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Chicago Torah Network presents



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Home for the Wandering Jew™

Lunch, Learn & MITZVAH

1st Wednesday of the month

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.

Enjoy Rabbi Moshe Katz's popular workshop, **"WHAT WE BELIEVE AND WHY"** – A fascinating look at some of Judaism's most fundamental teachings: About G-d, Man, the Soul, the Afterlife and more.

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!

Wednesday, February 2, 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)

Info: info@torahnetwork.org or 773 761 0400 x201

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

Also, Coming up at CTN

Busy during hebrew school?



The CTN Five-Week Hebrew Reading Crash Course begins February 8.

It's easy. It's fun. And it works.

www.torahnetwork.org/hebrew-crash-course.htm

THE CHICAGO TORAH NETWORK SHABBAT FAX[©]

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Hang in there - Shabbos is coming!

TORAH PORTION: YISRO (EXODUS 18:1 - 20:23)

This week's CTN Shabbat Fax is dedicated by David and Jill Kantor, in honor of the outstanding work done by CTN, and in celebration of the wonderful simcha of the birth of our grandson Samuel Michael (Shlomo Moshe). May Hashem bless him to grow to be a joy to his family and a pride to the Jewish People.

1. "What you are doing is not good ... Now listen to me, I will give you advice ... Moses took his advice. (18:17-24)

Moses. One of the greatest human beings of all time.

The Torah tells us a lot about him.

Big things. Like the Exodus from Egypt. And the giving of the Torah at Mount Sinai.

He's the man who changed the world.

The stories are inspiring.

Even though we're not likely to change the world in the same way.

But here's one little story about Moshe.

Something we can all relate to. And apply to ourselves.

Moshe is setting up a judicial system for the new nation.

It's a major job.

And with all the work he is doing – he is strongly criticized for the way he's doing it.

By an outsider.

Who then tells him how *he* thinks it should be done.

Think about how we might react.

We'd probably start defending our way of doing it. Not be very open to criticism.

Moshe's response?

"And Moshe took his advice.

And did all that he said."

As it says in the Biblical 'Book of Proverbs': *"He who loves instruction, loves knowledge; but he who hates admonition is a fool."*

▪ *Rabbi Moshe Feinstein. Recognized as the world's leading authority on Halacha. Traditional Jewish law. His rulings and advice, over a period of seventy years, guided hundreds of thousands of Jews around the world.*

He once received a letter. From another Rabbi – many years his junior.

It was a letter of criticism. About something Rabbi Feinstein did.

Something that in the opinion of the other Rabbi, at least gave the appearance of violating Jewish law, and could be misunderstood.

Rabbi Feinstein's response:

"It gave me great pleasure that you were diligent in fulfilling, what according to your way of thinking, is a Mitzvah of correcting your fellow man.

G-d forbid that I should harbor any hard feelings ...

It is clear to me that there is absolutely no problem with what I do, for the following reasons ...

... But since a Rabbi as esteemed as you feels that, G-d forbid, people could misinterpret my actions, I accept upon myself to refrain from doing it ...

In the merit of your fulfilling the commandment of correcting others, may you merit great blessings ... "

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

Next time you see someone doing something 'obviously' wrong, here's one thing to do.

Think about how many rationalizations you would come up with, to justify it if you were doing it.

... And use them to give the other person the benefit of the doubt.

THE WORLD FAMOUS DISCOVERY SEMINAR COMES TO CHICAGO

The screenshot shows the CTN (Chicago Torah Network) website for the Discovery Seminar in Chicago. The header includes the CTN logo and the tagline "Home for the Wondering Jew". The main heading is "Discovery Seminar in Chicago". Navigation links include OVERVIEW, SCHEDULE, SPEAKERS, REGISTER, and ABOUT CTN, along with a "Share" button. The text describes the seminar as a program for over 250,000 people worldwide. The event is scheduled for Sunday, February 27, 2011, from 9:00 am to 1:15 pm at The CTN Center, 2832 West Touhy Avenue, Chicago. An optional light lunch and question & answer session is available from 1:15 to 2:00 PM. The speakers are Max Anteby and Harold Gans. Registration fees are listed as follows: Early Paid Registration (by Jan 30) at \$20, Students \$10; Advanced Paid Registration (by Feb 20) at \$25; and Registration (after Feb 20) at \$35. Contact information for more details is provided at the bottom of the page.

Complete Details at <http://www.torahnetwork.org/discovery.htm>



Shabbat Shalom and best wishes for a wonderful week.

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