



CONGREGATION TORAS CHAIM

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August 27-28, 2010 ■ 18 Elul, 5770 ■ Shabbos Parshas Ki Savo
Candlelighting: (See below.) ■ Shabbos Ends 8:41 PM

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Please contact Rabbi Yaakov Rich at 972-835-6016 if you are interested in sponsoring kiddush or shalosh seudos in the future.

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■ WHAT'S NU AT CTC

- » **"Bnos" for our daughters:** Community wide Bnos will begin this Shabbos afternoon, Parshas Ki Savo from 4 - 5:30 PM at the Krycer home, 7004 Halprin St. All girls pre-k through 5th grade are invited. Leaders are Yaffa Leah Pacht and Devorah Krycer. Please call Zlati Krycer at 972-248-8624 if you have any questions.
- » **CTC Rosh Hashana Meat Sale:** Special note for those people who ordered briskets. The Briskets that were supposed to arrive for Sunday pickup will not be available until Tuesday evening. Please call Shoshana Chana Jacobs at (972) 951-9044 or e-mail her (preferred) at shoshana.jacobs@gmail.com to arrange to pick up your brisket in the shul Tuesday evening. All other meats will be available as previously advertised this Sunday in the shul from 10 AM - Noon.

Meat Still Available for Purchase and Pickup this Sunday:

- 15 Rib Eye Roast (bone-in) \$7.95/lb (8 lb piece)
- 2 Rib Eye Roast (netted) 10.95/lb (15 lb piece)
- 2 Shank Roast \$4.95/lb (22 lb piece)
- 6 Shoulder Roast (netted) \$6.50/lb (10 lb piece)
- 1 Skirt Steak \$8.95/lb (10 lb piece)
- 6 Packages of Tongue \$8.50/lb (19 lb per package - two tongues per package)

Shoshana Chana Jacobs will be at Toras Chaim from 10 AM to noon this coming Sunday, August 29 to accommodate the remaining meat orders. If people want to reserve cuts ahead of time, please call at (972) 951-9044 or e-mail her (preferred) at shoshana.jacobs@gmail.com.

» 2010 High Holiday Seats and Childcare:

- Full member: \$250 (Tickets paid for by Rosh Hashana)
- Associate member: \$300 (Tickets paid for by Rosh Hashana)
- Non-member: \$400
- Childcare: \$25/child/day

» **Zaide Reuven's Esrog Farm:** Zaide Reuven's Esrog Farm offers complete sets of lulavim and esrogim available for shipping anywhere in the USA. Choose from one of our six esrog grades and we will send you the lulav, esrog, hadassim, and aravos in one package. Esrog types available are: Temani (Yemanite), Braverman, Chazon Ish, Moroccan, and Yanaver. You may also upgrade to highest quality, world famous, Deri lulav. <http://www.esrogfarm.com>.

» **Power Potential for Women:** Power Potential returns - All women are invited to come together on Tuesday evenings beginning this week, August 31, at 8:30 PM, to focus on integrating our spiritual needs with our private and public roles in order to actualize our power potential.

■ REFUAH SHELAIMA

- » Leika bas Yetta (Grandmother of Randy Stern)
- » Gil ben Leebee (Friend of Naomi Goldberg)
- » Yosef Moshe Mordechai haCohen ben Sara (Brother of Shmuel Cohen)
- » Rafael Eliezer ben Leah (Friend of Abigail Ruttenberg)
- » Yehudah ben Fayshen (Uncle of David Lipsitz)
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- » Yechiel Mordechai ben Devorah (Brother of Ken Jarmel)
- » Getzel Yoseif ben Feigah (Father of Shuli Bloomenstiel)
- » Etkas bas Yocheved (Relative of Jill Lichtenstein)
- » Dina bas Chava (Friend of Josh Mann)
- » Baruch Tzadik ben Chava (Relative of Jill Lichtenstein)
- » Leib ben Basha Gittel (Relative of Jill Lichtenstein)
- » Michoel ben Esther (Uncle of Shelly Newman)
- » Michoel Yaakov ben Yosefa Israeleta (Friend of Wes & Tricia Sutkin)
- » Peretz Yaakov HaLevi ben Chana Yaffa (Nephew of Josh & Lisa Rothstein)

■ RECOLLECTION AND RECOGNITION

For \$18 you can sponsor a greeting in memory of a loved one, in honor of a deserving friend or family member, or in recognition of an outstanding achievement. Please call Rabbi Rich at 972-835-6016 by Thursday afternoon to place your greeting.

» *Rabbi Yaakov & Rebbetzin Susan Rich are very pleased to announce the engagement of their son, Yoseif Meir Rich to Leeba Silver, daughter of Rabbi Shimon & Rebbetzin Chani Silver of Pittsburgh, PA. Mazel Tov to the two families and communities.*

■ WE NEED LOTS OF HELP: BY RABBI LABEL LAM

Then you shall call out and say before HASHEM, your G-d, "An Aramean tried to destroy my father. He descended to Egypt and sojourned there, few in number, and there he became a nation great, strong and numerous. The Egyptians mistreated us and afflicted us, and placed hard work upon us. Then we cried out to HASHEM, the G-d of our forefathers, and HASHEM heard our voice and saw our affliction, our travail and our oppression. HASHEM took us out of Egypt with a strong hand and an outstretched arm, with great awesomeness and wonders. He brought us to this place and He gave us a Land flowing with milk and honey. And now behold! I have brought the first fruit of the ground You have given me, O HASHEM!" And you shall lay it before HASHEM, your G-d, and you shall prostrate yourself before HASHEM your G-d. (Devarim 26:5-10)

Everyone bringing a first fruit to the Cohen is required to make this protracted declaration year after year. By the second or third time we can imagine that the person reciting these same words that comprise a good portion of our Haggadah is going to be learning little about our history that he didn't already know. Then what's the point of repeating this speech over and over and over again?

