

CONGREGATION TORAS CHAIM

Toras Chaim means a Torah of life and a living Torah, a Torah which permeates every part of our existence, and is relevant to all that we do. It is vibrant, exciting and meaningful. The goal of Congregation Toras Chaim is to create a center for Jewish living that is built on these principles.

JULY 6-7, 2007 · 21 TAMMUZ, 5767 · SHABBOS PARSHAS PINCHAS
CANDLELIGHTING 8:20 PM · SHABBOS ENDS 9:23 PM

Kiddush this Shabbos is sponsored by the shul. Shalosh Seudos is sponsored by the shul.
Please contact Shalom Abrams at 903-918-9650 if you are interested in sponsoring kiddush or shalosh seudos in the future.

SHABBOS SCHEDULE:

- July 6th**
» Mincha/Kabbalos Shabbos–7:00 PM
- July 7th**
» Shacharis (followed by Kiddush)–9:00 AM
» Chumash Class (for men & women)–6:55 PM
» Mincha/Shalosh Seudos–7:55 PM
» Shabbos Ends–9:23 PM

WHAT’S NU AT CTC:

- » **CTC SEED Project:** As you may know, we have commitments from seven yeshivah students and one couple to come to Dallas to service our congregation with Torah learning for the men and women from July 11, 2007 through July 28, 2007. They can learn one-on-one, or in small groups, round table discussions, etc. Their schedules are flexible. Basically, when you want to study, they are available.

The men can sign up by calling Rabbi Rich at 972-774-0813. It is being done on a first come, first served basis. The women should please call Tricia Sutkin at 972-267-4747. Our teachers will also be having a 2-hour camp for boys 1-6 grade. They will be davening, learning and doing an activity each weekday they will be with us.

This is a once-a-year opportunity for personalized Torah study. Everyone is encouraged to participate. No one will be denied the ability to learn with one of our teachers. Please spread the good news and call sooner, rather than later, in order to ensure that you have the slot reserved that best suits your needs.

- » **CTC Event Calendar:** One of the best kept secrets of the Toras Chaim website is the Event Calendar page. It is now updated using a state-of-the-art Google calendar. Embedded in our site is the code to this calendar which makes it available for all to see. Click the links and view all the details about the upcoming event. You can even use the calendar in Agenda view.

It is useful as it displays special programming (like the upcoming SEED program), ongoing classes, and Shabbos and Yom Tov holidays (candlelighting and end Shabbos and Yom Tov times are listed as well). Please check it often, as it will be kept up-to-date with the latest goings-on at Congregation Toras Chaim.

- » **Membership Dues:** The board of CTC has set the membership dues for 2007 at \$600 for a family or single membership. This payment includes two High Holiday seats. Additional seats for members and non-members are \$100 per seat. Childcare for the High Holidays is \$50 per child. There is also an associate membership available called “Friends of CTC” at \$180 for a family or single membership.
- » **Shabbos Bulletin Contact Person:** Ellen Gutgold has accepted to be the contact person of the CTC Shabbos bulletin. Please call Ellen at (972) 818-4021 by no later than Thursday afternoon with any information to be included in the bulletin.

A THOUGHT OF AHAVAS CHESED (LOVING KINDNESS) BY THE CHOFETZ CHAIM

Abraham, Isaac and Jacob left their children history’s greatest bequest—an account so filled with merit that the Jewish people still, today, draw upon it for protection. However, that account has been called upon by generation upon generation, so that now, the balance hovers at a dangerously low point. Nonetheless, this source of merit is still desperately needed to stand by the Jewish people in times of

trouble. The account needs to be replenished, and acts of chesed are the only means to replenish it.

The initial “deposit” in this account arose from the forefathers’ dedication of their entire beings to laying a foundation of faith and service to Hashem. Through the tests they withstood, through the prayers they said on behalf of their children, they created a protective cocoon around the Jewish people. Within that cocoon, a nation was able to take form, grow and take its place in the world, then to endure the miseries of slavery, the wandering in the wilderness and the settling of the land of Israel. The fathers’ merit was ample enough to shield their children throughout all the exiles, persecutions, wars and troubles that followed. However, all those “withdrawals” have added up.

