

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.

APRIL 4-5, 2008 · 29 ADAR II, 5768 · SHABBOS PARSHAS TAZRIA, HACHODESH
CANDLELIGHTING 7:32 PM · SHABBOS ENDS 8:36 PM

Kiddush this Shabbos is sponsored by Elliot & Carol Litoff. 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:

April 4th

- » Candlelighting–7:32 PM
- » Mincha/Kabbalos Shabbos–7:00 PM

April 5th

- » Shacharis (followed by Kiddush)–8:30 AM
- » No Learner's Service this week
- » Chumash Class (for men & women)–6:05 PM
- » Mincha/Shalosh Seudos–7:05 PM
- » Shabbos Ends–8:36 PM

■ WEEKDAY SCHEDULE:

- » Sunday Shacharis–8:00 AM
- » Weekday Shacharis–6:40 AM
- » Mincha/Maariv–7:35 PM

■ WHAT'S NU AT CTC

- » **Pesach Preparation Class** Join Rabbi Yaakov Rich for 2 classes aimed at helping us all prepare for the upcoming holiday of Pesach.

- **Sunday, April 6, 8-9 PM: Bedikas Chometz - How to Look, Where to Look, & What to Look For (including how to proceed with Shabbos falling on Erev Pesach, like this year!)**

- Sunday, April 13, 8-9 PM: Laws of the Seder

For men and women. No charge. All classes will be at Congregation Toras Chaim, 17912 Hillcrest Rd., Dallas, TX 75252

- » **Premium Kosher Meat at Greatly Reduced Prices** Congregation Toras Chaim is offering, as a service to the Dallas Jewish community, a limited selection of quality kosher beef produced by A. D. Rosenblatt Glatt Kosher Meat. These larger cuts are being bought at reduced prices with the savings being passed on to our Jewish friends and families.

- Supervision by OU and CRC.
- All meat is certified Kosher for Passover.
- Meat comes vacuum sealed for freshness and cleanliness
- Only safe United States beef is used: no imports

CUTS FOR SALE

- Shoulder Roast (netted) \$5.50 per pound / 8 pound piece
- Whole Trimmed Brisket \$6.00 per pound / 10 pound piece
- Boneless Chuck \$4.80 per pound / 25 pound piece
- Minute Roast \$7.00 per pound / 8 pounds (twin 4 lb packages)
- Shank Meat (for stew) \$ 4.25 per pound / 15 pound piece
- Rib Eye Roast (netted) \$ 9.95 per pound / 13 pound piece
- Rib Eye Roast (bone-in) \$ 6.99 per pound / 16 pound piece

Pickup is at Congregation Toras Chaim, 17912 Hillcrest Rd., Dallas, TX 75252, on Sunday, April 13, 2008 at 9 AM. Orders must be received no later than Wednesday, April 9, 2008 at 12 PM. All selections will show as "No Fee" or "\$0.00" on the order form to save you from paying online costs. Please pay by cash or check when picking up order. For more information call Shalom Abrams at 903-918-9650. *A.D. Rosenblatt Glatt Kosher Meats, LLC is committed to producing the finest, healthiest and most delicious ground beef for the Glatt Kosher consumer. Find out more information at <http://www.premiumkosherbeef.com>.*

- » **Yom Tov Meal Matches** As the yom tov of Pesach approaches, we would like very much that all of our members and friends have a place for all of the yom tov meals, in particular, the Sedarim. It is also a very special time to have guests. Therefore, please let me know by email (yrich@toraschaimdallas.org) as soon as possible if you are available to have guests and/or if you would like to be invited out, and to which meals. Rabbi Yaakov Rich
- » Rabbi Rich will be available for the sale of chametz at his home 7119

Bremerton Ct., Dallas 75252 according to the following schedule:

- Monday, April 7, 2008, 1:00-3:00 PM, 3:30-5:00 PM
- Thursday, April 10, 2008, 1:00-5:00 PM
- Thursday, April 10, 2008, 8:30-10:30 PM

If these times don't work for you, please call him at 972-248-1324 to schedule an appointment.

■ AHAVAS CHESED (LOVING KINDNESS) BY THE CHOFETZ CHAIM:

Only Hashem can make miracles, but the Jewish people—by keeping Hashem's Presence before them— can elicit miracles. The way to make Hashem an active presence in one's life is through acts of chesed. The Chofetz Chaim relates that chesed is the currency with which the Jewish people acquire redemption. Chesed was the catalyst for the redemption from Egypt, and it will set in motion the process of the Final Redemption as well.

In Egypt, under harsh circumstances that could easily have stripped the Jewish slaves of their humanity, they remained humane and caring toward each other. The Sages relate, "They made a covenant among themselves to do chesed with one another." Even in their state of exhaustion and despair, they would periodically gather to reinforce for each other the legacy of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. They never lost sight of their obligation to serve Hashem and help each other in any way possible. On the surface, the Exodus appears to have been brought about by the plagues Hashem brought upon the Egyptians and miracles he performed for the Jews. Beneath the surface, however, chesed was the operating force that set the redemption in motion. The Jews' compassion for one another brought Hashem into their presence. Because they kept Hashem in the picture, Hashem could use His supernatural power on their behalf.

In the jubilant song, "Az Yashir," that the Jews sang upon the splitting of the Red Sea, the primacy of chesed comes to the forefront. "You have guided us through mercy. You have redeemed this people," the song exclaims. The Chofetz Chaim teaches that the Sages find further meaning in the verse "With Your kindness You guided this people that You redeemed." Hashem's guiding hand was activated not only by His own trait of mercy, but by the compassion the Jews showed to one another. Through chesed they kept Hashem before them, and therefore, He was there to guide them.

