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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), 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.

Best wishes from CTN for a joyous and meaningful Passover!

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Hang in there - Shabbos is coming!

TORAH PORTION: METZORA (LEVITICUS 14:1 - 15:33)

This week's CTN Shabbat Fax is dedicated by Phillip Kaufman, "in loving memory of my blessed parents, Marcel Samuel Kaufman - Meir Schmuel ben Yitzhak ha-Levi, and Eva Levin Kaufman - Rivka bas Hannah and Yitzhak. They, both, were righteous and valorous, 'menches' and 'chassids', and beloved and sorely missed by all who knew and remember them. Their good names were a pride of the community."

SPECIAL PASSOVER ISSUE

1. *Matzah.*

Jews have been eating it for three thousand years.

And it has a lot to say to us. Especially today.

Think about Matzah. Its ingredients? Flour and water.

Bread? ... It's the same thing. Flour and water.

Their nutritional value?

Exactly the same. No difference.

But bread looks so much better.

Fuller. Richer. Even more nutritious.

Why?

Because bread rises.

It's puffed up. With air.

But there's really nothing more to it.

Which sends us an important message.

Because we live in a very superficial society.

Think of advertising. Political campaigns.

The cigarette billboards with smiling faces, that proclaim: *Alive with pleasure.*

And so much more.

It's: Sell the sizzle. And ignore the steak.

And it's so hard not to be affected by it.

Not to see things superficially.

The Torah says: *For one week, see through it.*

Don't be impressed by the bread. Eat only Matzah.

It's a reminder. To look deeper.

At the real value of things.

Of people.

And of life.

2. Passover. The 'Festival of Freedom'.

Think about the past two thousand, difficult years of Jewish history.

During the best of those times, we had no land of our own.

And no control over our destiny.

Yet, during all those years, Jews sat down to a Passover Seder.

And ... celebrated their freedom?

Yes!

Because there's no question that life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness are important.

... But there's more to freedom.

Real freedom is about a different kind of self determination.

It's about knowing who you are.

And what you stand for.

... The Exodus from Egypt gave us that.

We became a unique people. With a mission.

To be a "light unto the nations".

And no one has ever taken that freedom away from us.

▪ It was in the Soviet Union. A work camp for 'refuseniks' (Jews persecuted in the former USSR for their desire to emigrate to Israel).

Yosef Mendelovich decides to make himself a yarmulke (Jewish head covering).

And wear it all the time.

The KGB Colonel in charge was infuriated.

He opened the flap of his holster.

"If you don't take that thing off, I will kill you."

Mendelovich kept it on.

"If you are going to kill me, do so. But I am not afraid of you. And I will not take it off."

The Colonel screamed at him: "Aren't you afraid of death?"

Mendelovich answered calmly: "No I am not.

Because I know that death comes from the hands of the Creator.

But you think it comes from Brezhnev.

So you are terrified of it."

... Isn't it amazing?

A prisoner of the KGB.

Yet truly free.

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Shabbat Shalom and best wishes for a joyous and meaningful Passover and a great week!



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