In the Talmud, R’ Yudan bar Chanan says in the name of R’ Berechya: “Hashem said to the people of Israel, if you see that the merits of your fathers and the merits of your great mothers have been diminished due to the many things charged against it, then go and attach yourself to the virtue of kindness.” Kindness is the answer, the verse explains, because if the people act toward each other with kindness, then “My kindness shall not be removed from you” (Yeshaya 54:10).

Chazal, our Sages of blessed memory, credit the forefathers with bringing Hashem’s presence, step-by-step, into the realm of man, where it could be at least fleetingly perceived. Abraham began the process by personifying the trait of kindness. Through this, mankind got its first glimpse of Hashem’s nature. Each forefather continued the process, which culminated at Mount Sinai when Hashem communicated directly with the entire Jewish people. The good that the forefathers brought into the world was immense, long lasting and powerful enough to sustain the Jewish people through centuries of struggle. Each Jew has the opportunity to replenish this merit for present and future generations whenever he performs a simple act of kindness.

From the Appel Edition: Chofetz Chaim Loving Kindness by ArtScroll

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 Ellen Gutgold at (972) 818-4021 by Thursday afternoon to place your greeting.

- » Mazel Tov to Shalom and Shira Abrams on the recent graduation of their children, Dovid and Rachel, from high school.—*Larry & Lea Rae Elewitz*

ONGOING CLASSES

Tefillah (This class is off until the end of July)

Mrs. Suri Rosenblatt leads a class for women discussing the most important aspects of Tefillah-Jewish prayer, its meaning and significance. Whether beginner or advanced, you are sure to gain immeasurably from learning with an experienced teacher like Mrs. Suri Rosenblatt. **This weekly class is open for women only, and meets Tuesdays, 8 PM at Congregation Toras Chaim, 17912 Hillcrest Rd., Dallas, TX 75252.** There is no fee to attend this special learning opportunity.

Path of the Just

Rabbi Moshe Chaim Luzzato, better known as the RaMCHaL, authored a book on spiritual and character development that is widely considered to be the quintessential book of its kind. In fact, the Vilna Gaon said of himself that he would crawl across Europe to

learn in the dust of the RaMCHaL's feet.

Spend an hour each week with Rabbi Yaakov Rich, developing a Torah approach to personal growth using the ultimate self-help book. Discover qualities and potential you never knew you had, as you climb the ladder toward spiritual greatness.

There is no cost for the class, but participants will need to purchase a copy of Path of the Just, which is available by Feldheim in Hebrew with an English translation. Books are available for purchase from Lone Star Judaica, at the corner of Hillcrest and Frankford. **This class is for men and women, from beginner to advanced. The class is taught every Wednesday, 8 PM at Congregation Toras Chaim, 17912 Hillcrest Rd., Dallas, TX 75252.**

Learn to Learn the Talmud

Rabbi Yaakov Rich will help you navigate the sea of Talmud by teaching syntax, vocabulary, relevant historical background facts and full explanations for the topic at hand, so the material is fully understood by all who attend. You will even be able to prepare and review the text with your study partner (to be determined at time of class).

There is no cost for this exciting learning opportunity. The ArtScroll English / Hebrew edition will be used, and participants must purchase their own book. We will be studying the first chapter in Shabbos. This book is available from Lone Star Judaica in Dallas, located at the corner of Hillcrest and Frankford. **This class is open for men, and is held Tuesdays and Thursdays at 8 PM at Congregation Toras Chaim, 17912 Hillcrest Rd., Dallas, TX 75252.**

PARSHA Q & A FROM OHR SOMAYACH INTERNATIONAL

PINCHAS (QUESTIONS)

- 1. Why was Pinchas not originally a kohen?
- 2. Why was Moav spared the fate of Midian?
- 3. What does the yud and hey added to the family names testify?
- 4. Korach and his congregation became a “sign.” What do they signify?
- 5. Why did Korach’s children survive?
- 6. Name six families in this Parsha whose names are changed.
- 7. Who was Yaakov’s only living granddaughter at the time of the census?
- 8. How many years did it take to conquer the Land? How long to divide the Land?
- 9. Two brothers leave Egypt and die in the midbar. One brother has three sons. The other brother has only one son. When these four cousins enter the Land, how many portions will the one son get?
- 10. What do Yocheved, Ard and Na’aman all have in common?
- 11. Why did the decree to die in the desert not apply to the women?
- 12. What trait did Tzlofchad’s daughters exhibit that their ancestor Yosef also exhibited?
- 13. Why does the Torah change the order of Tzlofchad’s daughters’ names?
- 14. Tzlofchad died for what transgression?
- 15. Why did Moshe use the phrase “G-d of the spirits of all flesh”?

