



CONGREGATION TORAS CHAIM

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September 24, 2016 ▪ 20 Elul, 5776 ▪ Shabbos Ki Savo
Candlelighting: 7:03P ▪ Shabbos Ends 8:10P

KIDDUSH this Shabbos is sponsored by Eliana Rochel Edwards. "The past several months CTC has had several celebrations of Bar Mitzvah's, Bat Mitzvah and a beautiful wedding. It has been a long journey for me, but I can't say enough how excited I am to finally be a part of the Jewish Nation. I was asked by several, 'How do you feel?' My answer was 'I now feel complete, I have come home.' I pray to never stop learning and growing and to always be a help to my Jewish family. This past year has been one of the most stressful, but at the end very rewarding. Thank you all for giving me a home, teaching and guiding me, being mentors, having me at your Shabbos table." **SHALOSH SEUDOS** this Shabbos is sponsored by Ehoud & Shoshana Wilson, proud grandparents of a new baby girl to Itay & Galit. May the parents merit to have much nachas, happiness and good health. 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

- » Yaakov Shmuel ben Rochel (Uncle of Tricia Sutkin)
- » Yisroel Michoel ben Shulamis (Father of Chani Tkatch)
- » Zoosav ben Lipke (Father of Suzanne Luftig)
- » Yisroel ben Malka (Friend of Suzanne Luftig)
- » R' Moshe ben Chana Sara Leah (Rebbi of Ari Goldberg)
- » Yechiel Mordechai ben Devorah (Brother of Ken Jarmel)
- » Itai ben Shoshana (Son of Ehoud & Shoshana Wilson)
- » Mattisyahu Chaim ben Ettl (HaRav Mattisyahu Solomon)

WOMEN

- » Chaya Gittel bas Shandel (Friend of Suzanne Luftig)
- » Leah Esther bas Yenta Leah (Lori Jarmel)
- » Yenta Leah bas Shayna (Mother of Lori Jarmel)

■ WHAT'S NU AT CTC

- » **High Holiday Seats:** Dear Members and Friends of Congregation Toras Chaim: As we prepare individually for the High Holidays we also prepare as a community. Bringing accounts current with the shul and reserving High Holiday tickets are a part of that communal preparation. In order to offset the challenging financial landscape that affects us all, we are keeping the High Holiday ticket prices as low as possible. Tickets for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur for 5777/2016 are as follows: • Member (Dues & Pledges Paid in Full): Tickets are bundled into the \$1,200 annual membership fee for all immediate members of the family. • Non-Member or Member (Dues & Pledges Not Paid in Full): \$150 per ticket for an individual or \$400 family max. Should you have difficulty meeting your financial obligations to Congregation Toras Chaim, special accommodations may be made for High Holiday tickets on a case by case basis. To make such accommodations, please speak with Ben Nise, President of CTC. Ben Nise may be reached at 972.898.4237 or benjamin.nise@gmail.com. Please be aware of the following information: Reservations will not be accepted without payment. If you are unsure of your membership status, please contact Ben Nise at 972.898.4237 or benjamin.nise@gmail.com. We are unable to split reservations between Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur. **Sponsorships:** If you would like to help sponsor a High Holiday seat for a Member or Friend, please contact Rabbi

Rich or Ben Nise. **Payment Options:** Please go to <https://www.fidelipay.com/toraschaim> to pay for your reservation or you may send a check to: Congregation Toras Chaim 7103 Mumford Ct., Dallas, TX 75252.

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- » **Learn 'n Burn:** Congregation Toras Chaim welcomes you to the Eighth Annual Learn 'n Burn. This special program is a chance for the guys to relax, hear inspiring Divrei Torah, enjoy some of the finest single malt scotches, bourbons, imported Belgium beers together with amazing samples from our own best craft breweries, and, smoke quality cigars (if that is your liking :-)) all within the kedusha of the succah. Please come, and ask your friends to join us as well. This will be held during the week of Succos, Thursday, October 20, 2016, 8:00 PM in the CTC Succah, 7119 Bremerton Ct., Dallas, TX 75252. Only 50 seats will be sold. Cholent, hoagie sandwiches, and kosher snack foods will enhance the experience. Please bring your own cigars. There is \$35 per person cover charge for the event. **Bottle Sponsors:** We are looking for bottle sponsors. A bottle sponsorship for this premium event costs \$150. Your sponsorship will gain you admission to the event, you will be recognized in writing as a generous supporter of this sensational evening, and, you will receive as a gift from CTC your choice of a bottle of Woodford Reserve Bourbon or Collingwood Whiskey with bottle engraved "Raising Your Spirits. Congregation Toras Chaim, Dallas, TX." Your sponsorship helps to support the vital programs and Torah learning in Congregation Toras Chaim. **Bottle Sponsors (To Date): Eli Goldberg, Ari Goldberg.** Please contact Rabbi Yaakov Rich at 972-835-6016, or by email atyrich@toraschaimdallas.org. Admission is limited.

■ 100%: RABBI LABEL LAM

You will be torn from the land which you are about to acquire. And HASHEM will scatter you among all the people from one end of the earth to the other... (Devarim 28:63)

Although there are pockets of density, we Jews find ourselves scattered throughout 100 lands on five continents just as the Torah had stated more than 3000 years ago. This prophetic prediction seems to be in conflict with another oft repeated promise. "And I will establish My covenant between Me and you and your descendants for all generations, an eternal covenant to be your G-d and the G-d of the descendants after you." (Breishis 17:7) How is a nation to endure if they are spread throughout the world? Does that sound like a formula for longevity? Yet here we are!

