



CONGREGATION TORAS CHAIM

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February 20, 2016 ■ 11 Adar I, 5776 ■ Shabbos Tetzaveh
Candlelighting: 5:58P ■ Shabbos Ends 7:07P

Kiddush this Shabbos is sponsored by the shul. Shalosh Seudos this Shabbos is sponsored by Reuven & Devorah King in honor of the Bar Mitzvah of their son, David. Men, women & children are invited to join in shul for a fully catered Shalosh Seudos. Mazel Tov to the entire family. 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

- » Yechiel Mordechai ben Devorah (Brother of Ken Jarmel)
- » Itai ben Shoshana (Son of Ehoud & Shoshana Wilson)
- » Mattisyahu Chaim ben Ettl (HaRav Mattisyahu Solomon)

WOMEN

- » Pesha Chaya bas Sora Feiga (Tricia Sutkin's Aunt)
- » Leah Esther bas Yenta Leah (Lori Jarmel)
- » Yenta Leah bas Shayna (Mother of Lori Jarmel)

■ WHAT'S NU AT CTC

- » **Mazel Tov** to Reuven and Devorah King on David's Bar Mitzvah. Last Sunday was the Bo B'Yom. David made a siyum on Maseches Taanis. May David continue to bring nachas to his family, friends and community through his limud haTorah and maasim tovim. The entire shul is invited for a gala shalosh seudos at 5:45 PM in the shul.
- » **Purim is coming:** Two great ways to participate in a freilichen Purim. 1) **SHUL MISHOACH MANOS PROJECT.** Sending food gifts to friends and family—is one of the four Mitzvot performed on Purim. It is a heartfelt way to emphasize the Jewish unity that lies at the core of the Purim holiday... and to create meaningful connections within our own community at the same time. Through this project, you can participate in the sending of a beautiful gift basket (Created by our own Shaul Cajas) to your friends and family that will be delivered to them on Purim, Thursday, March 24, 2016. **IT'S A MITZVAH; IT'S GREAT FUN; AND WITH CONGREGATION TORAS CHAIM IT'S EASIER THAN EVER! HERE'S HOW IT WORKS** For just \$5.00 per recipient, you can participate in the sending of a beautiful gift basket to anyone on our membership list. Every family on the list will receive one gift package, along with a Purim card that lists all the people who participated in their package. For example, if you are sent a Mishloach Manos package from more than one individual, you will still only receive one basket; all those people sending you the Mishloach Manos will be listed on the card. Due to the convenience of running a mishloach manos fundraiser online, you will be able to easily place your orders at <http://toraschaimdallas.happypurim.com>. We think you'll love this ordering process. **WHAT YOU NEED TO DO** Everyone in our community is receiving a personalized code, similar to a password, for accessing the website. Please keep your personal code in a safe place and do not share it with anyone. Enter your code and your last name as instructed at <http://toraschaimdallas.happypurim.com>.

com and click "Login." A detailed list of pricing and instructions will show up once you have logged in. Click "Continue" to verify, complete and/or modify your personal information. Click "Save & Continue" at the bottom of that page to proceed to the order page. When you are finished making your selections, click the "Order" button to pay for your order. Please note: Your own name will not appear on your list when you log on to your account. You also have the opportunity to "reciprocate." If you select this option at the top of the "My Mishloach Manot" page, anyone selecting your name, whom you did not check on your list, will be added to your order at an additional charge of \$5.00 each. You will receive a second charge on your credit card when this is calculated after the deadline. We will send you an email receipt for this charge. By making a generous donation of \$180.00 you may choose as many names as you wish. There are 78 names on our list, to date – this is a tremendous discount! **ALL ORDERS MUST BE PLACED BY SUNDAY, March 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM. BILLING** Although Congregation Toras Chaim is handling all packaging and delivery, HappyPurim.com is handling our online ordering and credit card charges will be from HappyPurim.com. Please be assured that your email address and other personal information will not be shared with any other entity. Should you have any questions, forget your personal login code, or would like a paper order form, please call Rabbi Rich at (972) 835-6016, or email rabbi@toraschaimdallas.org. 2) **DON'T MAKE PLANS — YOU'RE INVITED TO THE CTC 2016 PERSIAN PURIM SEUDAH.** Congregation Toras Chaim is hosting a Purim seudah: Thursday, March 24, 2016, 5-8 PM, for all interested in great food, a great time, and a lively Torah discussion. There will even be an incredible Purim magic show for the kids. Cost is set at \$50 per family / \$18 per person. Please BYOB. Seudah will be held at CTC, 7103 Mumford Ct., Dallas, TX 75252. We have plenty of room so spread the word and invite friends and family members. For more information please contact Rabbi Yaakov Rich at 972-835-6016 or rabbi@toraschaimdallas.org.

- » **Membership Renewal & Makov Kevuah Program:** Time to pledge our allegiance to the shul. Not just with words, but with dollars and cents. In addition, we have a very exciting program to announce that everyone will love. Brass seat plaques with your name engraved in black letters. Your makov kevuah for just \$180 per year. For men and women. The first batch have already been ordered. Reserve you plaque and seat today.

■ THE WORLD HAS CHANGED: RABBI LABEL LAM

And these are the garments you shall make: A Breastplate, an Ephod, a Robe, a Tunic of a box-like knit, a Turban, and a Sash. They shall make these garments of sanctity for Aaron your brother and his sons to minister to Me. (Shemos 28:3-4)

It's too bad we don't have a Choshen- a Breast Plate these days. The Gemorah describes its function as a Heavenly advisor for making decisions in matters of national security and the like. Where can get that type of guidance these days?

