



# CONGREGATION TORAS CHAIM

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September 11-12, 2015 ▪ 27 Elul, 5775 ▪ Shabbos Nitzavim  
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## ■ REFUAH SHELAIMA

### MEN

- » Dovid Aharon ben Devorah (David Wills)
- » Yisroel Michoel ben Shulamis (Father of Chani Tkatch)
- » Yechiel Mordechai ben Devorah (Brother of Ken Jarmel)
- » Itai ben Shoshana (Son of Ehoud & Shoshana Wilson)
- » 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

### » Our Shul. Our Children. Our Responsibility.

Dear Members and Friends of Congregation Toras Chaim: As the recipient of some very generous donations, CTC has been able to add an incredibly beautiful body to its already magnificent soul. Please come and see all the wonderful additions.

With these upgrades and updates comes the responsibility to treat ourselves and the building with respect, dignity and care. To that end, we need to ensure that our children do not wander around the premises without parental supervision. G-d forbid, they could walk off, be picked up by a stranger, hurt themselves, or, at the very least, cause damage to the building and/or disrupt the services.

While in shul our children must sit with their parents during davening, unless attending one of the many programs we have for our youth. If your child doesn't want to sit with you in shul, but would rather be outside playing, or talking, then consider your child to be normal. But, he or she is probably not ready to come to shul (nothing wrong with that either). Bringing our children only when they are ready to participate in the services with patience and decorum is good for them, for you and for the entire shul.

Wishing you wonderful Shabbos and a Kesiva V'chasima Tova.

Rabbi Yaakov Rich

### » Rosh Hashana 5776 Schedule

## EREV ROSH HASHANAH, SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

- Selichos/Shacharis/Annulment of Vows: 8:00 AM
- Candlelighting: 7:18 PM
- Mincha: 7:20 PM
- Maariv: 8:15 PM
- Yom Tov Kiddush

## FIRST DAY ROSH HASHANAH, MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

- Shacharis: 8:00 AM
- Speech/Shofar: Not before 10:15 AM
- Conclusion of Mussaf: 1:15 PM
- Mincha: 6:45 PM
- Tashlich followed by class: 7:15 PM (As a congregation men, women and children will depart from the shul at 7:15 PM to the bridge overlooking the creek on the Preston Ridge Trail.)
- Candlelighting (From a pre-existing flame): Not before 8:25 PM
- Maariv: 8:25 PM
- Yom Tov Kiddush

## SECOND DAY ROSH HASHANAH, TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

- Shacharis: 8:00 AM
- Speech/Shofar: Not before 10:15 AM
- Conclusion of Mussaf: 1:15 PM
- Mincha: 7:00 PM
- Maariv/Rosh Hashana Ends: 8:25 PM

## TZOM GEDALYA (FAST OF GEDALYA), WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

- Fast Begins: 5:59 AM
- Selichos/Shacharis: 6:15 AM
- Mincha/Maariv: 7:00 PM
- End of Fast: 8:10 PM

### » Arba Minim from CTC

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## ■ REALITY OF REALITIES: RABBI LABEL LAM

Everybody knows that there are ten days of repentance that begin from the first two days of Rosh HaShana and concluding with the Yom Kippur! We might wonder aloud, if that's allowed, why there are exactly ten days set aside for this process!?

The Sefas Emes makes a genius connection that brings new light and dimension to these awesome days! The ten days of Teshuvah correspond to the Ten Commandments. So what does that mean? How does that help?

The first two of the Ten Commandments were the only ones we, the Jewish Nation, heard directly from HASHEM. Therefore it is no mistake that the first two days of Tishrei, Rosh HaShana are wedded together as one.

When we look at what is commonly called the Ten Commandments, the first commandment, so to speak, does not bear any of the markings of a typical command. The words, "I am HASHEM Who took you out of the Land of Egypt from the house of bondage" does not compel anyone to do anything. It is more a declaration of fact! How can it be counted as a Mitzvah?

