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## CTN User-Friendly *Yom Kippur* Services

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### ••••• Learner's Service •••••

'Yom Kippur Services'. Does just hearing the words make you think of expensive tickets, formal seating, being a spectator at a service that isn't all that meaningful and listening to a sermon? A really long sermon?

Well, the CTN Yom Kippur Learner's Service is not like that at all. Instead, you spend time with a warm approachable rabbi and others like you, and enjoy a short and powerful service which combines select prayers in English and Hebrew with informal and meaningful discussion. You explore, you discuss, you sing, you pray and you laugh. And you experience your most meaningful Yom Kippur ever.

The service is from 10:30 am until 1:00 pm and the cost is just \$25. Please register at [www.torahnetwork.org/register.htm](http://www.torahnetwork.org/register.htm)

### ••• User-Friendly Traditional Service •••

For those who would appreciate a complete traditional service but can't follow it on their own, we have a limited number of tickets available for only \$25 for seats in CTN's wonderful neighbors, the dynamic and warm Congregation Shaare Tzedek, right here on the CTN Campus. Plus, you will have a CTN volunteer in the seat right next to you, who will be available to help you follow along with the service. We will also provide a Hebrew/English Artsroll Yom Kippur Machzor (Holiday prayer book) for you to use.

For more information about this unique opportunity, please contact [rabbikatz@torahnetwork.org](mailto:rabbikatz@torahnetwork.org) or call (773) 761-0400 x201

The CTN Yom Kippur Service. Where you go home inspired. Not tired.

**User-Friendly Yom Kippur Services – Saturday, September 18, 2010.**



The CTN Center, 2832 W. Touhy Ave., Chicago  
Space is very limited and advance registration is required.



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*Hang in there - Shabbos is coming!*

## YOM KIPPUR

*This week's CTN Shabbat Fax is dedicated by Fred and Charlotte Broitman, in honor of all their children and grandchildren; David, Benjamin, Jeffrey, Logan, McKaela, Ovadyah, Shayna, Levi and Yonaton.*

### **1. Yom Kippur. The Day of Atonement.**

After hours of prayer and introspection, it is customary to end Yom Kippur with a short ritual.

*... A short blowing of the shofar.*

Which is exactly how the High Holidays began. With the blowing of the shofar on *Rosh Hashanah*.

*... And this might be one of the most important High Holiday messages.*

Because as the great Jewish scholar Maimonides writes, the blowing of the *shofar* is symbolic.

*We should hear it as a wake-up call.*

Because we are all at risk of 'sleeping through life'.

Of getting caught up in the pursuit of insignificant things.

And forgetting about what's really important. And eternal.

*... The shofar is supposed to get our attention. Get us to think about our words and our actions.*

About our relationship with G-d. And about our dealings with our fellow man.

It wakes us up. And reminds us to take the steps. To change.

That's the *Rosh Hashanah shofar*.

*... The end of Yom Kippur shofar?*

It's a powerful reminder that spiritual self-improvement is like everything else.

From diets and exercise to kicking the smoking habit.

*The challenge isn't so much doing it.*

*But maintaining it.*

As Mark Twain supposedly said: "Giving up smoking is easy. I've done it hundreds of times."

*... Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur are amazing opportunities for growth.*

And blowing the *shofar* at the very end, when it's all over, is a reminder:

*Don't forget to do the maintenance. Concrete steps to continued self-improvement all year long.*

*... Because although Yom Kippur is just one day a year.*

*Self-improvement is the original 24/7.*

## THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

The great Chofetz Chaim was one of those people who saw things through "spiritual glasses". He would look at each new discovery and invention. And see how it could help us grow. He talked about the telegraph. That it's a great reminder to us to be careful with what we say. Because words can travel to the other end of the world so quickly.

... How about the video camera? We can imagine what the Chofetz Chaim might have said. We talk of being judged by G-d on Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur.

... And now we can picture it.

Just imagine being shown a video of our life.

Of everything we've said and done.

Which can be a pretty sobering thought.

... But one great Chassidic Rabbi saw it a bit differently.

He suggested that what we will actually be shown is a video of someone else's life. What does that have to do with us being judged?

... Everything.

Because there are two ways we might respond to the other person's life.

We could say, "Look at that terrible thing he did.

Look at how he hurt other people. And at all that lashon hora - gossip, that he spoke.

... Or we may hardly notice those things at all.

Instead? We can focus on other 'scenes' in the video.

"Look at that act of kindness. Look at how honest he was. The charity he gave.'

Because as the Talmud tells us: 'he who judges others favorably will be judged favorably by G-d'.

## QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"Yom Kippur can not atone, until one receives forgiveness from the person he has wronged. Otherwise, even if he fasts a hundred years, and utters confessions a hundred times a day, atonement will not be granted him."

**Rabbi Abraham Danzig (19th century author of Chayay Adam, a standard text of traditional Jewish Law)**



Shabbat Shalom and best wishes for a meaningful Yom Kippur and a great week.

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