



CONGREGATION TORAS CHAIM

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February 27, 2016 ■ 18 Adar I, 5776 ■ Shabbos Ki Sisa
Candlelighting: 6:04P ■ Shabbos Ends 7:13P

Kiddush this Shabbos is sponsored by Eli Weingarden in honor of the birth and second birthday of his daughter Shoshana Esther. Shalosh Seudos this Shabbos is sponsored by the shul. 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

» **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.happyipurim.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.happyipurim.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 rabbid@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 rabbid@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.

■ WORK ON YOUR MIDDOS: RABBI LABEL LAM

When the people saw that Moshe was late in coming down from the mountain, the people gathered against Aaron, and they said to him: "Come on! Make us gods that will go before us, because this man Moshe, who brought us up from the land of Egypt we don't know what has become of him." Aaron said to them, "Remove the golden earrings that are on the ears of your wives, your sons, and your daughters and bring them [those earrings] to me." And all the people stripped themselves of the golden earrings that were on their ears and brought them to Aaron. He took [them] from their hand[s], fashioned it with an engraving tool, and made it into a molten calf, upon which they said: "These are your gods, O Israel, who have brought you up from the land of Egypt!" (Shemos 32:1-4)

Sandwiched in between an almost exhaustive account of the construction of the Tabernacle we are introduced to the tragic episode

of the Golden Calf. Why is placed there? Chronologically, the making of the Golden Calf belongs before the building of the Tabernacle. That begs the question even further. Why is it placed here in the middle? First of all the Torah is not a history book where everything is in chronological order. Secondly, our sages tell us, there is a spiritual principle rife throughout the Torah that HASHEM delivers the medicine before the disease, and this is a prime example. The Tabernacle is somehow a cure, a chance to repair the damage done by the construction of the Golden Calf.

Rebbe Nachman said, "If you believe you have the ability to destroy something then you must also believe that you have the capacity to correct it." With gold you can destroy and with gold you can rebuild. That itself is a solid lesson life lesson! I saw on my Rabbi's refrigerator this, "Our definition of failure is not falling down but staying down."

I don't know who to attribute this to but I remember seeing, "The most successful person is not the one who makes the fewest mistakes but the one who learns the most from his mistakes!" We can thereby fail our way to success!

Years back we went on a picnic with another family. After eating in the park we set to cleaning up! Every kid was involved in throwing stuff neatly in the nearby trash bin! After we thought we were done, my good friend sent his children on a wider circle in search of stray papers and the like. I asked him what that was about. We had affectively cleaned up our stuff. We were leaving the park just the way we had found it. Then he told me something remarkable he had heard from Rabbi Avigdor Miller ztl and he was inculcating it into his children. He said that Rabbi Miller said that you should leave a place, not the way you found it, but better than the way you found it! I heard in that mandate a broader notion- that we are meant to leave not just the park or the kitchen a better place, but the world we live in a better place, for our having journeyed here. So what is it in this world that needs so much fixing?

I once heard that Erev Rosh HaShana there was a long line of people waiting to meet with Rav Shach. Suddenly a door opened up from the side and a distinguished person spoke to Rav Shach. After a brief exchange they embraced and cried and the man exited. The people there were curious about this meeting, the sense of urgency, the brief conversation, and the tearful hug. It turns out that that man was none other than Rav Chaim Friedler the Mashgiach of Ponevitch Yeshiva. Someone nearby reported that Rav Friedler had just returned from America in search of a cure. The doctors gave him a few weeks to live. He asked Rav Shach what he should work on in that time. Rav Shach told him, "Work on your Midos!"

■ PARSHA Q&A: KI SISA

1. How many "geira" are in a shekel? 30:13 - Twenty.
2. What was the minimum age of military service in the Jewish army? 30:14 - Twenty.
3. What were the three different types of terumah donated? 30:15 - For the adanim (sockets), for the purchase of communal sacrifices, and for the building of the Mishkan.
4. The Jews were counted after Yom Kippur and again after Pesach.

Both times they numbered the same amount. How can this be? Didn't some 19-year olds turn 20 during that six month period? 30:16 - Their ages were calculated based on Rosh Hashana, not based on their individual birthdays.

5. How many ingredients comprise the incense of the Mishkan? 30:34 - Eleven ingredients were used making the incense.
6. According to Rashi, why are sailors called "malachim?" 30:35 - Because they stir (malach) the water with their oars.
7. What is the difference between chochma (wisdom), bina (understanding), and da'at (knowledge)? 31:3 - Chochma is knowledge acquired from others. Bina is the deduction of new knowledge from what one has already learned. Da'at is holy inspiration.
8. Shabbat is a "sign." What does it signify? 31:13 - It is a sign between G-d and the Jewish People that He has chosen them and a sign to the nations of the world that He has sanctified the Jewish People.
9. When did the Jewish People begin to give contributions for the building of the Mishkan? 31:18 - The 11th of Tishrei.
10. How many books are there in Tanach? 31:18 - 24.
11. From where did the men take the earrings that they donated to make the calf? 32:2,3 - From their ears.
12. Why did Aharon build the altar for the golden calf by himself? 32:5 - He hoped that by building it by himself it would take longer and in the interim Moshe would return.
13. Why did Moshe break the Tablets? 32:19 - Moshe reasoned: If the Torah forbids those who have estranged themselves from the Torah to partake in even a single commandment (Pesach sacrifice), surely the entire Torah cannot be given to a whole nation which has estranged itself from G-d!
14. How can two brothers belong to two different tribes? 32:27 - Half-brothers, sharing the same mother.
15. Why did Moshe ask that his name be erased from the Torah? 32:32 - So people shouldn't say "Moshe was unworthy to plead for mercy on behalf of the Jewish people."
16. How has the sin of the golden calf affected the Jewish People throughout history? 32:34 - Whenever G-d punishes the Jewish People, part of that punishment comes as payment for the sin of the golden calf.
17. In verse 33:2, G-d says that the inhabitants of Eretz Canaan would be driven out of the Land. In that verse, only six of the seven Canaanite nations are mentioned. What happened to the seventh? 33:2 - The seventh nation, the Girgashites, voluntarily emigrated.
18. How did G-d show that He forgave the Jewish People? 33:14 - He agreed to let His Shechina dwell among them.
19. How did Moshe become wealthy? 34:1 - Moshe carved the Tablets out of precious stone. G-d commanded Moshe to keep the leftover fragments.
20. How do the light rays shining from Moshe's face show us the powerful effect of sin? 34:35 - Before the sin of the golden calf, the people would not have been afraid to look at the light rays, but after the sin they were afraid.

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- » 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)