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This Wednesday!

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ISRAELI SOLDIERS SPEAK OUT – 2010 TOUR



"I'm an Israeli soldier"

**REAL
LIFE**

Israeli Soldiers Speak Out

Wednesday
October 13th
7:00 PM

250 East Pearson Party Room

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Home for the Wondering Jew™



Shai

Shai served in the elite Givati infantry brigade. He was responsible for the lives of countless soldiers and was constantly faced with the unimaginable dilemma of whether or not to fight terrorists who were hiding behind innocent civilians.



Omer

Omer served as a commander in the paratrooper unit of the IDF. Omer was awarded a special distinction by the IDF for his service during Israel's war against Hezbollah in Lebanon (2006),

THE CHICAGO TORAH NETWORK SHABBAT FAX[©]

A WEEKLY PRESENTATION OF JEWISH THOUGHT PUBLISHED IN MEMORY OF RAE DANIEL

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Hang in there - Shabbos is coming!

TORAH PORTION: NOACH (GENESIS 6:9 -11:32)

This week's CTN Shabbat Fax is dedicated "to our precious granddaughter Talia Seidner – our gift from Hashem – who turned three on Succos; and to her parents Jennifer and Matthew who continue to bless us with 'nachas' with our newest granddaughter, Perla. May we all continue to grow together in Torah. Love, Mom & Dad." (Doris and Ron Lazarus)

1. The ... animals ... the birds and all that walked the earth, came two by two to Noah, to the ark ... (7:8-9)

The famous story of the great flood. How Noah was saved. Along with two of each animal.

... The Talmud points out an amazing thing.

That it doesn't say 'Noah took the animals.'

Instead? 'The animals came to the ark.' By themselves.

It seems pretty far fetched. Unlikely.

... Hard to believe.

And that's how it was. For two thousand years.

... Until scientists learned a lot more about the world.

Not just about the big things. Like the galaxies. And the Big Bang.

But also about some very little things.

... One example: The Monarch Butterfly.

They're pretty delicate creatures. That can't survive the long cold winter.

So they fly to a warmer climate. Like California. And Mexico.

... The trip is up to three thousand miles long.

And each year the next generation of butterflies takes the same trip.

To the same area.

... Often to the exact same tree.

It's one of the many unsolved mysteries of nature.

How do they know where to go?

Scientists haven't figured it out.

... It's something to think about.

Because it can give us a different perspective on things that are 'hard to believe.'

A DEEPER LOOK

The English word 'face'. It comes from the Latin 'facies'.

From which we get words like 'facade', 'surface' and 'superficial.'

... The Torah idea is very different.

The Hebrew word for face?

'Panim'.

Literally it means 'inside.'

... It's a reminder next time we look at another person.

We should not get caught up in externals.

But get beyond the surface.

To see the depth, the uniqueness and the inner beauty of the person.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"By lighting Sabbath candles 18 minutes before sunset, women take the precious minutes before the holy day and say, "We can't wait any longer. We need to take from the spiritual and draw from it."

When women inaugurate the Sabbath by taking from the weekday and investing it with holiness, they testify that every moment of human existence can be infused with infinite meaning.

Every minute of existence can be elevated above the mundane."

(Lisa Aiken)

THE CTN SHABBAT FAX . . . IN MEMORY OF RAE DANIEL

Rae Daniel was a very special person. A unique combination of scholarship, piety, sincerity, and tremendous dedication, whose passing in October 1992 (2 Mar Cheshvan 5753) left an immense void in the hearts of her family, friends and students.

During the many years that she taught in Hebrew schools, she was more than just another teacher. She was that rare individual who truly inspired her students with love of Judaism, tradition and the Land of Israel. In the words of a parent of two of her students "... she touched our lives, and opened a new world for Amy and Leah ...".

The *Shabbat Fax* tries to represent all that Rae Daniel was. We pray that her memory be blessed, as the *Shabbat Fax* continues to bring Jewish thought and inspiration to more and more people.



Shabbat Shalom and have a great week.

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