

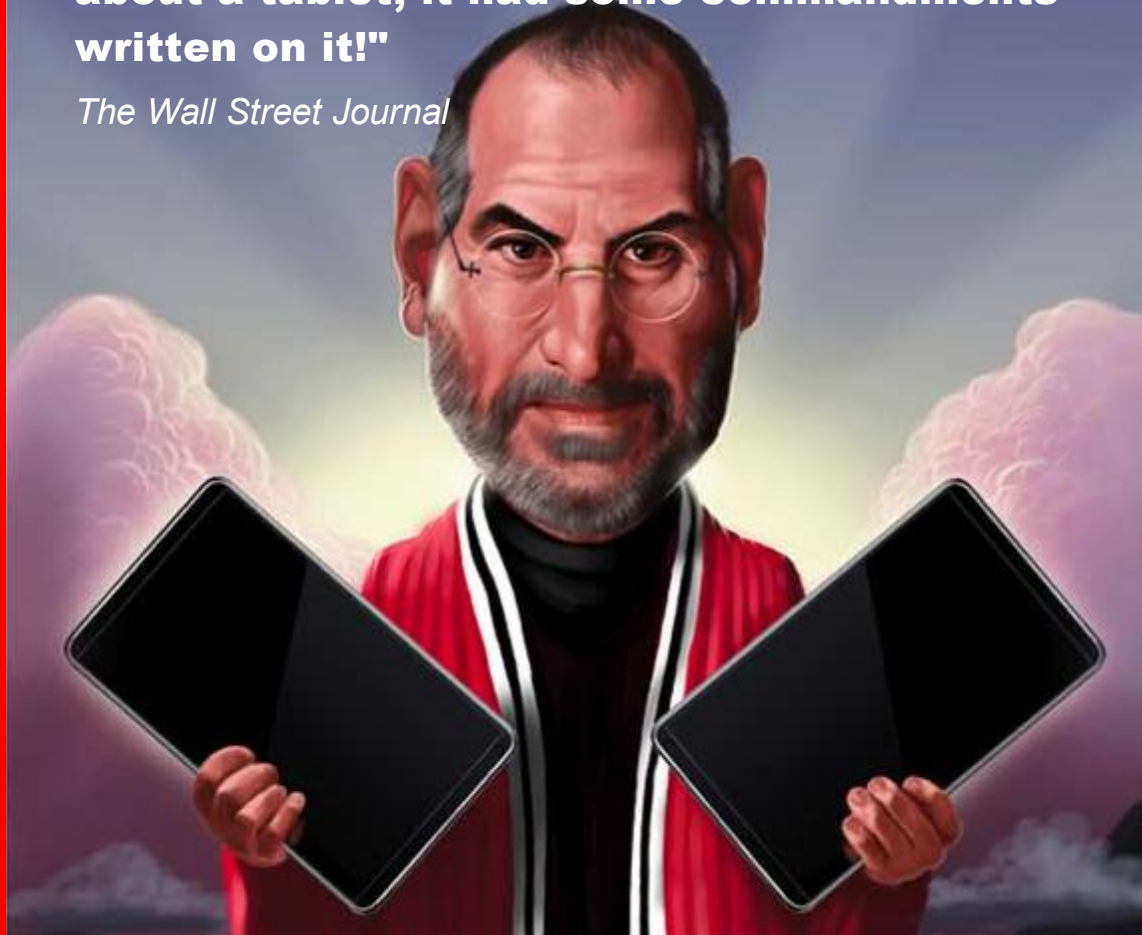
From: The Rabbis at Chicago Torah Network . Number of pages: 3

To:

**This Wednesday!**

**"Last time there was this much excitement about a tablet, it had some commandments written on it!"**

*The Wall Street Journal*



... It's a whole new world.

But somehow, some things manage to withstand the test of time. And remain as important and as relevant as ever.

Join Rabbi Moshe Katz at the next 'Lunch, Learn & Mitzvah' for a fascinating and in-depth look at the "Ten Commandments" - and discover their relevance to the world of the Apple tablet.

And not only will you get a great class, you'll enjoy a great lunch that you can feel really good about at the same time. Because lunch is provided by the unique KJ Café and staffed by young adults of Keshet, which provides educational, recreational and vocational programs for Jewish children and young adults with special needs. So you'll not only enjoy a great 'Sandwich Club' meal, you'll help provide dignity to some very special kids!

