

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, exiting and meaningful. The goal of Congregation Toras Chaim is to create a center for Jewish living that is built on these principles.

SEPTEMBER 7-8, 2007 · 25 ELUL, 5767 · SHABBOS PARSHIOS NITZAVIM-VAYEILECH
CANDLELIGHTING 7:25 PM · SHABBOS ENDS 8:27 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:

SEPTEMBER 7TH

» Mincha/Kabbalos Shabbos–7:00 PM

SEPTEMBER 8TH

- » Shacharis (followed by Kiddush)–9:00 AM
- » Chumash Class (for men & women)–5:55 PM
- » Mincha/Shalosh Seudos–6:55 PM
- » Shabbos Ends–8:27 PM

❑ SCHEDULE FOR YOMIM NORAIM

SATURDAY NIGHT, SEPT. 8

- » Class - “The Secret to a Good Judgement” - 12:45 AM
- » Selichos: 1:15 AM

SUNDAY, SEPT. 9

- » Shacharis: 8:00 AM

MONDAY-TUESDAY, SEPT. 10-11

- » Selichos/Shacharis: 6:30 AM

EREV ROSH HASHANAH, WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 12

- » Selichos/Shacharis: 6:00 AM
- » Eruv Tavshilin is made (See ArtScroll siddur, page 654)
- » Candlelighting: 7:19 PM
- » Mincha: 7:20 PM

ROSH HASHANAH, THURSDAY, SEPT. 13

- » Shacharis: 8:30 AM
- » Shofar: Not before 10:45 AM
- » Mincha: 6:30 PM
- » Tashlich (location to be announced): 7:00 PM
- » Candlelighting (From a pre-existing flame): Not before 8:15 PM
- » Maariv: 8:15 PM

ROSH HASHANAH, FRIDAY, SEPT. 14

- » Shacharis: 8:30 AM
- » Shofar: Not before 10:45 AM
- » Mincha/Kabbalos Shabbos/Maariv: 7:00 PM
- » Candlelighting (From a pre-existing flame): 7:16 PM

SHABBOS SHUVA

- » Shacharis: 9:00 AM
- » Shabbos Shuva Drasha: 5:45 PM
- » Mincha/Shalosh Seudos: 6:45 PM
- » End of Shabbos: 8:17 PM

TZOM GEDALYA (Fast of Gedalya)

- » Fast Begins: 6:00 AM
- » Shacharis: 8:00 AM
- » Mincha: 7:00 PM
- » End of Fast: 8:11 PM

MONDAY, SEPT 17-THURSDAY, SEPT. 20

- » Selichos/Shacharis: 6:30 AM
- » Mincha/Maariv: 7:10 PM

YOM KIPPUR, FRIDAY, SEPT. 21

- » Selichos/Shacharis: 6:30 AM
- » Erev Yom Kippur Mincha: 4:00 PM
- » Candlelighting: 7:08 PM
- » Kol Nidrei: 7:15 PM
- » Maariv: 8:00 PM

YOM KIPPUR, SATURDAY, SEPT. 22

- » Shacharis: 8:30 AM
- » Yizkor: Not before 11:15 AM
- » Mincha: 5:15 PM
- » Neilah: 6:45 PM
- » Shofar/Maariv: 8:03 PM

❑ WHAT’S NU AT CTC:

