

# Bring the holidays *to life!*



## A Journey through the Jewish Calendar

**Monday, May 16, 7 pm at The CTN Center**

If you wish you knew more about the Jewish Holidays, don't miss this special Jewish Literacy Workshop with Rabbi Moshe Katz. You'll get a fascinating overview of the special days in the life of a Jew, focusing on the meaning of each of the Jewish Holidays and their relevance to our lives.

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*Hang in there - Shabbos is coming!*

## TORAH PORTION: BEHAR (LEVITICUS 25:1 - 26:2)

This week's CTN Shabbat Fax is dedicated by Margie Shabat as a merit for all members of *Klal Yisrael* who are ill. "May they have a speedy and complete recovery, Amen!"

### **1. You shall not hurt the feelings of another. And you shall fear your G-d. (25:17)**

Respecting other people's feelings.

In Judaism, it is one of our greatest responsibilities.

... Right up there with fearing G-d.

There is a powerful – and challenging – statement made by the Rabbis of the Talmud:

They say: We are held accountable in life for two things.

*Do we treat G-d as our King?*

*And do we treat our fellow man as a king?*

- Israel's former Chief Rabbi Herzog passed away in 1959. And there was a great outpouring of support for his widow.

Her financial and other needs were well taken care of by the community.

... But for Jerusalem's Rabbi Shlomo Zalman Auerbach, that was not enough.

One of the things that he did? He made a point of visiting Mrs. Herzog on Jewish holidays.

... Every holiday. For years.

His Students asked him why. And he explained.

"When Rabbi Herzog was alive, their home was a center of activity.

Especially during the holidays. When prominent Rabbis from all over Jerusalem would come to visit the Chief Rabbi.

... Imagine how she must feel when the holidays come.

Remembering how things used to be ..."

### **2. And G-d said ... For the land is Mine. You are sojourners ... (25:23)**

There's no question about it. Judaism teaches that we should make the most of our life.

And not just spiritually. But physically as well.

So we should work hard.

Try our best to be successful.

To provide for ourselves. And our families.

The necessities. As well as those things that make life more enjoyable.

... But we have to be careful.

To always maintain our sense of priorities.

Not to forget that that some things in life are transitory.

While others are eternal.

▪ *The fight had been going on for much too long.*

*They had once been good friends. But they got into an argument over a small piece of land.*

*It wasn't even a matter of that much money. It was more the principle of the thing.*

*... And they really let it get out of hand.*

*The truth is that it wasn't so clear who was right. It really could have gone either way.*

*And most people would have said: 'let's compromise'.*

*But not these two. Neither one would budge an inch.*

*They came before the town Rabbi. 'Let him rule on the case.'*

*He tried to talk to them. Suggested that they meet half way.*

*But they wouldn't hear of it.*

*'Absolutely not! It's mine.'*

*Suddenly the Rabbi put his head down to the ground, placed his hand by his ear, and listened.*

*'What in the world are you doing, Rabbi?'*

*'I'll tell you. You both claim that the piece of land is yours. And we have no way to work it out.*

*So I've decided to ask the ground what it says.'*

*'Yeah! Sure, Rabbi. And what did it tell you?'*

*'The ground said: 'Look at them. Each one is going crazy. Insisting that I belong to him.*

*... I think they've forgotten something.*

*They're not going to live forever.*

*And' - the ground said - 'eventually they will both belong to me.!''*

## THE 2<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL ILENE C. LEON CHICAGO CONFERENCE FOR JEWISH WOMEN – JUNE 12, 2011

CTN's Jewish Women's Network invites you to treat yourself to a "Spa Day for the Soul", at the second annual Ilene C. Leon Chicago Conference for Jewish Women, Sunday, June 12, 2011.

This special day of learning, growth and sharing by women for women, will allow you to experience 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 of the Conference ... and this year promises to be even better!

Special Guest Speakers include **Lori Palatnik**, whose blog, 'Lori Live' on [www.aish.com](http://www.aish.com) is viewed by over 50,000 people each month, **Becky Udman**, who presents 'Love and Logic' relationship and parenting seminars around the world, and more.

Mark your calendar now and watch for complete details. For more information, please email [sharon@torahnetwork.org](mailto:sharon@torahnetwork.org) or call 773.761.0400 x207.



*Shabbat Shalom and have a great week!*

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