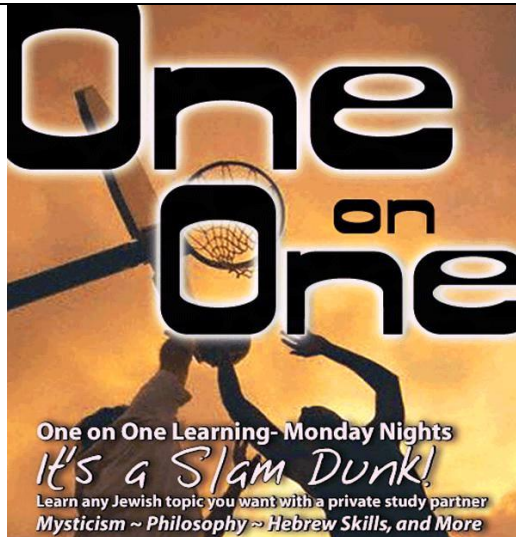
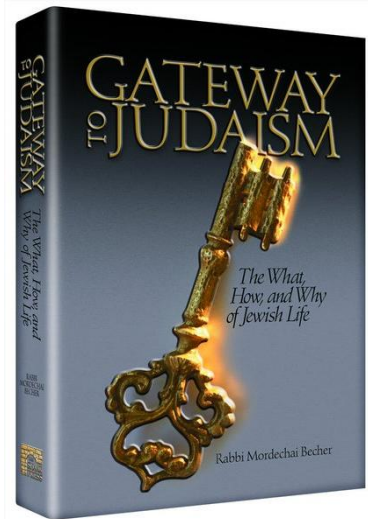


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*CTN Study Buddy*, is an individualized learning program where we provide you with a knowledgeable volunteer study partner so you can catch up on Judaism at your own pace.

Participants meet weekly at the CTN Center, ideally on Monday evenings. (If that doesn't work with your schedule, let us know and we'll arrange a better time for you.

*What to study? It's your call.*

Pick a Jewish subject you'd like to know more about - prayer, Hebrew, Jewish ritual, Torah textual study - and let us know. We'll arrange a great *Study Buddy* for you.

***And if you'd like to do some Jewish study (or more study if you already do some) but don't know where to start, we've got a great offer for you.***

For a limited time, CTN is giving away free copies of "Gateway to Judaism: The What, How, And Why of Jewish Life", to participants who will use it as a text at CTN's Study Buddy program. This wonderful book is a great overview of traditional Jewish beliefs and practices, and costs over \$20 online - but now you can get it absolutely free!

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*Hang in there - Shabbos is coming!*

## TORAH PORTION: TOLEDOS (GENESIS 25:19 - 28:9)

*This week's CTN Shabbat Fax is dedicated by a friend of CTN, in honor of Rabbi Moshe Katz. Thank you for all you are and all you do!*

### **1. Isaac loved Esau because ... And Rebecca loves Jacob ... (25:28)**

It's one of the most famous Torah stories.

One that decides the future of the Jewish People.

Isaac and Rebecca see their children differently. And the stakes are very high.

... Rebecca loves Jacob. Sees him as the spiritual future of the Jewish People.

But Isaac loves Esau. And thinks that he can be the Jewish future.

Isaac is about to "pass the mantle" to Esau.

But Rebecca rises to the occasion. And takes bold steps to turn things around.

*Jewish tradition is very clear: She was right.*

*Rebecca understood what Isaac did not. And her intervention saved the Jewish People.*

... But there's something else that's very interesting about our tradition.

*For the last 3000 years the name Rebecca has brought something else to mind.*

Something we read about in last week's portion.

Something the Torah described in great length.

*... Rebecca has always been a symbol of 'chessed'. Of doing great acts of kindness.*

Yes. It's true that Rebecca saved the Jewish People.

But she did something else which may be even more important.

*... She taught us the kind of People we're meant to be!*

Hopefully, we'll never have to face a situation where we are called upon to save the Jewish People.

*... But we're constantly given opportunities for acts of kindness.*

And we know how it is. Sometimes we're too busy. Too tired. Or just "having one of those days".

*We should be inspired by Rebecca's example.*

*And rise to the occasion.*

## THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

*"During one stint on reserve duty in the Israeli army, I noticed an amazing picture on the cover of an army magazine.*

*A senior member of the Argentinean military had come to visit Israel and was meeting with Ehud Barak, then Chief of Staff of the Israel Defense Forces. The Argentinean was covered with medals, braid, campaign ribbons and badges from head to foot -- there was not an inch that did not brilliantly reflect the camera's flash.*

*Barak, on the other hand, was wearing a simple khaki uniform with paratrooper wings and a few stars on his shoulder boards to indicate his rank.*

*Now, consider the fact that Barak was the most highly decorated soldier of a very successful army, while the Argentineans had recently lost the Falkland Islands!*

*This photo was a demonstration of the Jewish abhorrence for war and violence that still prevails in Israel, even though we have fought and won so many wars. ... "*

Rabbi Mordechai Becher; Gateway to Judaism -- The What, How, and Why of Jewish Life (ArtScroll Publications)

(See the cover page to learn how you can get this wonderful book free of charge!)

## MONTHLY LUNCH, LEARN & MITZVAH



# Lunch, Learn & MITZVAH

A unique opportunity to combine a great kosher lunch with quality Jewish learning, while at the same time giving dignity and respect to developmentally challenged young adults.

Lunch will be provided by the KJ Café, a joint effort of Keshet, Bernard Weinger JCC and the Sandwich Club. KJ Café is unique. It is staffed by young adults of Keshet which provides educational, recreational and vocational programs for Jewish children and young adults with special needs.

Please join us for a great lunch, great learning and a great mitzvah!

At Northbrook JCC 300 Revere Drive

Networking & Lunch – 11:30 am

Workshop – 12:00 pm

Cost – \$15 (includes lunch)

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The Lunch, Learn, & Mitzvah Learning Series is dedicated by the Hartman Family Foundation in memory of Wilfred Lefkovich.



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This past Wednesday's **Lunch, Learn & Mitzvah** was great, with over 35 people turning their lunch break into something truly special.

Please mark your calendars now for the first Wednesday of each month – and treat yourself to something great for your mind, body and soul.

**Next Session:  
Wednesday, December 1.**

*Watch for complete details.*



*Shabbat Shalom and have a great week.*

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Moshe'.

Rabbi Moshe Katz

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Doni'.

Rabbi Doni Deutsch

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