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Living Life to its Fullest #2

More Powerful Tools for Getting Pleasure and Meaning Out of Life!

Please note that this 'Part 2' is a completely self contained session, so whether or not you attended the first workshop, you should not miss this one!

Jewish tradition has amazing tools that will make a real difference in your life. *Guaranteed.*

Short, simple things to say, think and do, that will help you appreciate and enjoy all of life's gifts. And will help bring real spirituality into your busy life.

In just seconds a day.

... Little things. That will make a big difference.

Learn them at this unique seminar.

"One of the best evenings I have had for a long time. I could not go to sleep when I got home; I was very deep in thought about your words of wisdom ..."

Lydia Kamerlink, Attorney at Law, Kamerlink, Stark, McCormack & Powers LLC

"I thoroughly enjoyed your program. The lessons you shared helped me focus hard on living life to its fullest ... I am learning something about myself and life every day. Thank you!"

Bob Mednick, Member, Advisory Council to the U.S. Comptroller General

"I had a great time at the discussion ... it will definitely help improve my life."

Jonathan Erlich, Medical Student, University of Chicago

Monday, July 18, 2011 - 7 pm

At The CTN Center, 2832 W. Touhy, Chicago.

Followed by refreshments, drinks & schmoozing

\$10 including workbook. Advance registration required

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Registration: www.torahnetwork.org/htm/register.htm



"The Jewish Literacy Course was fascinating, educational, and uplifting. Rabbi Katz is a gifted teacher with a knack for using metaphor and humor to make his lessons both enjoyable and memorable. My wife and I looked forward to each session and discussed what we learned for days if not weeks afterwards. I couldn't recommend the class more strongly. It's a class that every Jew - both he who is deeply familiar with his Jewishness and he who has just begun learning - can benefit from immensely."

(Oren Dekalo, CTN Participant)

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Hang in there - Shabbos is coming!

TORAH PORTION: KORACH (NUMBERS 16:1 - 18:32)

This week's CTN Shabbat Fax is sponsored anonymously
in honor of Rabbi Moshe Katz and his 'Torah Minutes.
Thanks for the inspiration!

1. Korach ... and two hundred and fifty other men, fought with Moshe ... 'Why do you set yourself above the Congregation of G-d ... And never again shall there be someone as Korach ... (16:1 - 17:5)

It was about a year after Moshe led the Jews out of Egypt. And gave them the Torah.

A man named Korach leads a rebellion against him. He challenges Moshe's authority. His prophecy. And his leadership.

"Who needs him? We can do just fine without Moshe."

And it turns into a major conflict.

Finally the rebellion ends. Korach is gone from the scene.

And the Torah says: And never again shall anyone be like Korach.

... Jewish tradition sees this not simply as a wish. But as a commandment.

Not to challenge the authority of Moshe.

Which makes a lot of sense.

Not only because of Moshe's greatness.

But because Judaism is based on the Torah given to us through Moshe.

So challenging his authority could destroy the Torah. And the mission of the Jewish People.

... Impacting not only Judaism. But everything we taught the world as well.

... So not challenging Moshe definitely makes a lot of sense.

But the Talmud says this verse also includes something else. Another commandment.

... Which is a little surprising.

Because what could be so important, that it's right up there with protecting the Torah itself?

The answer is, *shalom*. Peace.

... That this is a commandment not to be like Korach by causing arguments and fights.

A commandment to do whatever we can to avoid disputes.

... Because to the Torah, there are few things worse than fighting.

And few things more important than peace.

▪ *Rabbi Yisrael Mayer Kagan. The Chafetz Chaim.*

He lived his entire life in the Eastern European city of Radin.

And spent many of those years, making plans to go to Israel.

He longed for it his entire life.

And he tried time after time to make it happen.

But for one reason or another, it never worked out. It looked like it just wasn't meant to be.

They once asked him, why he wanted to go so badly.

... We might have thought that his answer would have something to do with the sanctity of the Land.

Or perhaps he felt that the soul of the Jew is truly at home, only in Israel.

Undoubtedly true.

But he gave a different answer.

Why did this great man want to go to Israel?

"There is so much conflict there between different parts of the community. So much fighting.

Maybe if they see an old man crying. Begging them to make peace.

... Who knows?

Perhaps they will stop fighting ..."

STORY OF THE WEEK

Rabbi Shlomo Halberstam was one of the great Chassidic leaders of the 20th Century.

He survived the Holocaust and gave thousands of survivors the strength to rebuild their lives.

... It was shortly before he passed away. Rabbi Halberstam had suffered several strokes. He couldn't walk and was barely able to speak.

On a sweltering summer day, a deliveryman from a medical supply company brought two wheelchairs to the Rabbi's home. Rabbi Halberstam was slowly lifted into each one, to see which was more comfortable for him.

Suddenly the Rabbi looked at his assistant and started rubbing his hands together. He seemed to be asking for a towel, which was brought to him.

The Rabbi then motioned for the man from the medical supply company to come close to him.

The man couldn't imagine what the Rabbi wanted from a "simple man" like him.

He was also slightly uncomfortable because he was perspiring profusely, having carried the two wheelchairs into the Rabbis home.

He nervously approached Rabbi Halberstam who looked at him lovingly and managed a faint smile.

... And then the Rabbi took the towel and wiped off the man's face for him.

DID YOU KNOW?

... In Jewish tradition, it is customary to give charity before or during the daily prayers.

It's a very simple – and very powerful – idea:

A reminder that we cannot approach G-d, without first thinking about the needs of others.



Shabbat Shalom and have a wonderful week.

Rabbi Moshe Katz

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