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CTN LUNCH, LEARN & MITZVAH 2

A unique 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.

The lunch will be provided by the KJ Café, a joint effort of Keshet, Bernard Weinger JCC and the Sandwich Club. KJ Café is unique. It is staffed by young adults of Keshet which provides educational, recreational and vocational programs for Jewish children and young adults with special needs.

Lunch will be followed by more wisdom from 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!

Lunch Learn & Mitzvah
Wednesday, June 9th, 2010
At Northbrook JCC 300 Revere Drive

Networking & Lunch – 11:30 am
Workshop – 12:00 pm
Cost – \$15 (includes lunch)

Advance registration required: www.torahnetwork.org/register.htm
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Hang in there - Shabbos is coming!

TORAH PORTION: SHELACH (NUMBERS 8:1 - 12:16)

This week's CTN Shabbat Fax is dedicated by Bob Seidenberg wishing a 'refuah sh'laimah' / complete and speedy recovery to Reitze bas Bluma, Shoshana Raizel bas Netanya and Chaim Moshe ben Esther Chaya.

1. We felt so small ... and that's how they looked at us. (13:33)

The Story of the Spies: It was after the Exodus. The Jews had left Egypt.

They're about to enter the Land of Israel. And they send spies to check it out first.

The spies report back: "We can't do it. The people there are too powerful. The cities fortified. We are doomed.

We felt so small. And that's how they looked at us."

Jewish tradition sees a powerful lesson in these last words: "We felt so small. And that's how they looked at us".

... That people see us as we see ourselves.

That if we know what we stand for. What we are trying to accomplish.

If we believe in what we are doing.

Then people will respect us.

But if we are unsure about ourselves. About our goals.

If we are small in our own eyes.

That's exactly how people will see us.

... And it's especially true for us. As American Jews.

If we – and our children – are in touch with our heritage. And our history.

Understand our mission as Jews. Are proud of it. And committed to it.

If we respect ourselves as Jews.

Then we can expect others to respect us as well.

▪ ***Shmuel Agnon and Robert Aumann are very good examples. Who can teach us a lot.***

Two Israeli Jews who have received the world's most prestigious award for intellectual accomplishment. The Nobel Prize.

Agnon in literature (1966), and Aumann in economics (2005).

Both observant Jews. Deeply committed to Torah values and observance.

In fact, they each celebrated Shabbat in Stockholm and then rushed over to the banquet hall. Making it just in time for the Saturday night ceremony!

(Actually, Agnon had an added challenge. He had to light Chanukah candles first!)

They stood before the King of Sweden proudly wearing their yarmulkes.

They made other Jews proud. And earned the respect of people all over the world.

... And they both expressed the place that Israel has had in the hearts of hearts of the Jewish People for the last 2000 years.

Agnon: *"As a result of the historic catastrophe in which Titus of Rome destroyed Jerusalem ... I was born in one of the cities of the Exile. But I always regarded myself as one who was born in Jerusalem. I am very small indeed in my own eyes ... If I am proud of anything it is that I have been granted the privilege of living in the land which G-d promised to our forefathers ... as it is written ..."*

Aumann: *"Your Royal Highness, we have, over the years ... participated in the scientific enterprise ... studied and taught ... and pushed forward the boundaries of knowledge ... And I have participated in the realization of a 2000 year old dream – the return of my people to Jerusalem, to its homeland."*

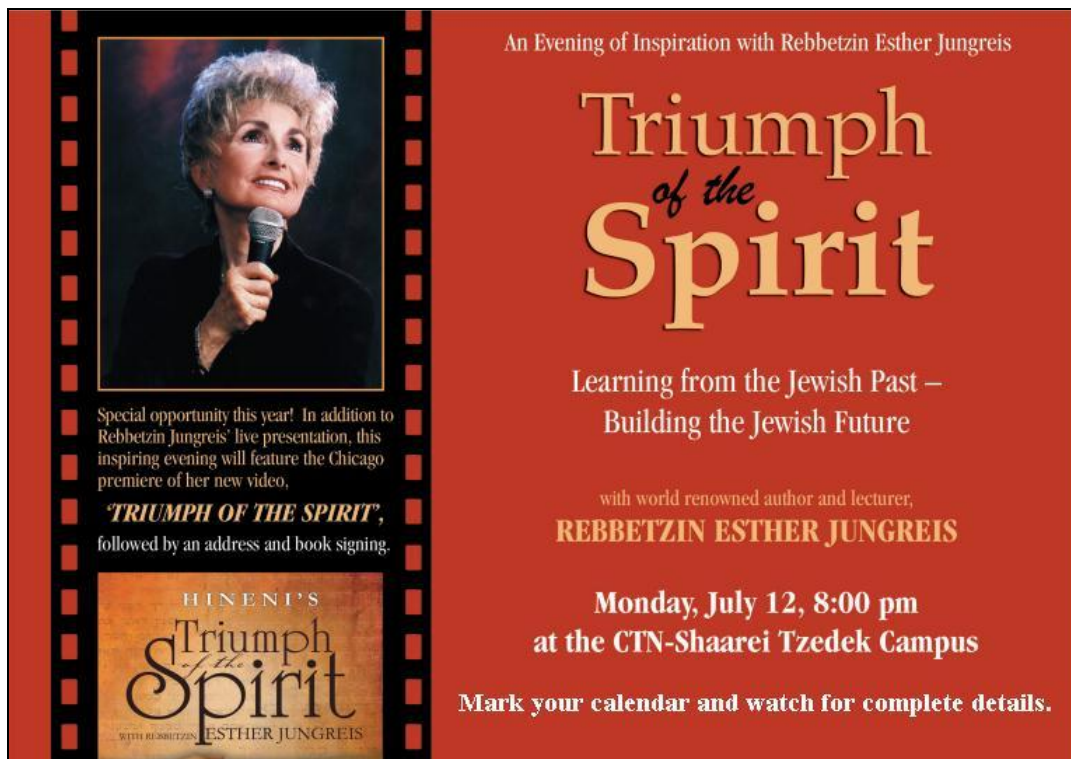
QUOTE OF THE WEEK

'We often say, 'It's been so nice talking to you'.

But when's the last time we told someone, 'it's been nice listening to you'?

(Rabbi Simcha Wasserman)

MONDAY, JULY 12 ... AN EVENING OF INSPIRATION



An Evening of Inspiration with Rebbetzin Esther Jungreis

Triumph *of the* Spirit

Learning from the Jewish Past –
Building the Jewish Future

with world renowned author and lecturer,
REBBETZIN ESTHER JUNGREIS

Monday, July 12, 8:00 pm
at the CTN-Shaarei Tzedek Campus

Mark your calendar and watch for complete details.

Special opportunity this year! In addition to Rebbetzin Jungreis' live presentation, this inspiring evening will feature the Chicago premiere of her new video, **'TRIUMPH OF THE SPIRIT'**, followed by an address and book signing.

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Shabbat Shalom and have a wonderful week.

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