 'Traditional Service' please call Rabbi Moshe Katz at 761.0400 x202 or email [rabbikatz@torahnetwork.org](mailto:rabbikatz@torahnetwork.org)

# THE CHICAGO TORAH NETWORK SHABBAT FAX<sup>©</sup>

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*Hang in there - Shabbos is coming!*

## TORAH PORTION: KI-SAITZAI (DEUTERONOMY 21:10 - 25:19)

*This week's CTN Shabbat Fax is sponsored by Myra (Mickey) Sanderman in memory of her mother, Dorothy Kropman Lipp and her father, Louis E. Lipp, loving inspirations to her children, grandchildren, Stacy (Josh) Spielman and Steven (Sara) Sanderman, and great grandchildren, Tziyona, Devorah, Yehuda, Ephraim and Aviva Spielman, and Hannah and Julia Sanderman.*

### **1. Do not muzzle an ox when it is treading grain. (25:4)**

A law about muzzling an ox. Treading grain.

... It doesn't seem relevant to us.

*But it is. Very relevant.*

In fact, it's a powerful ethical teaching.

... Because why would a farmer muzzle an ox?

Simple. To save money.

To keep it from eating the grain while it works.

The Torah says you're not allowed to.

*Why?* Because the animal sees all that grain.

And it wants to eat.

... And we have to respect that instinct.

*Because the animal is also G-d's creature.*

... It's something to think about.

Remember what they did in ancient Rome for entertainment?

They went to the Coliseum.

And cheered while they watched animals tear each other – and human beings – apart.

... Rome. It was the center of civilization.

*And they all went.*

... Except the Jews.

We knew better.

*Because we had a Torah.*

▪ *Did you know that according to Jewish law before sitting down to a meal, there's something we're supposed to do?*

Even before saying the *brachah* - the blessing.

Before acknowledging G-d who has given us the food.

There's something that comes first.

... We are supposed to feed our pets.

It's a reminder. That before we take care of ourselves, we must remember to take care of others.  
Even animals.

... And by the way, this can be a wonderful lesson for our children.  
To help them learn Jewish sensitivity.

### STORY OF THE WEEK

*Rabbi Yisrael Mayer Kagan, leading 'saint' and scholar of pre-war Europe, was sitting in someone's office. He watched as the man prepared to send a telegram.*

*The businessman read it over and over. Crossing out words. Rewriting sentences.*

*"No, this word has to go. That one is unnecessary."*

*The Rabbi asked: "What's the big deal? Is each word so important?"*

*"Rabbi. You don't understand. I send hundreds of telegrams a day.*

*And I pay for each word.*

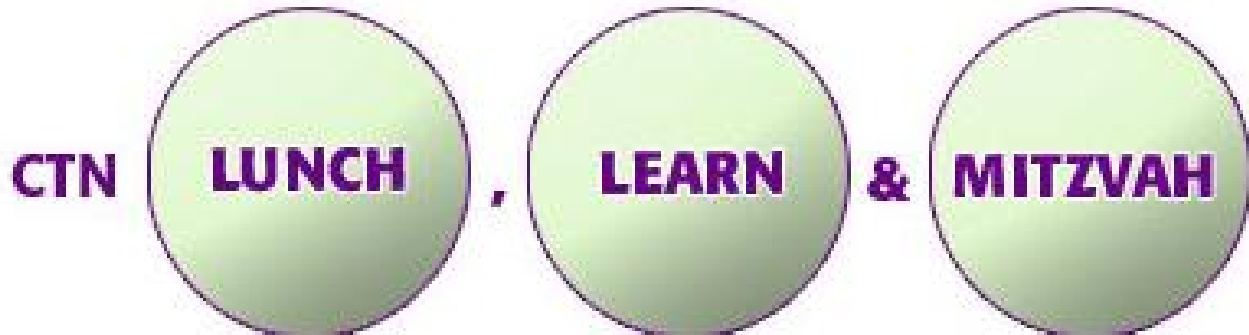
*I've got to be careful."*

*Rabbi Kagan reflected out loud. "Yes. It's true.*

*We do so much talking.*

*And we pay so dearly for each and every inappropriate word".*

### A UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY



Don't miss this unique opportunity to combine a great kosher lunch with quality Jewish learning, while giving dignity and respect to developmentally challenged young adults.

And with Rosh Hashanah coming up, Rabbi Moshe Katz's fascinating, insightful High Holiday workshop will help make this your most meaningful Rosh Hashanah ever!

Wednesday, September 1, 2010. 11:30 am – Networking & Lunch / 12:00 - Workshop  
At The Northbrook JCC 300 Revere Drive, Cost: \$15 (includes lunch)

[www.torahnetwork.org/register.htm](http://www.torahnetwork.org/register.htm) [info@torahnetwork.org](mailto:info@torahnetwork.org)



*Shabbat Shalom and have a wonderful week.*

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