Moving seamlessly from the sublime to the ridiculous, it was told that Groucho Marx was invited to tour a wildly expensive mansion of some Hollywood celeb. As Groucho was led from one magnificent room to another, to the dismay of his host, he kept that same wry expression on his face, showing no overt signs of being impressed. In desperation the host threw open the back-bay doors and there was the Pacific Ocean lapping the sand just a few feet from the villa. The host said to Groucho, "You know the three most important factors in real estate are location, location, and location. Even if you're not impressed with my house you have to admit that this is a great location with the Pacific Ocean literally within reach." To which Groucho, after tapping the ashes on his cigar replied in his typical sardonic tone, "Take away the ocean and what have you got?"

Obviously the ocean is going nowhere! It's a fixture! The three most important features are location, location, location. So King David states, "Being close to G-d is what's good for me!" Take away HASHEM though and what have you got? How absurd! One of the names we use to refer to HASHEM is MAKOM-literally, place. HASHEM is the location of existence. Closeness to HASHEM is everything!

It's more reality than any ocean or notion our minds can conjure. We are within HASHEM's world! HASHEM is not a product of our imagination. HASHEM is not in need of our believing in Him. We are in need of believing in Him. He doesn't have to prove Himself or His existence to us! We have to demonstrate the significance of existence to Him. That's all that matters ultimately! HASHEM is reality!

On Rosh HaShana we are intersecting the very same time in history, that 6th Day of creation, when The Almighty breathed

the breath of life into the nostrils of humanity. That might account for all the blowing on the day. We are refueling, a rich infusion of G-dliness. On Rosh Hashana the operative word is HaMelech, The King! We are coming to terms with, accepting, embracing, and reveling in this most important reality of realities!

## ■ PARSHA Q&A: NITZAVIM

1. What is the connection between the verse "atem nitzavim" and the curses in the previous parsha? 29:12 - The Jewish People asked, "Who can survive such curses?" Moshe responded, "You've done a lot to anger Hashem, and yet "atem nitzavim" you're still standing before Him."
2. Who were the wood-choppers and water-carriers? 29:10 - Canaanites who joined the Jewish People under false pretenses.
3. Why can Hashem never "swap" the Jewish people for another nation? 29:12 - Because Hashem swore to their ancestors that He would never do so.
4. One who ignores the Torah's warnings "adds drunkenness to thirst." What does this mean? 29:18 - He causes Hashem to reckon his unintentional sins alongside his intentional ones, punishing him for all.
5. What two cities were destroyed along with Sedom and Amora? 29:22 - Admah and Tsevoyim.
6. "The hidden things are for Hashem, our G-d, and the revealed things are for us..." What does this mean? 29:28 - There is collective culpability only for "open" sins, but not for "hidden" ones.
7. According to Rashi, how will the day of the ingathering of the exiles be "great and difficult?" 30: 3 - It will be as if Hashem needs to take each individual by the hand and lead him out of exile.
8. Where is the Torah not to be found? Where is it to be found? 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. When and where did the Jewish People become culpable for each other's sins? 30:28 - When they crossed the Jordan and accepted the oath on Mt. Eval and Mt. Grizim.
10. How do the earth and sky remind us to keep the mitzvot? 30:19 - The earth and heavenly bodies, although receiving neither reward nor punishment, always obey Hashem's will. How much more should we, who stand to receive reward or punishment, obey Hashem.

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- » Before Shacharis Gemara Taanis for men (M-Fr, 6-6:35A)
- » NQ Daf HaYomi Beitzah for men (Sunday-Thursday 8-9P)
- » Chumash for men & women (Shabbos one hr before mincha)
- » Hilchos Taaruvos for men (Sunday 7:00-8:00A)
- » Supercharge Your Sundays for men (Sunday after Shacharis for 45 mins. with R' Noach Klug)
- » Marriage Chaburah for women (Tuesday 7:15-8:00P)