- » **Bad News-Good News:** First the Bad News. The shul needed to return the sefer Torah that we were using to Congregation Tiferet Israel. We are grateful to them for lending us a sefer Torah for the past few months. Now the Good News. An anonymous donor has lent the shul an absolutely stunning sefer Torah for as long as we need it. “Hodu L’Hashem Ki Tov, Ki L’Olam Chasdo!”
- » **In Appreciation:** Congregation Toras Chaim is grateful to Joel and Chayamiriam Taurog for purchasing 30 copies of the ArtScroll hardcover Selichos for the shul.
- » **Toras Chaim in Hamodia:** The Hamodia newspaper included a beautiful article with pictures about our shul. Please read the article in the complimentary copies, and consider purchasing a subscription for yourself. It contains Jewish news from around the world, Torah thoughts, insights and halacha. There is even a children’s section. It is a worthwhile investment for the whole family.
- » **Selichos:** Saturday, September 8, 2007 begins selichos for this year. The halacha is that we don’t start until after chatzos (midnight), therefore, we will begin with a shiur “The Secret to a Good Judgement” at 12:45 AM, followed by selichos at 1:15 AM. All men and women are strongly encouraged to attend, as this sets the tone for the entire Yomim Noraim (Days of Awe).
- » **Machzorim:** We are looking forward with great anticipation to the High Holiday season. As we are a new shul with limited resources we will not be able to provide machzorim (High Holiday prayer books) for all who will be attending services during Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur. We want the experience to be as positive and uplifting for everyone as possible. Therefore, please make sure that you have your own copy for use. We recommend the ArtScroll Hebrew / English or Interlinear Machzorim. We will be calling out pages based on the Artscroll Hebrew / English Machzor.
- » **Kittels:** The custom of the shul is that all married men wear a kittel—a long, white, cotton garment—the entire day of Yom Kippur. Please, order one for yourself, if you don’t already own one.
- » **Lulav & Esrog Sets:** Please use attached flyer to purchase a Lulav and Esrog set from our very own David Wiseman and Zaide Reuven’s Esrog Farm. **Must order no later than September 9, 2007.** David has announced that all profits from orders originating from Congregation Toras Chaim will be given back to the shul. Thank you very much, David.

❑ AHAVAS CHESED (LOVING KINDNESS):

Chesed is a unique form of life insurance. Not only does it protect the doer, but it safeguards his offspring in ways that sometimes—as in the following story—become abundantly clear.

The story takes place in a small Hungarian town, several decades before World War II. The townspeople employed a rebbi to teach their boys, but they were unable to pay him any money. Instead, the parents took turns providing meals for him and his family. After many years, the rebbi’s wife died, his children moved away and he was left alone. No longer able to teach, he was replaced by a new rebbi. Those who had brought meals to the old rebbi turned their attention to the new one. Only one woman felt a continued obligation to support the man who had taught her children so well, albeit many years ago. For five years, until the end of the rebbi’s life, she repeated her daily climb of the stairs to his small apartment to bring him his lunch.

Time passed, and the war quickly crushed the small Jewish community’s tenuous existence. The woman, however, was saved from witnessing the worst of the destruction; she died of natural causes. Most of the townspeople were herded away to their deaths,

but this woman’s grandchildren somehow found help. They were led to a small apartment, where a brave gentile woman risked her life to hide them behind a false wall that she built for them. She provided their meals, each day weaving a tortuous path among the shops to purchase only small portions that would attract no suspicion. Her apartment sustained several raids and searches, but her “fugitives” were never discovered.

When they emerged from hiding, the children learned that their refuge had once belonged to a different tenant—the old rebbi their grandmother had fed. The same stairs the gentile woman climbed, bearing their provision, had born their grandmother upward as well, on a mission of chesed that, decades later, saved their lives.

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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.

ONGOING CLASSES

» All ongoing weekday classes are on hold until after Succos.

PARSHA Q&A: PARSHAS RE’EH

QUESTIONS

NITZAVIM

- 1. What is the connection between the verse “atem nitzavim” and the curses in the previous parsha?
- 2. Who were the wood-choppers and water-carriers?
- 3. Why can G-d never “swap” the Jewish people for another nation?
- 4. One who ignores the Torah’s warnings “adds drunkenness to thirst.” What does this mean?
- 5. What two cities were destroyed along with Sedom and Amorah?
- 6. “The hidden things are for Hashem, our G-d, and the revealed things are for us...” What does this mean?
- 7. According to Rashi, how will the day of the ingathering of the exiles be “great and difficult?”
- 8. Where is the Torah not to be found? Where is it to be found?
- 9. When and where did the Jewish People become culpable for each other’s sins?
- 10. How do the earth and sky remind us to keep the mitzvot?

