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**CCJW is this Sunday!**  
**Please register online ... or just show up at the door.**  
**We will be accomodating walk-ins.**



*Spa Day*  
for *Your Soul*

**Sunday, May 23, 2010**  
**9:30 am – 3:30 pm**

At the CTN Center-  
Shaarei Tzedek Campus  
2832 West Touhy Ave.

Advanced paid registration: \$40  
(by Monday, May 17th)  
Regular price: \$50  
Students: \$20

The Ilene C. Leon  
**Chicago Conference  
for Jewish Women**

*Jewish Growth -  
by Women, for Women.*

Indulge yourself in a day of Jewish learning, growth and sharing, with women from across the spectrum of the Jewish community, at The Ilene C. Leon 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 at the Conference ... and this year promises to be our best yet!

Featuring classes and workshops by outstanding scholars, educators and community leaders, including:

**Rebbetzin Feige Twerski  
Slovie (Jungreis) Wolff  
Kochava Yitzchak  
Esti Deutsch  
and more...**

(See back of card for the complete CCJW schedule)

*Get ready  
to pamper yourself  
from the inside out.*

For registration and more information,  
please go to [www.torahnetwork.org/ccjw.htm](http://www.torahnetwork.org/ccjw.htm),  
email [ccjw@torahnetwork.org](mailto:ccjw@torahnetwork.org)  
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*Hang in there - Shabbos is coming!*

## TORAH PORTION: NASO (NUMBERS 4:21 - 7:89)

*This week's CTN Shabbat Fax  
is sponsored by Heshy & Debbie Wengrow, in memory of  
Avraham Dov ben Rav Yitzchok Menachem Hakohain Wengrow z'l.*

### **1. And the Princes of the (twelve) tribes (of Israel) brought gifts to the Temple ... (7:2)**

A prince. A leader. Someone in a position of power.

In Biblical Hebrew it is called a 'nasee'. (Which is also the modern Hebrew word for President.)

*And like so many other Torah words, there's a powerful lesson in the word itself.*

Because in Biblical Hebrew the word 'nasee' means something else that is elevated as well.

*... A cloud in the sky.*

Seems like a strange connection: Leader. And cloud. What do they have to do with each other.

The Torah Commentators point out that this teaches us a wonderful and very important lesson.

*... Yes the clouds are elevated. They're 'up there' in the sky.*

Way above the 'lowly' forms of life down here on earth.

But why are they there? What's their purpose?

*To shower blessing and life to everything that is down below.*

And that's the Torah's picture of what leadership positions are all about.

Whether it's in the home, the workplace, the community or society on the whole.

*... If we find ourselves in a position of authority and leadership?*

*We should always remember that we are there for one reason only.*

*To help shower goodness on others.*

▪ **Rabbi Chaim Ozer Grodzensky.** *One of the leading Torah scholars and community leaders of pre-war Europe.*

*His genius and encyclopedic knowledge of Torah were matched by his love and concern for every single Jew.*

*... Rabbi Grodzensky once hosted a meeting between some Jewish communal leaders and a major government official.*

*After the meeting the official made him an offer.*

*One that was extremely attractive to a Jew at that time.*

*'Rabbi. Please tell me before I leave.*

*Is there something I can do for you personally?'*

*The Rabbi answered him immediately:*

... 'Thank you. That's very kind. And in fact there is something.  
I know of a very poor woman. A widow.  
She has a problem with her feet and needs special shoes.  
Which she can't find in our little town.  
And I know that you are returning to the big city.  
I would really appreciate it, if you could get the shoes there and send them to her.  
That would mean so much to me.'

**2. May G-d bless you and keep you. May G-d shine His countenance upon you and be gracious to you. May G-d lift up His face toward you and grant you peace. (6:24 - 26)**

*The Priestly blessing.* It's part of the Holiday services.  
*And it's much more.*

For centuries, Jewish parents have used these words to bless their children each Friday night.  
It's a beautiful – and very meaningful – part of the *Shabbat* meal.

... Because we know how it is. How life is so busy.

Sure, we may be doing so much for our children.

Yet, somehow, we don't always have the time to *really* connect with them.

*To tell them how much we care for them.*

*How much we want for them*

*... And how much we believe in them.*

The blessing takes just a minute.

*But it gives our children something that can last a lifetime.*

#### QUOTE OF THE WEEK

Rabbi Yisrael Salanter used to tell his students:

*"Don't forget the priorities of a Jew.*

*To focus on the spiritual.*

*... But always remember:*

*Providing others with their material needs – is a spiritual act."*



*Shabbat Shalom and have a wonderful week.*

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