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CTN Tribute Gala Brunch

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Receivers of the CTN 2011 *Builders of the Future* Award, in recognition of their dedication and deep commitment to helping Chicago Torah Network continue to be a true 'Home for the Wandering Jew'.

SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER

Senator Joseph Lieberman



Hear the widely respected Senator Joseph Lieberman discuss his unique experience as a United States Senator, as well as his newly released book, '*The Gift of Rest: Rediscovering the Beauty of the Sabbath*'.

Event Chairs: Robert and Debra Hartman

Sunday, December 11, 2011
11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

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Hang in there - Shabbos is coming!

TORAH PORTION: CHAYAY SARAH (GENESIS 23:1 - 25:18)

*This week's CTN Shabbat Fax is dedicated anonymously
with best wishes to Chicago Torah Network.
Keep up the great work!*

1. She took the veil and covered herself ... Isaac married Rebecca. (Genesis, 24:66 -67)

This verse about Isaac and Rebecca's marriage is the source of an ancient Jewish custom. One we may be familiar with from Jewish weddings we've attended.

It's called the "*Bedeken*". The veiling of the bride.

At a traditional Jewish wedding it takes place before the actual ceremony.

The groom is escorted to the bride and veils her.

And there's a symbolic message in the veiling.

... Because every bride is beautiful.

Especially in the eyes of the groom!

And by veiling the bride, the groom expresses something very meaningful.

At a very meaningful time.

... That as beautiful as his bride is ... that's not his focus right now.

What he finds most attractive is her *inner* beauty.

Her inner qualities.

... We live in a very superficial world.

So even if we're not at a wedding?

We can *always* use the reminder.

To focus on the inner qualities of every person!

2. Isaac ... married Rebecca ... (24:67)

Rebecca. One of the founding mothers of the Jewish People.

Married to Isaac. Abraham's son. The first Jewish child.

What do we know about her?

What made her the right person?

The Torah stresses one thing.

That she did *chessed*. Showed great kindness and compassion.

To total strangers.

And *chessed* is central in Jewish tradition.

Especially in marriage.

Because marriage is about a lot of things.

Companionship. Love. And common goals.

But its foundation is chessed.

A successful marriage requires the ability to get beyond yourself.

It's about really caring.

About making our spouse's needs our needs.

- *Rabbi Aryeh Levine. The "Tzaddik (righteous one) of Jerusalem'. A model of what the Torah wants a Jew to be.*

A leading Torah scholar in the 1940's in Palestine. Whose life was dedicated to others.

Once, his wife had a terrible pain in her leg. And he took her to the doctor, who asked what the problem was.

His answer: 'Her foot is hurting us.'

Hurting us!

He understood what marriage is.

AN INSIGHT FROM THE HEBREW LANGUAGE

'Ahava'. It's the Hebrew word for love.

It comes from the word 'hav'.

Which actually means to give.

Because true love is about giving of myself.

CTN TORAH STUDY

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Ask questions.
Discuss answers.
Take home lessons.
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doing for 3300 years.**

CTN Torah study is a unique class for men and women, young and old, and everyone from novices to seasoned Torah students.

Together, we explore the Torah and find powerful and relevant growth lessons that will make a real difference in your life.

Class meets **Wednesdays, 8:15 pm**, at the CTN Center, and each week is a self contained session, so 'perfect attendance' is not required. Join us!

Shabbat Shalom and have a great week!



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