



# CONGREGATION TORAS CHAIM

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Jan 23-24, 2015 ▪ 4 Shevat, 5775 ▪ Shabbos Bo  
Candlelighting: 5:34P ▪ Shabbos Ends 6:43P

Kiddush this Shabbos is sponsored by the Bodenheimer and Cook families in celebration of Michoel & Shimshon completing the fourth perek of Gemara Brachos. May they merit to complete many more chapters of Gemara! Shalosh Seudos this Shabbos is sponsored by Kalman & Rivka Raizel Russ in honor of the wedding of Ela Leah & Akiva O'Connor this past Thursday night. 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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## ■ REFUAH SHELAIMA

### MEN

- » Yoseif Yitzchok ben Yehudis Chaya (Brother in Law of Yoseif Meir Rich)
- » Mattisyahu Chaim ben Ettl (HaRav Mattisyahu Solomon)

### WOMEN

- » Brocha bas Sora (Mother of Hadassah Klug)
- » Yenta Leah bas Shayna (Mother of Lori Jarmel)

## ■ WHAT'S NU AT CTC

- » **Welcome** to our two wonderful Seed boys, Dovid Weinberger and Yanky Tzur, for Shabbos. All men and women are invited tonight to an Oneg Shabbos at the home of Ben & Lauren Nise, 7020 Mumford St. at 9 PM. Looking forward!
- » **Welcome back** to Shimshon & Danielle Cook. So happy to see you.
- » **Mazel Tov** to Ehoud and Shoshana Wilson on the recent marriage of their daughter, Ela Leah to Akiva O'Connor of Denver, CO.
- » **Kickoff 2 Kiddusha:** Sunday, February 1, 5:30 PM Central begins NFL Super Bowl XLIX. This year we want to really make it special! Join Congregation Toras Chaim Sunday, February 1, 5:45 PM for Mincha/Maariv and Beis Medrash study for one hour. We will have two 20 minute classes available to join or you may just learn on your own, or with a chavrusa. Included will also be 20 minutes for pizza, a drink, and nosh. Oh, you will still be back home in time to watch the second half . . . or do your taxes :-). But, in case you are feeling extra zealous, you may stay to join the Not Quite Daf HaYomi Shiur which will take place, IY"Y, immediately after.
  - Pizza, nosh and soft drinks will be provided.
  - Cost is \$5/person or \$15 family max
  - All men and boys who can stay the full hour and learn are invited.
  - What an amazing way to make Super Bowl Sunday really memorable!
  - To register just email me at [rabbi@toraschaimdallas.org](mailto:rabbi@toraschaimdallas.org) . Please let me know how many will be coming. We are looking for Pizza Pie Sponsors. If you want to sponsor a pie for just \$35 for extra kedusha, and a little recognition and appreciation,

