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**This Wednesday, May 11, at CTN.**

# Make Every Day Count!



An Evening of Inspiration with a world renowned author and lecturer,

## REBBETZIN ESTHER JUNGREIS

**Wednesday, May 11, 8:00 pm**  
at the CTN-Shaarei Tzedek Campus  
2832 West Touhy Avenue, Chicago

One of the most inspiring and sought after speakers on the Jewish scene today, Esther Jungreis came to the United States after surviving the Nazi's Bergen Belsen concentration camp. She is the Founder and President of Hineni ([www.hineni.org](http://www.hineni.org)), an international outreach organization with centers in New York and Jerusalem. In March 2006, she was appointed by President Bush to a five year term as a council member of the US Holocaust Memorial Museum.

Rebbetzin Jungreis has been featured in numerous national publications, including The New York Times, Newsweek, Time, and People. is the author of four best selling books, "Jewish Soul of Fire", "The Committed Life", "The Committed Marriage" and "Life Is A Test", writes a weekly column for the Jewish Press, has a weekly television program and lectures around the world.

### Cost:

Registration by May 8: \$10  
Registration May 9-11: \$20

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Sponsors of \$250 and above will be listed at the event.  
Patrons of \$500 and above will also be invited to a private reception with Rebbetzin Jungreis before the lecture.

This Evening of Inspiration is dedicated in loving memory of Rhoda Ross and Howard Ross, parents of Bonnie and Vicki Ross.

# THE CHICAGO TORAH NETWORK SHABBAT FAX<sup>©</sup>

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*Hang in there - Shabbos is coming!*

## TORAH PORTION: EMOR (LEVITICUS 21:1 - 24:23)

This week's CTN Shabbat Fax is dedicated by Susie & Bob Mednick, with warmest *Mazal Tov* wishes to Rabbi Doni & Esti Deutsch, on the birth of twin grandsons! May the two newest additions to your beautiful family follow in your footsteps and bring much blessing to the world!

### 1. You shall not desecrate the holy things ... (19:17)

Holy things.

It sounds like it's talking about things like the Temple. Synagogues. Shabbat. And the Holidays. And those certainly are things whose holiness we must protect.

... But Jewish tradition takes it a lot further.

*Because in Judaism, holiness goes much further.*

... Each human being is born with certain talents, skills and abilities.

These aren't just lucky breaks.

*They're G-d's gifts.*

Given to us with a responsibility.

... To become G-d's partners in creation. By using them to make the world a better place.

*And that, in Judaism, is holiness.*

Which is why the Torah wants us to think about all those gifts.

*And figure out how to use them for good.*

Ignore that responsibility? Ignore our abilities? Or use them for negative things?

... *And we are desecrating that which is holy.*

▪ *Rabbi Shlomo Zalman Auerbach of Jerusalem was widely recognized as one of our generation's greatest Torah scholars. He was known and respected around the world.*

*Along with his great scholarship went tremendous humility. He avoided honor like crazy. And in his will wrote: "Should anyone want to say words of eulogy, I strongly suggest that they be concise. No words of praise should be said. Only words that inspire love of Torah, fear of Heaven, and perfection in deed and character ..."*

*There was one time however where it may have seemed like Rabbi Auerbach acted a little out of character. When he actually spoke about himself. And about what a renowned scholar he was.*

... *But the truth is it wasn't out of character at all.*

*One day he heard about a terrible tragedy. A young father in America had suddenly died. Leaving behind a widow and young children. Rabbi Auerbach never met them and didn't know them. But he wanted to do what he could to help.*

*So he helped raise funds. To help the family get through that difficult time.*

*And then he did something else.*

*... Something only he was in a position to do.*

*He picked up the phone and called them in New York. And after speaking to the young widow, and sharing her pain and grief, he asked to speak to her son. The young Yeshiva boy.*

*And he told him: "When you go back to Yeshiva, be sure to tell your friends that you got a call from a very famous person. One of Jerusalem's leading Rabbis. Rabbi Shlomo Zalman Auerbach.*

*Tell them that he's your friend. And that he called to see how you are doing."*

*... With all his genuine humility, Rabbi Auerbach knew exactly who he was. How well respected he was.*

*And he knew how to use that to make a nine-year old orphan feel like a million bucks.*

### **FOOD FOR THOUGHT ...**

*Think about what happens when you scratch a lens on your glasses. A small scratch. Hardly visible.*

*Still, each time you wear them you notice the slight distortion.*

*Eventually? The scratches add up. And it's really bad.*

*... Imagine the soul as a fine lens.*

*Scatched by every act of insensitivity. And polished by every act of kindness.*

*... The impact of each individual choice might be small. But it's there.*

*And eventually, a lifetime of self-absorption will gradually blind us to the beauty of living.*

*And a lifetime of giving fills our heart with light.*

(Based on, The Bible for the Clueless But Curious; Leviathan Press)

### **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 has presented 'Love and Logic' relationship and parenting seminars around the world, and other wonderful Jewish women leaders.

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!*

Rabbi Moshe Katz

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