

**The big event is this Sunday ...
You can register at the door!**



Spa Day for Your Soul

Sunday, June 12, 2011
9:15 am - 3:30 pm

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

Advanced paid registration: \$40
(by Sunday, June 5)
Regular price: \$50
Students: \$20

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The Ilene C. Leon Chicago Conference for Jewish Women

Jewish Growth by women for women

Featuring a day of great speakers, fascinating topics,
and wonderful spirit, with outstanding scholars,
educators and community leaders, including:

Keynote Speaker:

Lori Palatnik

Renowned lecturer and author, founder of the Jewish Women's Renaissance Project, and regular contributor to *aish.com*, where her 'Lori Live' blog has 50,000 viewers each month.

Presenters:

Becky Udman

Internationally acclaimed 'Love and Logic'® Parenting and Relationships Instructor and Pre School Director, Torah Day School of Dallas

Esti Deutsch

Certified Life and Relationships Coach, Director of CTN Women's Learning, and teacher and mentor to women throughout the community

Judy Rajchenbach

Lawyer, community leader and popular instructor in a wide variety of Torah topics at Jewish adult education programs around the country

Tema Taxer

Jewish Studies Instructor, Erika Neter Meyer Women's Learning Division of Congregation Adas Yeshurun and Daughters of Israel Jewish Bridal Instructor

For complete details and CCJW schedule, please go to
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Hang in there - Shabbos is coming!

TORAH PORTION: BEHA'ALOSECHA (NUMBERS 8:1 - 12:16)

This week's CTN Shabbat Fax is sponsored in honor of Bruce & Cheryl Leon, in recognition of their sponsorship of the Ilene C. Leon Chicago Conference for Jewish Women, this Sunday, June 12. May the learning and growth the conference brings to so many people be a merit for your mother's *neshama* (soul).

1. Whenever the Ark traveled, Moses said: Arise G-d, and let Your enemies be scattered ... (10:35-36)

... It's a central point of the Synagogue service.

We open the Ark. Take out the Torah. And sing these words:

'Vayehee Binso'a Ha'aron ...'

It's a pretty powerful moment. Because the words are three thousand years old.

And they still have a very important message.

Because when the ark is opened – and the Torah is taken out – is a good time to reflect.

... On our past. And our future.

"When the Ark traveled." This symbolizes our past.

The times we were expelled. Forced to run. And start all over.

And the great empires that tried to destroy us. *Egypt. Babylon. Ancient Greece. Rome. And others.*

... They're gone. And we're still here.

Somehow, we had the strength to survive.

Our secret?

The Torah. We never stopped learning it. Being inspired by it.

And living it.

... But today? Things are different.

We're free. We feel secure. Thank G-d.

But with all that freedom – and all that security – we're still worried.

Worried about our future. About Jewish continuity.

Because there's one thing we cannot survive.

Jewish illiteracy.

... Which is why Torah study is more important today than ever.

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

Rabbi Dr. Abraham Twersky tells the story of a 'gratitude meeting' at Alcoholics Anonymous.

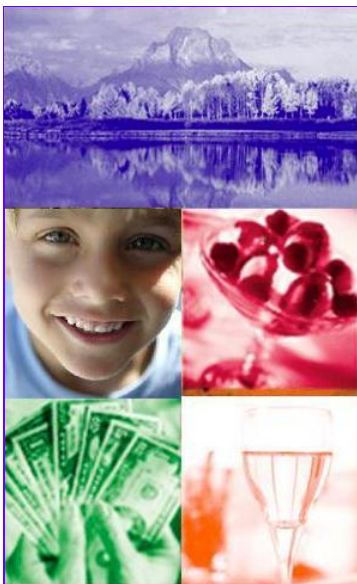
Everyone expressed how thankful they were for the wonderful things that had happened to them since they became sober.

... All except one man. He too had remained sober for four years.
But in many other ways, he was doing poorly. His life seemed to be falling apart.
In a sense, though, what he said was more powerful than all the others:
He told them: "I wish I could say that it is all good. But it's not.
... But I don't think that G-d has brought me all this way, only to walk out on me now".

... And that's also the story of the Jewish People today .

Because we certainly have some major problems facing us.
Like, fewer and fewer Jews being passionately committed to Judaism.
While assimilation and intermarriage threaten to devastate us.
We definitely have our work cut out for us.
There's so much to do, if Judaism is going to continue in a meaningful way.
And sometimes we can get overwhelmed by the challenge.
Throw up our arms. And say: "Forget it! We can never turn things around!"
... But there's one reassuring thought we should keep in mind: *Our history shows we can do it.*
... We are an eternal people. That has survived against unbelievable odds.
Time and time again.
It just doesn't seem likely that G-d has brought us all this way – only to walk out on us now!

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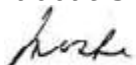
Monday, June 20, 2011 - 7 pm, at The CTN Center, 2832 West Touhy, Chicago.

Followed by refreshments, drinks & schmoozing

\$10 including workbook. Advance registration required

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Shabbat Shalom and have a wonderful week.


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