Reb Klonymous Kalman of Piaseczno ztl wrote in a Sefer-Derech HaMelech the following fascinating notion, "There is a type of prophetic revelation that comes when one looks into a holy book. Not knowledge of the future, for that ceased when the Temple was destroyed. Rather, it is guidance and a call to service of G-d and the holiness of Israel. At times, we have all experienced looking into a holy book and suddenly becoming extremely moved by a certain idea. A word pierces our heart and gives us no rest for years, until it can transform us into a different person and sanctify and uplift us. What

is going on? We have already heard this idea from others and seen it in books, yet we remained untouched. Yet now, the matter suddenly penetrates our heart and mind. This is a form of looking into the Breast Plate worn by the High Priest. There too, all the letters were written, yet only some of them would shine into the eyes of the Kohen; and only a Kohen with divine inspiration. Another Kohen could stand beside him and not see a thing.”

You can have different people listening to the same lecture and one is moved by a certain point and phrase and somebody else is totally deaf to that point. Everyone can be involved in reading the portion of the week and it’s possible that no two people had nearly similar experiences.

To demonstrate the point almost mathematically: Let us say, I distribute one hundred copies of Sefer Tehillim to one hundred different people. I instruct each one to invest a year and indulge their minds with those fiery words leaping from the holy heart of King David.

Along the way everyone is invited to highlight only fifty verses that excite, jazz, sing, zing, and resonate with their soul. What are the chances that any two people will have selected the exact same fifty verses? I do believe that most will agree the chances are extremely remote. This could be with any Holy Book!

I was at a meeting this week with a Rebbe and parents of boy. The Rebbe was explaining why he likes to teach introductory Talmud, although he has been offered to teach “higher level” classes, he feels he is uniquely qualified and his purpose is to do the job of introducing the first taste of Talmud to 6th grade boys. He said that as a student in the 6th grade he felt lost. The subject was not made clear enough to him and he struggled and suffered as a result for many years until he began to understand what he needed to understand to make sense out of the page.

He wondered why this had not been mapped out earlier and it troubled him how many had been turned off or became disappointed before they got a sweet flavor. He decided to master the material and be that solution to many others which he does now masterfully.

Afterwards I shared with him something my wife heard from her best friend. There was a very popular Rebbe in my boys’ Yeshiva and all the kids adored him. He was known by the affectionate name “Rebs”. My wife’s friend asked him how he came to be “Rebs”. He simply explained, I never had a teacher, a Rebbe that related to me and I decided I would relate to and treat children the way I would have wanted to be treated.

It occurred to me this is part of a Mishne’ in Pirke Avos, “Make for yourself a Rav!” Beside the standard explanation to make your-self available to a Rav, it can be explained, for those bereft of that, “Make your-self into the Rav!” It’s easy to cry and complain about what the world is missing and lacking but the mandate of the Mishne is, “You become that person!” From that one line that speaks loudly to one single person, privately, who knows... a world is changed!

■ PARSHA Q&A: TETZAVEH

1. What two precautions were taken to assure the purity of oil for the menorah? 27:20 - The olives were pressed and not ground, and only the first drop was used.
2. How was Aharon commanded to kindle the menorah? 27:20 - He was commanded to kindle it until the flame ascended by itself.

3. What does tamid mean in reference to the menorah? 27:20 - It means that it should be kindled every night.
4. What does kehuna mean? 28:3 - Service.
5. Name the eight garments worn by the Kohen Gadol. 28:4,36,42 - Choshen, ephod, me’il, ketonet, mitznefet, avnet, tzitz, and michnasayim.
6. To what does Rashi compare the ephod? 28:6 - A woman’s riding garment.
7. In which order were the names of the Tribes inscribed on the ephod? 28:10 - In order of birth.
8. The stones of the ephod bore the inscription of the names of the sons of Yaakov. Why? 28:12 - So that G-d would see their names and recall their righteousness.
9. For what sins did the choshen mishpat atone? 28:15 - For judicial errors.
10. What are three meanings of the word mishpat? 28:15 - (i) The claims of the litigants, (ii) The court’s ruling, (iii) The court’s punishment.
11. What was lacking in the bigdei kehuna in the second Beit Hamikdash? 28:30 - The Urim V’Tumim -- the “Shem Ha’meforash” placed in the folds of the choshen.
12. Which garment’s fabric was woven of only one material? 28:31 - The fabric of the me’il was made only of techelet.
13. When the Kohen Gadol wore all his priestly garments, where on his head was the tefillin situated? 28:37 - Between the tzitz and the mitznefet.
14. What does the word tamid mean in reference to the tzitz? (two answers) 28:38 - (i) It always atones, even when not being worn. (ii) The Kohen Gadol must always be aware that he is wearing it.
15. Which garments were worn by a kohen hediot? 28:40,42 - Ketonet, avnet, migba’at, and michnasayim.
16. During the inauguration of the kohanim, a bullock was brought as a sin offering. For what sin did this offering atone? 29:1 - The sin of the golden calf.
17. Moshe was commanded to wash Aharon and his sons to prepare them to serve as kohanim (29:4). How were they washed? 29:4 - They immersed in a mikveh.
18. What was unique about the bull sin-offering brought during the inauguration of the kohanim? 29:14 - It is the only external sin-offering that was completely burned.
19. How did the oil used for the meal-offering differ from the oil used for the menorah? 29:40 - Oil for the menorah comes only from beaten olives. Oil for meal-offerings may come from either beaten olives or from ground-up olives.
20. What does the crown on the mizbeach haketoret symbolize? 30:3 - The crown of kehuna.

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■ CLASSES

- » Before Shacharis Gemara Taanis for men (M-Fr, 6-6:35A)
- » NQ Daf HaYomi Chagigah 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)
- » In-Depth Hilchos Shabbos for women (Wed, 11:30-12:15P)