- 16. Moshe “put some of his glory” upon Yehoshua. What does this mean?
- 17. Where were the daily offerings slaughtered?
- 18. Goats are brought as musaf sin-offerings. For what sin do they atone?
- 19. Why is Shavuot called Yom Habikkurim?
- 20. What do the 70 bulls offered on Succot symbolize?

PINCHAS (ANSWERS)

All references are to the verses and Rashi’s commentary, unless otherwise stated

- 1. 25:13 - Kehuna (priesthood) was given to Aharon and his sons (not grandsons), and to any of their descendants born after they were anointed. Pinchas, Aharon’s grandson, was born prior to the anointing.
- 2. 25:18 - For the sake of Ruth, a future descendant of Moav.
- 3. 26:5 - That the families were truly children of their tribe.
- 4. 26:10 - That kehuna was given forever to Aharon and his sons, and that no one should ever dispute this.
- 5. 26:11 - Because they repented.
- 6. 26:13,16,24,38,39,42 - Zerach, Ozni, Yashuv, Achiram, Shfufam, Shucham.
- 7. 26:46 - Serach bat Asher
- 8. 26:53 - Seven years. Seven years.
- 9. 26:55 - Two portions. That is, the four cousins merit four portions among them. These four portions are then split among them as if their fathers were inheriting them; i.e., two portions to one father and two portions to the other father.
- 10. 26:24,56 - They came down to Mitzrayim in their mothers’ wombs.
- 11. 26:64 - In the incident of the meraglim, only the men wished to return to Egypt. The women wanted to enter Eretz Yisrael.
- 12. 27:1 - Love for Eretz Yisrael.
- 13. 27:1 - To teach that they were equal in greatness.
- 14. 27:3 - Rabbi Akiva says that Tzlofchad gathered sticks on Shabbat. Rabbi Shimon says that Tzlofchad was one who tried to enter Eretz Yisrael after the sin of the meraglim.
- 15. 27:16 - He was asking G-d, who knows the multitude of dispositions among the Jewish People, to appoint a leader who can deal with each person on that person’s level.
- 16. 27:20 - That Yehoshua’s face beamed like the moon.
- 17. 28:3 - At a spot opposite the sun. The morning offering was slaughtered on the west side of the slaughtering area and the afternoon offering on the east side.
- 18. 28:15 - For unnoticed ritual impurity of the Sanctuary or its vessels.
- 19. 28:26 - The Shavuot double-bread offering was the first wheat-offering made from the new crop.
- 20. 29:18 - The seventy nations.



WEEKLY TEFILLAH TIMES

- » Friday night (after daylight savings time): 7 PM
- » Shabbos morning: 9 AM
- » Shabbos Mincha: ¾ hour before sunset
- » Sunday morning: 8 AM

SHABBOS TIMES AND SCHEDULE

- » June 6-7, 2007 - 21 Tammuz 5767
- » Mincha / Kabbalos Shabbos: 7 PM
- » Shacharis: 9 AM
- » Chumash Class (Rabbi Rich): 6:55 PM for men and women
- » Mincha / Shalosh Seudos: 7:55 PM / Shkiah: 8:38 PM
- » Maariv / End of Shabbos: 9:23 PM

WEEKLY CLASSES

- » Tuesdays and Thursdays 7:45 PM: Mincha, followed by Learn to Learn the Talmud for men with Rabbi Yaakov Rich, followed by Maariv.
- » Tuesdays 8 PM: Tefillah-Jewish Prayer for women with Mrs. Suri Rosenblatt (off until the end of July)
- » Wednesdays 8 PM: Path of the Just for men and women with Rabbi Yaakov Rich
- » Shabbos one hour before Mincha: Chumash for men and women
- » Sundays after Shacharis: Laws of Tefillin for men
- » Sundays 8 PM: Chumash for women

Unless otherwise noted, all classes are in the shul.