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- » **Shaimos Solutions:** With the help of Rabbi Shawn Zell, Congregation Tiferet Israel is providing burial space for shaimos from our respective institutions. The burial will be at their cemetery: 7901 Scyene Road. The cost of \$800 to open and close the grave will be shared by all participating institutions. This has been scheduled for Sunday, February 15, 2015. Congregation Toras Chaim will be participating in this most worthwhile and needed event. RSVP to [rabbi@toraschaimdallas.org](mailto:rabbi@toraschaimdallas.org) if you intend on participating. Thank you. **Packaging Requirements:** All items must be in sealed cardboard boxes (For a clear description of what is shaimos to be buried and what may be discarded in other ways see below.)
  - Maximum size of carton: 19" long, 12" wide, 12" high.
  - Maximum weight of carton: 35 lbs.
  - No plastic bags may be used.
  - You may drop off your boxes of Shaimos at the Rich home, 7119 Bremerton Ct., Dallas 75252, Sunday morning, February 15. As we get closer to date, deadline time, etc., will be announced.
 Cost: **\$5/box for members of CTC** (Includes transportation and burial) / **\$10/box for non-members of CTC** (Includes transportation and burial)
- » **Chevre Kaddisha Dinner:** SAVE THE DATE! 19th Annual Zayin Adar Dinner in gratitude for the dedication of the members of the Dallas Chevre Kadisha, Inc. Wednesday, February 25, 2015, 7 Adar 5775, 7:30 p.m. Congregation Ohr HaTorah. Open to the community by advance pre-paid reservation only. For more information or if you would like to be a table host, please contact [dallaschevre@gmail.com](mailto:dallaschevre@gmail.com) .
- » **Talmid Boded ("Lone Student")** matches Jewish college students from outside the Dallas area with local families, who provide a "home away from home". Students receive invitations to Shabbos meals and family gatherings, a place to occasionally crash off-campus, the chance to eat home-cooked meals, and be welcomed into a home that will encourage them to keep them in touch with their Jewish identity. Each Talmid Boded student is "adopted" into their chosen family during the school year, including all the warm Yiddishe Mama food and love that comes with it. **Contact Info: Facebook: [www.facebook.com/TalmidBoded](http://www.facebook.com/TalmidBoded); E-mail: [talmidbodedproject@gmail.com](mailto:talmidbodedproject@gmail.com); Phone: 972-951-9044.** I am wide open to any ideas you may have regarding the project or participants. Thank you for taking a stand for lonely Jewish college students! Good Shabbos, Shoshana Chana Jacobs.
- » **Father-Son Learning for Boys** Avos U'Banim will also take place on Motzei Shabbos 7:35-8:35P. The children are rewarded with Pizza, Cocoa and Prizes for their efforts. All boys are invited to attend with their father or another adult. We are asking for a contribution of \$5 per attending family per session, to help allay the costs to the shul. A small cost for infinite rewards!

## ■ A GENEROUS DOSE OF ENCOURAGEMENT: RABBI LABEL LAM

And they went and they did, the Children of Israel, just as HASHEM had commanded Moshe and Aaron so they did! (Shemos 12:28)

They went and they did: The verse credits them even for their going, giving reward for their going as well as for the doing. (Rashi) We learn here from the extra words, "and they went", that they were credited for going to get the sheep for the sacrificial lamb-the Korbon Pesach. Otherwise why would the Torah have to furnish us with that extra information that they had gone to do. Of course

they went! The sheep are not presumed to come to them. Very nice! Now we have a great lesson to contemplate upon and realize in our lives. There is reward in the going, not just in the doing. Every step of the process is also part of the total accomplishment. However, the question lingers, “Why here and now?” Why at this first baby step when the Jewish Nation is waking up to the responsibility and risks involved with doing Mitzvos, do we learn this particular point?

Years back when I was making a Bris for my oldest son I found myself wondering, as the date was approaching, about the idea of celebrating a Bris. It’s not just the cost of catering that concerned me, but the joy involved. People were coming from far away, leaving at early hours to be there on time. We do a surgery on the little fellow and everyone shouts “Mazel Tov!” If you were coming out of the hospital from surgery for an ingrown toe nail, you would not expect to be greeted at the hospital with white fish. The covenant part I think I get but where is the kindness in this act that requires some brute force, pardon me? Avraham Avinu was the paradigm of kindness and yet he launched this generational program all according to the Commandment of HASHEM, the ultimate source kindness. Even if we want to say that Avraham was being tested in an area not his speciality, and that going against his nature was the biggest part of the accomplishment, then why celebrate?

Where is the kindness embedded in this seeming unkind cut? At the Bris I attempted to give expression to the question in the following way: The Talmud (Shabbos) tells us that when King David went to the bathhouse he became anxious in one moment. He was painfully aware that no Mitzvos accompanied him there. No Mezuzah, no Tefillin, and no Tallis are on display in such a place. One is not permitted to learn Torah or even think Divrei Torah in the Mikva. Then when he was comforted when he realized that he was affixed since his earliest days, with a permanent Mitzvah, a Bris Milah. That calmed his nerves. What was the source of his terrible fear? There is an inertia factor in Mitzvos. Violations invite violations. Mitzvos inspire more Mitzvos. There’s no such thing as just standing still. One is either climbing or sinking like the angels on Yaakov’s ladder. Traffic is going either up or down. No one is parked in his place!

