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**"Lunch, Learn & Mitzvah" – This Wednesday, Sept. 7, at the Northbrook JCC.
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Please join us for a great lunch, great learning and a great mitzvah!

Wednesday, September 7, 2011
At Northbrook JCC 300 Revere Drive

Networking & Lunch – 11:30 am

Workshop – 12:00 pm

Advanced Paid Registration: \$15 (includes lunch)

At the Door: \$20 (includes lunch)

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Hang in there - Shabbos is coming!

TORAH PORTION: SHOFTIM (DEUTERONOMY 16:18 - 21:9)

This week's CTN Shabbat Fax is sponsored by Myra (Mickey) Sanderman in memory of her mother, Dorothy K. Lipp, a loving inspiration to her children, grandchildren, Stacy (Josh) Spielman and Steven Sanderman, and great grandchildren, Tziyona, Devorah, Yehuda, Ephraim and Aviva Spielman, and Hannah and Julia Sanderman.

1. Loving your G-d and constantly walking in His ways. (19:9)

Walking in G-d's ways. Being connected to Him.

You hear that and what usually comes to mind are things like prayer. Speaking to G-d.

Or studying Torah and following the commandments. Listening to G-d.

And those are certainly a big part of it.

... But Jewish tradition emphasizes another 'connecting' to Him. Another 'walking in His ways'.

Doing chessed. Acts of kindness. And showing compassion and love to others.

... Because G-d is a giver. Not a taker.

And we walk in G-d's ways when we become givers instead of takers.

... Doing chessed is more than simply 'another' way of connecting to G-d.

It's the deepest way.

... Because being like G-d is as close to Him as you can get.

▪ *There's an old story about a man who gets to visit the world to come.*

First he walks in to hell. And sees people sitting on both sides of a long table filled with food.

They're reaching out for the food. But no one is eating.

He looks closer. And sees that their arms don't bend at the elbows.

They're able to touch the food. To pick it up.

But they can't put it into their mouths.

So they're all just sitting there with a hungry, frustrated look on their faces.

... Then he enters heaven. And it looks exactly the same.

A lot of people sitting at a table filled with food.

And again their arms can't bend.

... But this time, in heaven, they're all happily eating their fill.

How? Simple!

... Each person is picking up food and feeding the person across from him.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

*The world to come will be wonderful.
But life in this world is even better.
Think of the wonderful things we can do here.
... Like being there for our fellow man.
To celebrate with them at times of joy. And share their pain at times of sorrow.
... As great as the world to come is, those opportunities will not be there.
(Rabbi Chaim Schmuelewitz)*

FROM JEWISH TRADITION

What happens when we see a *siddur* – a Jewish Prayer Book – that fell to the floor?
Traditionally we pick it up right away. And show our love. By giving it a kiss.
... It's a beautiful custom. And it should get us thinking.
A *siddur* has no feelings and we react that way.
What about a person? A human being with sensitivity and feelings.
... What happens when we see a person who has fallen? Or maybe is just down?
Shouldn't we stop what we are doing to 'lift him up', and to show our love and concern?

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