

# 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.

JUNE 6-7, 2008 · 4 SIVAN, 5768 · SHABBOS PARSHAS NASSO  
CANDLELIGHTING 8:15 PM (NOT BEFORE 7:04 PM) · SHABBOS ENDS 9:19 PM

Kiddush this Shabbos is sponsored by Etienne & Rina Quillon. 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:

### June 7<sup>th</sup>

- » Candlelighting–8:15 PM (Not before 7:04 PM, Preferably with the shul by 7:25)
- » Mincha/Kabbalos Shabbos–7:00 PM

### June 6<sup>th</sup>

- » Shacharis (followed by Kiddush)–8:30 AM
- » Chumash Shiur (for men & women)–6:50 PM
- » Mincha/Shalosh Seudos–7:50 PM
- » Shabbos Ends–9:19 PM

## ■ WEEKDAY SCHEDULE:

- » Sunday Shacharis–8:00 AM
- » Weekday Shacharis–6:40 AM
- » Mincha/Maariv–8:20 PM

## ■ SHAVUOS SCHEDULE:

### Sunday, June 8, 2008

- » Candlelighting / Mincha–8:16 PM (followed by D’var Torah)
- » Ma’ariv–9:15 PM
- » All Night Learning –12:00 AM - 5:30 AM (Men, women and children are invited to learn in classes, small groups, chavrusos, or individually.)
- » Rabbi Rich will be leading a class for men and women: Two hours Pirkei Avos, two hours Laws of Honoring Our Parents, and one hour Chumash Parshas Noach.
- » Rabbi Zecharya Kraines will be learning gemara with middle school boys throughout the night.
- » During the night, learners will be treated to coffee, cake and cookies, plus fresh fruit and vegetables sponsored by Josh & Lisa Rothstein.

### Monday, June 9, 2008

- » Morning Brachos / Shacharis–5:40 AM
- » Sunrise–6:18 AM
- » Mincha–8:20 PM followed by D’var Torah
- » Candlelighting–not before 9:15 PM (Candles must be lit from a pre-existing flame)
- » Ma’ariv–9:15 PM

### Tuesday, June 10, 2008

- » Shacharis–8:30 AM
- » Yizkor (Not before 10:00 AM)
- » Deluxe Dairy Luncheon-12:30 PM (Sponsored by David & Leslie Wiseman in honor of their 25th wedding anniversary(by reservation only)
- » Mincha–8:00 PM followed by Ne’ilas HaChag (special celebration to close-out the festival, including washing for Hamotzi, singing and divrei Torah from shul members, men & women invited)
- » Ma’ariv–9:15 followed by Havdallah on wine only

## ■ WHAT’S NU AT CTC

- » **Aishes Chayil Dessert Reception, June 22, 2008:** You are invited to a dessert reception honoring Women Who Make Us Great on June 22, at 8 p.m. at Congregation Ohr HaTorah, 6324 Churchill Way. Special tribute honorees: **Devora Herskovits, Ann Margolin, Gussie Rosenberg, Rachel Leah Rosenberg, Roni Rothstein, and Devorah Zakon.** If you would like to honor one of the tribute honorees or a woman or women who have made your life special, please submit your sponsorship. With your generous contribution, you will support our future, as this event is one of the two major fundraisers for Mesorah. Tickets: \$36 per person (event for men and women). Levels of Sponsorship: Diamond (\$5000) / Platinum (\$1800) / Gold (\$1000) / Silver (\$500) / Bronze (\$360) Copper (\$180). Honoree sponsorship includes two dessert reception

tickets for pick up at the door the evening of the event. Please help us honor the accomplished women who have changed our lives. By doing so, you will support our future. For more information, please call Mesorah at 214-420-1990.

- » If anyone has room for guests for meals for Shavuos, please speak to Rabbi or Susan Rich. We have guests, but are in need of hosts.

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

People with a normal sense of decency would never wish to be the cause of an innocent person’s downfall. They would never want to think of themselves as having caused someone’s suffering. The Chofetz Chaim warns, however, that one can bear a tremendous burden of guilt for another person’s suffering, and not even be aware of the sin. A person may only become aware of his guilt upon arriving in the Next World, when it is too late to atone. The only way to avoid such an inadvertent tragedy is to develop a love for chesed, for then, one’s enthusiasm for helping others will assure that all who cross one’s path are treated with compassion.

The Chofetz Chaim offers a view of the scene in the Next World. A newcomer arrives, serene in the knowledge that he has lived according to hashem’s will. He is given a Torah scroll, and each mitzvah within it is methodically reviewed to ascertain the person’s merits. The review reaches the commandment (Vayikra 25:35): “If your brother becomes impoverished and his means falter ... you shall strengthen him.” The person stands tall, claiming credit for having helped many people. Then, he is shown a scene from his life. He sits with his family at the dinner table. There is a knock on the door. The man is annoyed at the disturbance and the appearance of yet another tzedakah collector. “Look, it’s our dinner time and you’re the third person to come to the door tonight. Come back tomorrow and I’ll see what I can do.”

The tzedakah collector walks away, and the man thinks of him no more. On the other side of the door, however, is a crushed human being. He had walked up and down the block for fifteen minutes before finding the courage to knock. He fought to overcome his embarrassment, finally telling himself that there was simply no other choice. His wife had insisted he try this house, where a prominent businessman resided. She was worn and ill from worrying, and the electricity would be cut off tomorrow without a payment. Should he come back tomorrow? Should he have come earlier? Later? Should he try somewhere else? He enters his home to see his wife’s expectant face, but she knows instantly that the mission has been a failure.