A seminary teacher of my wife told the girls before they came back to America, that they should learn for at least five minutes each day because, “a bird that stops flapping its wings does not stay in the same place!” David had to assume he was falling! How does one reverse course? How does one get started? When there’s a blackout, you need a light to find a-light. When broke, one needs money to make money, and so too, to do a Mitzvah one needs the merit of a Mitzvah. That’s what consoled David. He had that first Mitzvah, he realized to launch him onto a career of Mitzvos. That could be the Chessed, the ultimate kindness of the Bris. A Jewish child with a Bris has the first Mitzvah to get the inertia moving in that direction of moving closer to HASHEM through Mitzvos.

It makes sense that this idea of a reward “going” is learned where the Jewish People are getting started, when they were “naked” - void of Mitzvos. It is usually in these beginning stages that the need for a reward for any initial movement is so critical like a generous dose of encouragement.

#### ■ PARSHA Q&A: BO

1. What was Pharaoh’s excuse for not releasing the Jewish children? 10:11 - Since children don’t bring sacrifices there was no need for them to go.
2. How did the locusts in the time of Moshe differ from those in the days of Yoel? 10:14 - The plague brought by Moshe was composed of one species of locust, whereas the plague in the days of Yoel was composed of many species.
3. How did the first three days of darkness differ from the last three? 10:22 - During the first three days the Egyptians couldn’t see. During the last three days they couldn’t move.
4. When the Jews asked the Egyptians for gold and silver vessels, the Egyptians were unable to deny ownership of such vessels. Why? 10:22 - During the plague of darkness the Jews could see and they searched for and found the Egyptians’ vessels.
5. Makat bechorot took place at exactly midnight. Why did Moshe say it would take place at approximately midnight? 11:4 - If Moshe said the plague would begin exactly at midnight, the Egyptians might miscalculate and accuse Moshe of being a fake.
6. Why did the first-born of the animals die? 11:5 - Because the Egyptians worshiped them as gods, and when G-d punishes a nation He also punishes its gods.
7. How did Moshe show respect to Pharaoh when he warned him about the aftermath of the plague of the first-born? 11:8 - Moshe warned that “All these servants of yours will come down to me” when, in fact, it was Pharaoh himself who actually came running to Moshe.
8. G-d told Moshe “so that My wonders will be multiplied” (11:9). What three wonders was G-d referring to? 11:9 - The plague of the first-born, the splitting of the sea, the drowning of the Egyptian soldiers.
9. Why did G-d command the mitzvah of Rosh Chodesh to Aharon, and not only to Moshe? 12:1 - As reward for his efforts in bringing about the plagues.
10. Up to what age is an animal fit to be a Pesach offering? 12:5 - One year.
11. Prior to the Exodus from Egypt, what two mitzvot involving blood did G-d give to the Jewish People? 12:6 - Circumcision and Korban Pesach.
12. Rashi gives two explanations of the word “Pasachti.” What are they? 12:13 - “I had mercy” and “I skipped.”
13. Why were the Jews told to stay indoors during makat bechorot? 12:22 - Since it was a night of destruction, it was not safe for anyone to leave the protected premises of his home.
14. What was Pharaoh screaming as he ran from door to door the night of makat bechorot ? 12:31 - “Where does Moshe live? Where does Aharon live?”
15. Why did Pharaoh ask Moshe to bless him? 12:32 - So he wouldn’t die, for he himself was a first-born.
16. Why did the Jewish People carry their matzah on their shoulders rather than have their animals carry it? 12:34 - Because the commandment of matzah was dear to them.
17. Who comprised the erev rav (mixed multitude)? 12:38 - People from other nations who became converts.

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■ WEEKLY CLASSES (see website for more detail)

» Morning Gemara Rosh Hashana for men (M-Fr, 6-6:35A)

» NQ Daf HaYomi Succah for men (Sunday-Thursday 8-9P)

» Chumash for men & women (Shabbos one hr before mincha)

» Hilchos Taaruvos for men (Sunday 6:30-8:00A)

» Supercharge Your Sundays for men (Sunday after Shacharis for 45 mins. with R’ Noach Klug)

» Marriage Chaburah for men (Monday 7:15-8:00P)

» Marriage Chaburah for women (Tuesday 7:15-8:00P)

*All classes at 7103 Mumford Ct., except where indicated*