



CONGREGATION TORAS CHAIM

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September 31, 2016 ▪ 28 Elul, 5776 ▪ Shabbos Ki Savo
Candlelighting: 6:54P ▪ Shabbos Ends 8:00P

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■ ROSH HASHANA SCHEDULE

EREV ROSH HASHANAH, SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2

- » Selichos/Shacharis/Annulment of Vows: 8:00 AM
- » Candlelighting: 6:51 PM
- » Mincha: 6:50 PM
- » Maariv: 7:50 PM
- » Yom Tov Kiddush

FIRST DAY ROSH HASHANAH, MONDAY, OCTOBER 3

- » Shacharis: 8:00 AM
- » Speech/Shofar: Not before 10:15 AM
- » Conclusion of Mussaf: 1:15 PM
- » Mincha: 6:25 PM
- » Tashlich followed by class: 6:55 PM (As a congregation men, women and children will depart from the shul at 6:55 PM to the bridge overlooking the creek on the Preston Ridge Trail.)
- » Candlelighting (From a pre-existing flame): Not before 7:58 PM
- » Maariv: 8:00 PM
- » Yom Tov Kiddush

SECOND DAY ROSH HASHANAH, TUESDAY, OCTOBER 4

- » Shacharis: 8:00 AM
- » Speech/Shofar: Not before 10:15 AM
- » Conclusion of Mussaf: 1:15 PM
- » Mincha: 6:35 PM
- » Maariv/Rosh Hashana Ends: 7:57 PM

TZOM GEDALYA (FAST OF GEDALYA), WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 5

- » Fast Begins: 6:12 AM
- » Selichos/Shacharis: 6:15 AM
- » Mincha/Maariv: 6:35 PM
- » End of Fast: 7:47 PM

■ WEEKDAY SCHEDULE

- » Weekday Shacharis–6:40A
- » Mincha/Maariv followed by NQ Daf HaYomi (Kesuvos)–6:50P

■ 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, Larry Shafron, Moshe Bush. Please contact Rabbi Yaakov Rich at 972-835-6016, or by email atyrich@toraschaimdallas.org. Admission is limited.

■ AUTOMATIC: RABBI LABEL LAM

A New Year is about to begin. We would all like to improve, yet change is hard! How can we get ourselves to budge in a new direction? How do we get started and how do we get stopping?

The story is attributed to Reb Levi Yitzchok from Berditchov tzl. He had been working on himself in a private setting trying to overcome some issue on whatever high level he was struggling when he resigned to accept that it was not possible to change. Immediately afterward he stepped out into the street where he witnessed an argument between a wagon driver and a store owner. The store owner wanted the wagon driver to unload the goods into his store. The driver insisted, "I can't!" The store owner barked back. "It's not that you can't! It's that you don't want to!" The fight went on just like that but with ever increasing intensity and volume. "I can't!" "It's not that you can't! It's that you don't want to!" Then something happened.

The store owner quietly reached into his pocket and waved a few bills and said, "What if I offered you 50 zlotas? Would you be able to?" The wagon driver answered soberly, "I'll give it try." Reb Levi Yitzchok marveled that the wagon driver was indeed then quite capable of doing the job. It was not that he was not able it really was because he did not really want to. He also understood that that incident played out before his eyes, was to instruct him about his own circumstance. If he could only meditate on and deeply realize the true value of the accomplishment at hand then he could gain enough power leverage himself to do the impossible.

A story is told about a little shepherd boy who planted himself casually on the king's highway. Along came the king himself one day in his quadruple stretch limo and with the rest of his entourage. They came to a screeching halt in front of the shepherd who was absorbed in playing his flute. The attendees honked the royal horns gently and then more and more furiously. beeeeeeeep-beep- beep- beep- bpbpbpbpbpbpb- beeeeeeeep (Sounds familiar?) but he turned a deaf ear.

The servants were angered at his arrogance as the boy waved his hand uncaringly in their direction. They wished to flatten him at first but the king himself advised otherwise. He told them to open the car door and invite him in. The boy now gladly took the offer to go for a cruise in such a fine vehicle. Unaware he was seated right next to the king he persisted in his insolent ways. He used inappropriate language and gestures. He pulled on the king's beard and toyed with his crown. The king silently tolerated the insulting behavior.

When they came to a little hamlet there were signs welcoming the king and a small number of fans shouting with glee, "The King!" The car slowed down and they waved in acknowledgment. The shepherd boy asked them to wait for a few moments so he could see the king everyone was clamoring for. The same scene repeated itself on a bigger scale as they made their way through a larger city. When they arrived at the "big city" there were millions of people screaming excitedly, "The King!"

The shepherd boy became curious as to why they had

confronted so many celebrations in one day and why there had been no other cars in each of the parades. It suddenly dawned upon him the frightening fact that he had been sitting next to the king himself the whole time. He immediately fell with trembling to the feet of the king and begged for his life and for forgiveness. The king accepted his petitioning and pardoned him. So too on Rosh HaShana, to the extent an awareness of "The King" is awakened in our minds to that degree we will have gained a light with which to view our lives. In this way the process of "Teshuva" is first made meaningful. Obviously, we cannot express proper remorse until it becomes abundantly clear to us than before in front of Whom we stand. The Chovos Levavos writes, "Don't look at the size of the sin but rather the greatness of the One in front of Whom the sin was committed."

To the extent that we can realize this awesome notion, Teshuva is possible and change is automatic.

■ 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 Amarah? 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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■ 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)