

## 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-SAVO (DEUTERONOMY 26:1 - 29:8)

*This week's CTN Shabbat Fax is sponsored wishing a huge Mazel Tov to two wonderful, long-time CTN'ers, Mitch & Amy Rose. May you merit to raise your son to Torah, chuppah and a life filled with good deeds, and may Hashem continue to bless your family with everything good.*

### **1. You shall give to ... the stranger, the orphan and the widow, and they shall eat and be satisfied ... And you will say: 'Look G-d, from your heavenly abode and bless Your people ...' (26:12-15)**

*We give to the needy. And we say a prayer.*

*The wording of the prayer is interesting: 'Look G-d', and bless us ...*

*... Why the stress on G-d 'looking at us'?*

*It's a very powerful lesson.*

*... Because if we think about it, G-d's really got a lot going on.*

*He's got a whole world to run. In fact, a whole universe!*

*So who am I to ask G-d to 'take time out' and pay attention to my personal needs?*

*But there is one way that we can expect Him – almost demand of him – to 'look down from heaven'.*

*To pay attention to us. And to take care of our needs.*

*... If we are able to get beyond ourselves. To really pay attention to others. And to think about their needs.*

*People who don't have what we have.*

*Because if we do that, we have the right to turn to G-d.*

*And to say, 'G-d. I know You're busy.*

*But please look at us.*

*Pay attention to our needs. Our wants. And our dreams.*

*And help us realize them.'*

*... The bottom line?*

*When we are able to look beyond ourselves. And see others.*

*We can expect G-d to do the same to us.*

### **▪ There's a great Jewish story about the saintly Rabbi who passes away. And goes up to the gates of heaven.**

*"Rabbi. You were a true Tzaddik. You fulfilled all your obligations. To G-d. And to your fellow man. You're going straight to heaven."*

*Then the Rabbi notices a long line of people. Being led in the other direction.*

*He asks: "Who are they?"*

"Oh. They were terrible people. Lived a very bad life. ... And they're going ... somewhere else."  
And the Tzaddik says: "If I earned a place in heaven ... they have to come too.  
... Because what kind of heaven would it be for me? How could I enjoy being here?  
When I know that so many others are suffering?"

#### JOKE OF THE WEEK

Jack was heading out of the synagogue on Yom Kippur, and the rabbi, as always, was standing at the door shaking hands as the congregation departed.

The rabbi held him by the hand and took him aside.

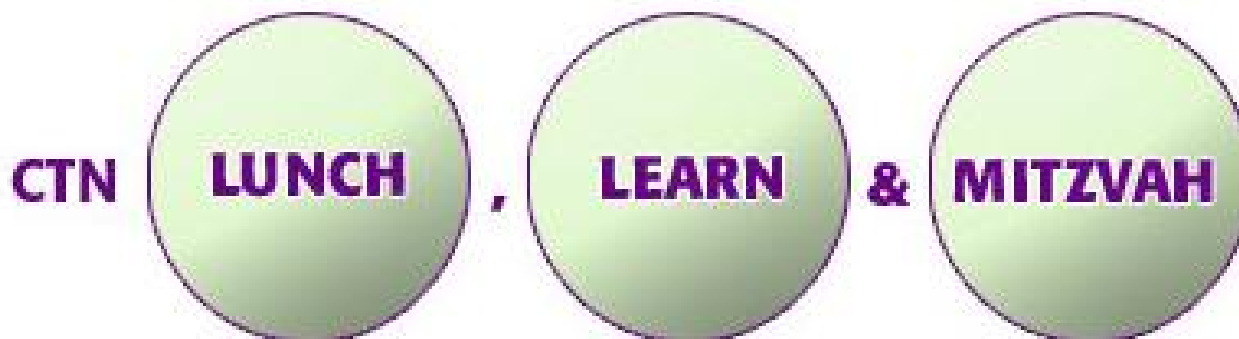
"You need to join the Army of G-d!" he told him.

Jack answered, "I'm already in the Army of G-d, Rabbi."

The Rabbi asked him, "Then why don't I see you except for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur?"

He whispered back, "I'm in the secret service."

#### 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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