VAYELECH

- 1. Moshe said, “I am 120 years old today. I am no longer able to go out and come in...” How do we know this does not refer to physical inability?
- 2. Which of Moshe’s statements to Yehoshua was later contradicted by G-d’s command?
- 3. Why does the Torah refer to Succot of the eighth year as though it occurred during the shemita year?
- 4. Why does the Torah command that babies be brought to the Torah reading?
- 5. What does it mean that G-d “hides His face?”
- 6. What function does the song Ha’azinu serve?
- 7. Which verse promises that the Torah will never be totally forgotten?

- 8. What is the difference of opinion regarding the placing of the Torah scroll which Moshe gave the levi’im?
- 9. On the day of Moshe’s death, why didn’t Moshe gather the people by blowing trumpets as he normally would have?
- 10. Moshe said, “For I know that after my death you will act corruptly,” but, in fact, this didn’t occur until after Yehoshua’s death. What does this teach us?

ANSWERS

NITZAVIM

- 1. 29:12 - The Jewish People asked, “Who can survive such curses?” Moshe responded, “You’ve done a lot to anger G-d, and yet “atem nitzavim” you’re still standing before Him.”
- 2. 29:10 - Canaanites who joined the Jewish People under false pretenses.
- 3. 29:12 - Because G-d swore to their ancestors that He would never do so.
- 4. 29:18 - He causes G-d to reckon his unintentional sins alongside his intentional ones, punishing him for all.
- 5. 29:22 - Admah and Tsevoyim.
- 6. 29:28 - There is collective culpability only for “open” sins, but not for “hidden” ones.
- 7. 30: 3 - It will be as if G-d needs to take each individual by the hand and lead him out of exile.
- 8. 30:12-15 - The Torah is not found in heaven nor across the ocean. Rather, it is “very close to you, in your mouth and in your heart.”
- 9. 30:28 - When they crossed the Jordan and accepted the oath on Mt. Eval and Mt. Grizim.
- 10. 30:19 - The earth and heavenly bodies, although receiving neither reward nor punishment, always obey G-d’s will. How much more should we, who stand to receive reward or punishment, obey G-d.

VAYELECH

- 1. 31:2 - Because verse 34:7 says “His (Moshe’s) eye never dimmed, and his (youthful) moisture never departed.”
- 2. 31:7 - Moshe told Yehoshua to share his leadership with the Elders. G-d later commanded Yehoshua to rule alone.
- 3. 31:10 - Because the laws of the seventh year still apply to the harvest.
- 4. 31:12 - To give reward to those who bring them.
- 5. 31:17 - He ignores their distress.
- 6. 31:21 - It warns what will befall the Jewish People if they abandon Torah.
- 7. 31:21 - “For (the Torah) will not be forgotten from the mouth of their offspring.”
- 8. 31:26 - Whether it was placed outside but adjacent to the Ark, or inside next to the Tablets.
- 9. 31:28 - Blowing the trumpets expressed Moshe’s dominion, and “there is no dominion on the day of death.” (Kohelet 8)
- 10. 31:29 - That a person’s student is as dear to him as himself As long as Yehoshua was alive, it was as though Moshe himself

Good Shabbos

WEEKLY TEFILLAH TIMES

- » Friday night: 7 PM
- » Shabbos morning: 9 AM
- » Shabbos Mincha: ¾ hour before sunset
- » Sunday morning: 8 AM

SHABBOS TIMES AND SCHEDULE

- » 7-8 September, 2007 - 25 Elul 5767
- » Mincha / Kabbalos Shabbos: 7 PM
- » Shacharis: 9 AM
- » Chumash Class (Rabbi Rich): 5:55 PM for men and women
- » Mincha / Shalosh Seudos: 6:55 PM / Sunset: 7:42 PM
- » Maariv / Shabbos Ends: 8:27 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. (On hold until after Succos)
 - » Tuesdays 8 PM: Tefillah for women with Mrs. Suri Rosenblatt (Please call 972-392-9949 for starting date and details) (On hold until after Succos)
 - » Wednesdays 8 PM: Path of the Just for men and women with Rabbi Yaakov Rich (On hold until after Succos)
 - » Shabbos one hour before Mincha: Chumash for men and women
 - » Sundays after Shacharis: Laws of Tefillin for men
 - » Sundays 8 PM: Chumash for women (On hold until after Succos)
- Unless otherwise noted, all classes are in the shul.