Maybe the answer is that we are so well received and beloved wherever we go. We always find grace in the eyes of our hosts and that affords us the peace of mind and the luxury to

practice our unique life style unimpeded by outside forces. There are two problems with this. If we were so popular there might also raise the risk factor of assimilation and a loss of national identity that would make more difficult the probability of historical endurance. Secondly is that it's just not true!

The verse forecasts with pinpoint accuracy, "You will become an object of horror, an example, and an abject lesson among all the nations to which HASHEM will lead you." (Devarim 28:37) Lloyd George had written, "Of all the extreme fanaticism that plays havoc in man's nature, there is none as irrational as anti-Semitism. The Jews cannot vindicate themselves in the eyes of these fanatics. If the Jews are rich, they are victims of theft and extortion. If they are poor, they are victims of ridicule. If they take sides in a war, it is because they wish to gain advantage from the spilling of non-Jewish blood. If they espouse peace, it is because they are scared and anxious by nature or traitors to their country. If the Jew dwells in a foreign land he is persecuted and expelled. If he wishes to return to his own land, he is prevented from doing so."

Maybe all this is because we are just so impossibly numerous like the Chinese. It's the law of large numbers working in our favor. The only small problem is that we are statistically quite small and the Torah had spelled that out as well. "And you shall remain few in number, whereas you could have become as numerous as the stars of the heavens, because you would not obey the voice of HASHEM your G-d." (Devarim 28:62) We are left with a question how this diminished, dispersed, and despised people managed to endure the hate-filled gauntlet of human history.

Well here we are bruised yet alive but perhaps we have had little influence and positive impact on the nations with whom we have come in contact. The prophet had stated this unlikely outcome in advance, "I HASHEM, have called you in righteousness, and I will hold your hand and keep you. And I will establish you as a covenant of the people, as a light unto the nations!" (Isaiah 42:6) There is no doubt that the Jewish People have had a profound influence as John Adams noted a few hundred years ago, "They have given religion to three quarters of the Globe and have influenced the affairs of Mankind more, and more happily, than any other Nation ancient or modern."

So what are the odds of such a people returning to their land after a lengthy and brutal exile? Considering what's written in the Torah, "And it will be, when all these things come upon you the blessing and the curse which I have set before you that you will consider in your heart, among all the nations where HASHEM your G-d has banished you, and you will return to HASHEM, your G-d, with all your heart and with all your soul, and you will listen to His voice according to all that I am commanding you this day you and your children, then, HASHEM, your G-d, will bring back your exiles, and He will have mercy upon you. He will once again gather you from all the nations, where HASHEM, your G-d, had dispersed you. Even if your exiles are at the end of the heavens, HASHEM, your G-d, will gather you from there, and He will take you from there." My guess is, 100%

■ PARSHA Q&A: KI SAVO

1. When did the obligation to bring bikkurim begin? 26:1 - After the Land was conquered and divided.
2. Bikkurim are from which crops? 26:2 - The seven species for which Eretz Yisrael is praised.
3. How does one designate bikkurim? 26:2 - When he sees the first fruit ripen on a tree, he binds a piece of straw around it to mark it as bikkurim.
4. Who shakes the basket containing the bikkurim? 26:4 - The kohen places his hands under the hands of the one bringing it, and they wave the basket together.
5. What does "v'anita v'amarta" mean? 26:5 - Speak loudly.
6. Which Arami "tried to destroy my father"? 26:5 - Lavan.
7. When during the year may bikkurim be brought? Until when are the special verses recited? 26:11 - Bikkurim are brought from Shavuot until Chanukah. The verses are recited only until Succot.
8. Someone declaring that he separated terumah and ma'aser says: "And I didn't forget." What didn't he forget? 26:13 - To bless G-d.
9. What were the Jewish People to do with the 12 stones on Mount Eval? 27:2 - Build an altar.
10. Six tribes stood on Mount Eval and six on Mount Gerizim. Who and what were in the middle? 27:12 - Kohanim, levi'im and the Holy Ark.
11. Who "causes the blind to go astray"? 27:18 - Any person who intentionally gives bad advice.
12. How does one "strike another secretly"? 27:24 - By slandering him.
13. Eleven curses were spoken on Mount Eval. What is the significance of this number? 27:24 - Each curse corresponds to one of the tribes, except for the tribe of Shimon. Since Moshe didn't intend to bless the tribe of Shimon before his death, he did not want to curse them either.
14. Why are sheep called "ashterot"? 28:4 - Because they "enrich" (m'ashiro) their owners.
15. How is the manner of expressing the curses in Parshat Bechukotai more severe than in this week's parsha? 28:23 - In Bechukotai the Torah speaks in the plural, whereas in this week's Parsha the curses are mentioned in the singular.

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■ CLASSES

» Before Shacharis Gemara Yevamos for men (M-Fr, 6-6:40A)

» NQ Daf HaYomi Kesuvos for men (Sunday-Thursday following Maariv)

» Pirkei Avos for men & women (Shabbos 90 mins before mincha)

» Chumash for men & women (Shabbos 45 mins before mincha)

» 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 (Time is Changing)