The Heavenly recording of this scene of despair comes as a terrible awakening to the man, who had considered himself a kind-hearted person. “How could I have known?” he pleads. The Chofetz Chaim answers: He couldn’t have know. He could, however, have given the collector his serious attention, allowed himself to feel the man’s plight, and realized that, by virtue of the knock on the door, the obligation to help had fallen upon him. By thinking the right thoughts, he would have made the right choice.

*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.

- » Thank you to Noa Hemstrom and Larry & Lea Rae Elewitz who made donations in Honor of David & Leslie Wiseman on the occasion of their 25th Wedding Anniversary.

■ONGOING CLASSES

The Kosher Kitchen: Tuesday, 8:45-9:30 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, Introd. 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: Wednesday, 8:45-9:30 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.

Women’s Chumash: Sunday, 8:45-9:30 PM

There is no cost. All Hebrew is read from the original source and translated. Various commentaries are presented, primarily Rashi’s, and a lively discussion ensues, as we try to understand the profundity of the text. For women beginner to advanced. Please bring a chumash that contains at least the text of Shemos (Exodus) preferably with Rashi’s commentary.

■ PARSHA Q&A: PARSHAS NASSO

QUESTIONS

- 1. What is the significance of the number 8,580 in this weeks Parsha?
- 2. Besides transporting the Mishkan, what other service performed by the leviim is referred to in this Parsha?
- 3. On which day did Moshe teach the command to send those who are temeim (ritually impure) out of the camp?
- 4. Name the three camps in the desert.
- 5. Who was sent out of each of the camps?
- 6. A person stole from another and swore that he was innocent. If he later confesses his guilt, what are his obligations?
- 7. Who determines which kohen receives the gifts that must be given to the kohanim?

- 8. What does the Torah promise a person who gives matnot kehuna?
- 9. Why are the verses about matnot kehuna followed by the verses about the sotah?
- 10. Why is the sotah given water from the holy basin?
- 11. What does the kohen do to the hair of a sotah?
- 12. When a sotah who is guilty of adultery drinks the water, she dies in a very specific fashion. What happens to the adulterer?
- 13. Before the name of G-d is erased, the sotah has the option either to admit guilt or to drink the water. Does she have a third option?
- 14. What are chartzanim? What are zagim?
- 15. What sin does a nazir commit against himself?
- 16. Where was the cut hair of a nazir placed?
- 17. A kohen should bless the people “with a full heart.” What word in the Parsha conveys this idea of “a full heart?”
- 18. What is the meaning of the blessing “May G-d bless you and guard you?”
- 19. What is the meaning of the blessing “May G-d lift up His countenance upon you?”
- 20. The tribe of Yissachar was the second tribe to offer their gifts. Why did they merit this position?

ANSWERS

- 1. 4:47-48 - It is the number of leviim between ages thirty and fifty.
- 2. 4:47 - Singing and playing cymbals and harps to accompany the sacrifices.
- 3. 5:2 - The day the Mishkan was erected.
- 4. 5:2 - The camp of the Shechina was in the center, surrounded by the camp of Levi which was surrounded by the camp of Yisrael.
- 5. 5:2 - A metzora was sent out of all three camps. A zav was permitted in the camp of Yisrael but excluded from the two inner camps. A person who was tamei from contact with the dead had to leave only the camp of the Shechina.
- 6. 5:6-8 - He pays the principle plus a fifth to the victim, and brings a korban asham.
- 7. 5:10 - The giver.
- 8. 5:10 - Great wealth.
- 9. 5:12 - To teach that someone who withholds the gifts due the kohanim is deserving of eventually bringing his wife to the kohanim to be tried as a sotah.
- 10. 5:17 - The holy basin was made from the mirrors of the righteous women who left Egypt; the sotah strayed from the example set by these women.
- 11. 5:18 - He uncovers it.
- 12. 5:22 - He dies a similar death.
- 13. 5:27 - Yes, she can refuse both: She can refuse to admit guilt and also refuse to drink the water. (After the Name of G-d is erased, she loses this option.)
- 14. 6:4 - Chartzanim are seeds. Zagim are peels.
- 15. 6:11 - He abstains from enjoying wine.
- 16. 6:18 - It was placed on the fire under the pot in which the nazirs shelamim offering was cooked.
- 17. 6:23 - “Amor.”
- 18. 6:24 - “May G-d bless you” that your property may increase, “and guard you” from robbery.
- 19. 6:26 - “May He suppress His anger.”
- 20. 7:18 - The Tribe of Yissachar was well versed in Torah. Also, they proposed the idea that the nesiiim should offer gifts.

Good Shabbos

SHABBOS TEFILLAH TIMES

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- » Shacharis–8:30 AM
- » Chumash Class (men & women)–6:50 PM
- » Mincha / Shalosh Seudos–7:50 PM / Sunset–8:34 PM
- » Maariv / Shabbos Ends–9:19 PM

WEEKLY TEFILLAH TIMES (for the week beginning June 8, 2008)

- » Sunday Shacharis–8:00 AM
- » Shavuos Schedule (see front)

- » Weekday Shacharis–6:40 AM
- » Mincha/Maariv–8:20 PM

WEEKLY CLASSES

- » **Amud Yomi: Gemara** for men with Rabbi Yaakov Rich (M-Fr, 6-6:35 AM)
- » **Chumash** for women with Rabbi Yaakov Rich (Sunday 8:45-9:30 PM)
- » **Kosher Kitchen** for men and women with Rabbi Yaakov Rich (Tuesday 8:45-9:30 PM)
- » **Path of the Just** for men and women with Rabbi Yaakov Rich (Wednesday 8:45-9:30 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.