



# CONGREGATION TORAS CHAIM

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March 4, 2016 ■ 25 Adar I, 5776 ■ Shabbos Vayakhel, Shekalim  
Candlelighting: 6:10P ■ Shabbos Ends 7:18P

Kiddush this Shabbos is sponsored by Ari & Naomi Goldberg in honor of the Bar Mitzvah of their son Yedidyah. 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

- » **Mazel Tov** to Ari & Naomi Goldberg on the occasion of Yedidyah's Bar Mitzvah. May he make you proud in his limud haTorah and shemiras hamitzvos, and may you be zoche to have much nachas from him, and all your children. The entire community shares in your celebration!
- » **Purim is coming:** Two great ways to participate in a freilichen Purim. 1) **SHUL MISHLOACH 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> 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](mailto: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](mailto: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.

## ■ WHAT REMAINS FOREVER: RABBI LABEL LAM

Every man and woman whose heart inspired them to generosity to bring for all the work that HASHEM had commanded to make, through Moshe, the Children of Israel brought a gift for HASHEM. (Shemos 35:29)

The Sefas Emes takes a deeper look at this verse. What did the Jewish People bring to build a Tabernacle and create a residence for The Almighty in this world? They brought their hearts. Of course they brought the physical gifts as described but they brought their hearts!

Similarly we find with Cain and Hevel: "And it was from the end of days, Cain brought an offering of the fruit of the ground; and Hevel he also brought himself of the firstlings of his flock and of the choicest. HASHEM turned to Hevel and to his offering, but to Cain and his offering He did not turn." (Breishis 4:1-2) There is an extra pronoun, "he" and an inclusive "also" here that are crying out for explanation—"he also". What does that add and include? The Kotzker answer that what Hevel did that made his offering superior was that "he brought

himself". It seems there are two parts to a gift. One is the actual gift itself and the other part is the heart of the giver. The verse bears this out because in the end it says, that "HASHEM turned to Hevel and his offering".

I received a phone call a few years ago just after the school year had begun. The conversation started like this: "Hello, this is Rabbi So and Sol!" I had never heard of him. "Yes, how can I help you?" I asked. "I had your son... this summer in camp." I became nervous and the Rabbi must have sensed it. "It's not bad news. It's actually a Nachas call." He continued to explain.

"You know the camp is a Federation sponsored camp and tipping is forbidden." Where he was going with this? I had been out the country on visiting day and I was sure that I had not violated that principle having tipped the Rebbe inadvertently. What was he driving at? I wondered.

"On the last day of camp your son ... came to me and sheepishly handed me an envelope. I took it and tucked it away. I should not have taken it. I was thinking to send it back but before I did I wanted to peek inside to see what I was giving up. Today I opened it up. There was a single dollar inside. I was mystified. I knew I should not be accepting a tip but who gives a single dollar? Then it dawned on me. Your son, on his own, took his precious canteen money, money that he could have spent on a soda or an ice cream, and he put it in an envelope and discreetly handed it to me and said "thank you!" I'm so touched and impressed. I just wanted to let you know how special he is!"

What was so pleasing and charming about that gift? It was a single dollar! It was certainly not the monetary value. But neither was it a hollow gesture.

Before I got married, now more than 30 years ago, a teacher of mine generously shared with me a valuable piece of information that has proved enormously profitable. He said that whenever you give a gift to your wife make sure to write a note to go along with the gift. "The note is the Neshama of the gift!" Looking back at all the many birthdays and anniversaries when I was able to present a nice piece of jewelry for my wife, I have come to realize that much of what was purchased eventually broke, was lost, or went out of style. However, the little notes pledging heart are still piling up in the back of the armoire and they seem to never go out of style. That is what remains forever!

#### ■ PARSHA Q&A: VAYAKHEL

1. On which day did Moshe assemble the Jewish People? 35:1 - The day after Yom Kippur.
2. Why is the prohibition against doing work on Shabbat written prior to the instruction for building the Mishkan? 35:2 - To emphasize that the building of the Mishkan does not supersede the laws of Shabbat.
3. Why does the Torah specify the particular prohibition of lighting a fire on Shabbat right after it had already noted the general prohibition of doing work on Shabbat? 35:3 - There are two opinions: One opinion is to teach that igniting a fire on Shabbat is punishable by lashes as opposed to other "melachot" which are punishable by death. The other opinion is to teach that violation of numerous "melachot" at one time requires a separate atonement for each violation.
4. What function did the "yitdot hamishkan" serve? 35:18 - The edges of the curtains were fastened to them. These were inserted in the

ground so the curtains would not move in the wind.

5. What function did the "bigdei hasrad" serve? 35:19 - They covered the aron, the shulchan, the menorah, and the mizbachot when they were packed for transport.
6. What was unusual about the way the women spun the goat's hair? 35:26 - It was spun directly from off the backs of the goats.
7. Why were the Nesi'im last to contribute to the building of the Mishkan? How does the Torah show dissatisfaction with their actions? 35:27 - The Nesi'im reasoned that they would first let the people contribute materials needed for the Mishkan and then they would contribute what was lacking. The Torah shows its dissatisfaction by deleting a letter from their title.
8. Who does the Torah identify as the primary builders of the Mishkan? From which tribes were they? 35:30, 35:34 - Betzalel ben Uri from the tribe of Yehuda; Oholiav ben Achisamach from the tribe of Dan.
9. What time of day did the people bring their daily contributions for the construction of the Mishkan? 36:3 - Morning.
10. For what was the woven goat's hair used? 36:14 - It was made into curtains to be draped over the Mishkan
11. What image was woven into the parochet? 36:35 - Cherubim. (See Rashi 26:31)
12. Why does the Torah attribute the building of the aron to Betzalel? 37:1 - Because he dedicated himself to its building more than anyone else.
13. Where were the sculptured kruvim located? 37:7 - On the two extremities of the kaporet (cover of the aron).
14. How many lamps did the Menorah have? 37:23 - Seven.
15. Of what materials was the mizbe'ach haketoret composed? 37:25, 26 - Wood overlaid with gold.
16. Of what material was the mizbe'ach ha'olah composed? 38:1-2 - Wood overlaid with copper.
17. The kiyor was made from copper mirrors. What function did these mirrors serve in Egypt? 38:8 - These mirrors aided in the proliferation of the Jewish People. The Jewish women in Egypt would look in the mirrors so as to awaken the affections of their husbands who were exhausted by their slave labor.
18. How did the kiyor promote peace? 38:8 - Its waters helped a woman accused of adultery to prove her innocence.
19. The kiyor was made from the mirrors of the women who were crowding at the entrance to the Ohel Mo'ed. Why were the women crowding there? 38:8 - To donate to the Mishkan.
20. Of what material were the "yitdot hamishkan" constructed? 38:20 - Copper.

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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)