**Wednesday, February 1, 2012 ~ At the Northbrook JCC, 300 Revere Drive, Northbrook**  
**Networking and lunch: 11:30 am; Class: 12 pm ~ Advanced paid registration: \$15; At the door: \$20**  
**Registration: [www.torahnetwork.org/register.htm](http://www.torahnetwork.org/register.htm) ~ Info: [info@torahnetwork.org](mailto:info@torahnetwork.org) or 773.761.0400 x207**

Lunch, Learn and Mitzvah is dedicated by the Hartman Family Foundation in memory of Wilfred Lefkovich



Home for the  
Wondering Jew.™



*Hang in there - Shabbos is coming!*

## TORAH PORTION: BO (EXODUS 10:1 - 13:16)

*This week's CTN Shabbat Fax is sponsored by Dr. David Crane, thanking the CTN Rabbis and their wonderful community for all their kindness, especially upon the recent passing of my mother z"l.*

### **1. It was a night of anticipation for G-d, to bring them out from Egypt. (12:42)**

*The Exodus from Egypt. The Torah calls it 'a night of anticipation'.*

A time that G-d was looking forward to.

For how long was he 'looking forward to it'?

*... Since the creation of the universe.*

G-d created the galaxies. The sun and the moon. The earth. And human beings.

*... But the world was still not complete.*

Not until the Exodus. The birth of the Jewish People.

*A People with a special mission: To teach the world about G-d.*

A G-d Who makes moral demands. Who cares about how we live.

And the Jewish mission is more than teaching the world about G-d. And His greatness.

*It's teaching the world about man. And man's greatness.*

That every human being is created in the Image of G-d. And entitled to dignity and respect.

*... They're such important lessons.*

Which is why the Exodus was a day of anticipation for G-d.

*... And it's not just that day, 3000 years ago, that G-d was 'looking forward to'.*

Jewish tradition says that there's another special day.

*... Today.*

*And every day.*

G-d waits with great expectation. To see what we will do with it.

*... Whether we will use each day – each opportunity – to make our lives as meaningful as possible.*

And to make the world as good a place as possible.

▪ *An absent minded professor is driving together with a student.*

*And the professor goes through a stop sign.*

*And through another. And then another.*

*Finally, the passenger turns to the driver and says: Excuse me, but you just went straight through three stop signs"!*

The professor looks up and says ...

"Oh ... I'm driving?"

... That's us! When G-d created the world, He 'gave us the keys'. And said to us: "You're driving. It's up to you to make this the kind of world I want it to be."

... Our lives are very busy. And we're always on the move.

But every once in a while, there's a 'stop sign'. Something that's supposed to get our attention.

... A person who needs some help. A little of our time. Or even our smile.

But unfortunately, all too often, we don't stop.

Or when there's an opportunity for Jewish growth.

... And we miss it. Drive right by.

And each week there's Shabbat. A time to stop and step back.

To get in touch with G-d. With family and friends. And with ourselves.

... But too often we may forget to stop.

*One of the most important things a Jew can do in life?*

... Improve those driving skills.

### STORY OF THE WEEK

*Rabbi Meir Chodosh was one of the great Torah scholars of the twentieth century. He was particularly known for his tremendous sensitivity towards the feelings of others.*

*Once, while he was hospitalized for a serious illness, his room was filled with visitors. A doctor entered the room to take a blood test. Rabbi Chodosh abruptly asked his guests to leave until the test was over. The guests were surprised at this uncharacteristic request, but quickly left.*

*Later, he explained his behavior to a family member.*

*"That doctor has difficulty locating my veins. I didn't want the visitors to see him fumbling, because he might have been embarrassed. That is why I asked them to leave."*

### FEB. 16 - SPECIAL EVENING OF INSPIRATION AND SPIRITUAL GROWTH FOR WOMEN



Learn how to make prayer work – or work better – for you. To make it a positive, exciting, and rewarding part of your life. And discover the unique power of individual prayer, using your own words ... the way it was done in Biblical times.

**Don't miss this special learning opportunity for women, with Jerusalem's Rabbi Menachem Nissel. Thursday, Feb. 16, 8 pm, at The CTN Center, 2832 W. Touhy. Suggested donation: \$10. Students: \$5. [info@torahnetwork.org](mailto:info@torahnetwork.org)**

Shabbat Shalom and have a great week!

Rabbi Moshe Katz

Rabbi Doni Deutsch

Chicago Torah Network <http://torahnetwork.org>

2832 West Touhy Avenue, Chicago, IL 60645

Phone: 773.761.0400 Fax: 773.761.9262 e-mail: [info@torahnetwork.org](mailto:info@torahnetwork.org)