The Ribnitzer Rebbe ztl. was widely known for his ability to facilitate miracles. The story was related to me just this week that a certain Dr. Goldstein from Queens, an ear, nose, and throat specialist was visited by a family that had a girl that was stricken with classic deafness for which there is no known cure. The Doctor would have dismissed them without any medical attention but they insisted that the Ribnitzer Rebbe had sent them to him for a treatment and a cure. So to only to appease their persistence he prescribed a regimen of vitamins and sent them on their way.

Within a short period of time the parents received a surprising phone call from one of the teachers at the special-school for the deaf the girl had been attending. It seems she started to exhibit signs of being able to hear. When it was verified that she

could in fact hear, everyone was amazed, and Dr. Goldstein was crowned with the credit for his healing prowess.

Word spread that Dr. Goldstein could, indeed cure deafness. He was then faced with a steep legal challenge. Since he had honestly deflected all credit he was charged with withholding treatment which is a crime. He had to prove in a court of law that he had offered the girl no more than a placebo. Ultimately the real cause of the cure, by default was legally credited to the miraculous powers of the Ribnitzer Rebbe, and so it was duly recorded.

Years later Dr. Goldstein received a call from the Gabai-attendant of the Ribnitzer Rebbe requesting a home visit for Rebbe to assist him with a problem that he was having with his hearing. After administering whatever needed to be done the Dr. asked the Ribnitzer the obvious question. "Why didn't the Rebbe, who was able to make miracles happen, heal himself from his own ear ailment?"

The Rebbe quoted the Talmud (Brochos 5B) where it says, "A prisoner cannot remove himself from prison!" There it tells about Reb Yochanon who had relieved others of their pain and yet required the help of someone else to alleviate his. What we do for others, often we cannot even do for ourselves. Sometimes a doctor needs a doctor, a lawyer may need a lawyer, and a psychiatrist needs a psychiatrist.

There are multiple versions of the same bad joke about the fellow who was looking frantically for a parking place in New York so he could be on time for a million dollar business deal. So desperate he became that he called to HASHEM and promised, "I'll give half the profits to charity if I just get a parking place to be on time!" Just at that moment, magically, a car pulls out from a prime parking place and after quickly maneuvering into the spot he exits the car in a hurry and addresses G-d once again stating boldly, "It's OK G-d! I didn't need Your help! I worked it out myself!"

So great is the tendency for a person to gobble up credit, and cut G-d out of the deal, whenever anything goes well, an entire history lesson is in order to remind us repeatedly of what we know already, though it's hard to admit. We couldn't have gotten out of Egypt or High School on our own. To reach this place n' time we needed and we need lots of help!

■ PARSHA Q&A: PARSHAS SHEMOS

QUESTIONS

1. When did the obligation to bring bikkurim begin? 26:1 - After the Land was conquered and divided.
2. Bikkurim are from which crops? 26:2 - The seven species for which Eretz Yisrael is praised.
3. How does one designate bikkurim? 26:2 - When he sees the first fruit ripen on a tree, he binds a piece of straw around it to mark it as bikkurim.

4. Who shakes the basket containing the bikkurim? 26:4 - The kohen places his hands under the hands of the one bringing it, and they wave the basket together.
5. What does "v'anita v'amarta" mean? 26:5 - Speak loudly.
6. Which Arami "tried to destroy my father?" 26:5 - Lavan.
7. When during the year may bikkurim be brought? Until when are the special verses recited? 26:11 - Bikkurim are brought from Shavuot until Chanukah. The verses are recited only until Succot.
8. Someone declaring that he separated terumah and ma'aser says: "And I didn't forget." What didn't he forget? 26:13 - To bless G-d.
9. What were the Jewish People to do with the 12 stones on Mt. Eval? 27:2 - Build an altar.
10. Six tribes stood on Mt. Eval and six on Mt. Gerizim. Who and what were in the middle? 27:12 - Kohanim, levi'im and the Holy Ark.
11. Who "causes the blind to go astray"? 27:18 - Any person who intentionally gives bad advice.
12. How does one "strike another secretly"? 27:24 - By slandering him.
13. Eleven curses were spoken on Mt. Eval. What is the significance of this number? 27:24 - Each curse corresponds to one of the tribes, except for the tribe of Shimon. Since Moshe didn't intend to bless the tribe of Shimon before his death, he did not want to curse them either.
14. Why are sheep called "ashterot"? 28:4 - Because they "enrich" (m'ashiro) their owners.
15. How is the manner of expressing the curses in Parshat Bechukotai more severe than in this week's parsha? 28:23 - In Bechukotai the Torah speaks in the plural, whereas in this week's Parsha the curses are mentioned in the singular.

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■ WEEKLY CLASSES

- » **Amud Yomi:** Gemara for men with Rabbi Yaakov Rich (M-Fr, 6-6:35 AM)
- » **Hilchos Niddah** for men with Rabbi Yaakov Rich (Mon. & Thurs. 9:00-9:45 PM)
- » **Chumash for Men and Women** (Shabbos one hour before Mincha)
- » **Torah Today: Hashkafa and Halacha Unique to Our Times** for men and women with Rabbi Avraham Chaim Bloomenstiel (Sundays, 9 AM)
Unless otherwise noted, all classes are in the shul.