This dynamic opened the channels of miracles and wonders for the Jews in Egypt, and it has remained in force throughout every exile. As chesed strengthens among the Jewish people, Hashem's Presence strengthens as well. Ultimately, through this means, Hashem will be present in full force once again to guide His people, fight their battles and lead them to the Final Redemption.

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 Rabbi Rich at 972-248-1324 by Thursday afternoon to place your greeting.

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■ ONGOING CLASSES

The Kosher Kitchen: Tuesday, 8-9 PM

The Kosher Kitchen is a course designed to help in the intricacies of what goes into the making and upkeep of a kosher kitchen. This

course is for you, whether you do, or don't, have a background in kosher living. Topics to be covered include: Koshering Treif Utensils, Koshering Ovens, Sinks, Appliances and Tabletops, Tevilas Kalim, Pas Akum / Pas Palter, Bishul Akum / Maids, Intro. to Mixtures of Meat and Milk / Types of Cooking / Chanukah candles, Maris Ayin / Pareve Eggs/ Cheese / Gelatin, Serving Meat and Milk/ Waiting Between Meat and Milk, Eating on non-Kosher plates /non-Kosher Restaurant, Food Flying Around the Kitchen, Splashes During Cooking, Using the Wrong Spoon at the Wrong Time, Separating Meat and Milk, Washing Dishes/ Dishwasher Problems

Recipe for Spiritual Greatness
Path of the Just–Mesilas Yesharim: Wednesday, 8-9 PM

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.

■ PARSHA Q&A: PARSHAS TAZRIA

QUESTIONS

1. When does a woman who has given birth to a son go to the mikveh?
2. After a woman gives birth, she is required to offer two types of offerings. Which are they?
3. What animal does the woman offer as a chatat?
4. Which of these offerings makes her tahor (ritual purity)?
5. Which of the sacrifices does the woman offer first, the olah or the chatat?
6. Who determines whether a person is a metzora tamei (person with ritually impure tzara'at) or is tahor?
7. If the kohen sees that the tzara'at has spread after one week, how does he rule?
8. What disqualifies a kohen from being able to give a ruling in a case of tzara'at?
9. Why is the appearance of tzara'at on the tip of one of the 24 "limbs" that project from the body usually unable to be examined?
10. On which days is a kohen not permitted to give a ruling on tzara'at?

11. In areas of the body where collections of hair grow (e.g., the head or beard), what color hair is indicative of ritual impurity?
12. In areas of the body where collections of hair grow, what color hair is indicative of purity?
13. If the kohen intentionally or unintentionally pronounces a tamei person "tahor," what is that person's status?
14. What signs of mourning must a metzora display?
15. Why must a metzora call out, "Tamei! Tamei! "?
16. Where must a metzora dwell?
17. Why is a metzora commanded to dwell in isolation?
18. What sign denotes tzara'at in a garment?
19. What must be done to a garment that has tzara'at?
20. If after washing a garment the signs of tzara'at disappear entirely, how is the garment purified?

ANSWERS

1. 12:2 - At the end of seven days.
2. 12:6 - An olah and a chatat.
3. 12:6 - A tor (turtle dove) or a ben yona (young pigeon).
4. 12:7 - The chatat.
5. 12:8 - The chatat.
6. 13:2 - A kohen.
7. 13:5 - The person is tamei.
8. 13:12 - Poor vision.
9. 13:14 - The tzara'at as a whole must be seen at one time. Since these parts are angular, they cannot be seen at one time.
10. 13:14 - During the festivals; and ruling on a groom during the seven days of feasting after the marriage.
11. 13:29 - Golden.
12. 13:37 - Any color other than golden.
13. 13:37 - He remains tamei.
14. 13:45 - He must tear his garments, let his hair grow wild, and cover his lips with his garment.
15. 13:45 - So people will know to keep away from him.
16. 13:46 - Outside the camp in isolation.
17. 13:46 - Since tzara'at is a punishment for lashon hara (evil speech), which creates a rift between people, the Torah punishes measure for measure by placing a division between him and others.
18. 13:49 - A dark green or dark red discoloration.
19. 13:52 - It must be burned
20. 13:58 - Through immersion in a mikveh.

Good Shabbos

SHABBOS TEFILLAH TIMES

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- » Shabbos Morning, April 5th–8:30 AM
- » No Learner's Service this week
- » Chumash Class (Rabbi Rich)–6:05 PM for men and women
- » Mincha / Shalosh Seudos–7:05 PM / Sunset–7:51 PM
- » Maariv / Shabbos Ends–8:36 PM

WEEKLY TEFILLAH TIMES (for the week beginning April 6, 2008)

- » Sunday Shacharis–8 AM
- » Weekday Shacharis–6:40 AM
- » Mincha–7:35 PM Standard Time

WEEKLY CLASSES

- » **Amud Yomi: Gemara** for men with Rabbi Yaakov Rich (M-Fr, 6-6:35 AM)
 - » **Path of the Just** for men and women with Rabbi Yaakov Rich (Wednesday 8-9 PM)
 - » **Chumash** for men and women (Shabbos one hour before Mincha)
 - » **Laws of Tefillin** for men (Sunday morning after Shacharis)
- Unless otherwise noted, all classes are in the shul.*