



CONGREGATION TORAS CHAIM

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Sept 15-16, 2017 ■ 25 Elul, 5777 ■ Shabbos Nitzavim-Vayeilech
Mincha: 7P / Candlelighting: 7:14P ■ Shabbos Ends 8:21P

KIDDUSH this Shabbos is sponsored by Rebekkah Bodoff, l'ilui nishmas Dovid ben Bert—father of Rabbi Adam Jacobs, Managing Director of Aish HaTorah in New York—who was niftar this past week. **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.

■ SHABBOS SCHEDULE

Friday Night, Sept 15th

- » Mincha/Kabbalos Shabbos/Maariv – 7P
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Shabbos Day, Sept 16th

- » Shacharis followed by Kiddush – 8:30A
- » Chumash Shiur for men & women – 6:00P
- » Mincha/Shalosh Seudos for men (shul) – 7:00P
- » Shalosh Seudos for women & young children (Rich home) – 7:00P
- » Maariv/Shabbos Ends–8:21P
- » Selichos–1:25A

■ WEEKDAY SCHEDULE

- » Sunday Shacharis–8A
- » Weekday Shacharis–6:40A
- » Weekday Mincha/Maariv–7:10P

■ ROSH HASHANA SCHEDULE

EREV ROSH HASHANAH, WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

- » Selichos/Shacharis/Annulment of Vows: 6:00 AM
- » Eruv Tavshilin is made (See ArtScroll siddur, page 654)
- » Candlelighting: 7:08 PM
- » Mincha: 7:00 PM
- » Maariv: 7:45:00 PM
- » Yom Tov Kiddush

FIRST DAY ROSH HASHANAH, THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

- » Shacharis: 8:00 AM
- » Speech/Shofar: Not before 10:15 AM
- » Conclusion of Mussaf: 1:15 PM
- » Mincha: 6:30 PM
- » Tashlich followed by class: 7:00 PM (As a congregation men, women and children will depart from the shul at 7:00 PM to the bridge overlooking the creek on the Preston Ridge Trail.)
- » Candlelighting (From a pre-existing flame): Not before 8:14 PM
- » Maariv: 8:10 PM
- » Yom Tov Kiddush

SECOND DAY ROSH HASHANAH, FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

- » Shacharis: 8:00 AM
- » Speech/Shofar: Not before 10:15 AM
- » Conclusion of Mussaf: 1:15 PM
- » Candlelighting (From a pre-existing flame): Should light by 7:05 PM
- » Mincha/Abbreviated Kabbalos Shabbos/Maariv: 7:00 PM
- » Shabbos Kiddush

SHABBOS SHUVA, SEPTEMBER 23

- » Shacharis: 8:30 AM
- » Shabbos Shuva Drasha (for men & women): 5:50 PM
- » Mincha/Shalosh Seudos: 6:50 PM
- » End of Shabbos: 8:12 PM

TZOM GEDALYA (FAST OF GEDALYA), SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

- » Fast Begins: 6:03 AM
- » Selichos/Shacharis: 8:00 AM
- » Mincha: 6:50 PM
- » End of Fast: 8:02 PM

■ REFUAH SHELAIMA

Men

- » Dovid Chaim ben Tzipora (Brother-In-Law to Tami Ellis)
- » Aryeh Yisroel ben Chantza Rochel (Rabbi Aryeh Feigenbaum)
- » Menachem Mendel ben Sorah (Travis Katz)
- » Zoosav ben Lipke (Father of Suzanne Luftig)

- » Itai ben Shoshana (Son of Ehoud & Shoshana Wilson)

Women

- » Shoshana Elka bas Ettel Dina (Shoshana Strassman)
- » Fanna Leah bas Shulamis (Mother of Wes Sutkin)
- » Leah Esther bas Yenta Leah (Lori Jarmel)
- » Yenta Leah bas Shayna (Mother of Lori Jarmel)

■ WHAT'S NU

- » **Arba Minim for Succos:** Congregation Toras Chaim is proud to offer the best quality Arba Minim (Lulav & Esrog Sets) at very cheap prices. All qualities listed in the PDF Order Form are 100% kosher for use for all ages, including the Chinuch/Basic set. Every set is checked by a leading American poseik. Questions? Call Rabbi Yaakov Rich at (972) 835-6016 or email yrich@toraschaimdallas.org. Please attach check to the PDF form. Unfortunately orders cannot be accepted without full payment. Please make checks payable to Congregation Toras Chaim. **Prices:** Chinuch/Basic \$50, Standard \$65, Premium \$85, Deluxe \$100, Special Deluxe \$110, Upgrades: Deri Lulav \$20, Extra Haddasim \$10, Extra Aravos \$10.
- » **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.
- » **Amud Cover Dedication Opportunity:** Dear CTC Members & Friends: We have two beautiful Amudim (wooden podiums) in front of the shul (one for the Shaliach Tzibbur and one for the Rabbi) which remain uncovered. Here is an opportunity for someone to memorialize the names of loved ones on the two new velvet covers we will order for the Amudim, in time for the High Holidays. The cost is just \$3000 each. Pennies really considering the amount of merit received for supporting the shul. There is no more fitting and honorable way to give the neshama an aliyah than by embroidering their names on the Amud cover to be seen and read by all. Please contact Rabbi Yaakov Rich rabb@toraschaimdallas.org if interested.

■ WHAT WE HAVE TO LOOK FORWARD TO: RABBI LABEL LAM

You are all standing this day before HASHEM, your G-d the leaders of your tribes, your elders and your officers, every man of Israel, your young children, your women, and your convert who is within your camp both your woodcutters and your water drawers, that you may enter the covenant of HASHEM, your G-d, and His oath, which HASHEM, your G-d, is making with you this day, in order to establish you this day as His people, and that He will be your G-d, as He spoke to you, and as He swore to your forefathers to Avraham, to Yitzchok, and to Yaakov. But not only with you am I making this covenant and this oath, but with those standing here with us today before HASHEM, our G-d, and [also] with those who are not here with us, this day. (Devarim 29:9-14)

and [also] with those who are not here: also with future generations. — Rashi

The verse is speaking historically to those standing there at that time. Rashi tells us that the message is meant to reach future generations as well. Our sages recommend that the day of everyone standing together is Rosh HaShana, the Day of Din-Judgment. Maybe there's a different reference here to this day of all standing altogether.

With Rosh HaShana rapidly approaching and the Ten Days of Teshuva in sight, it may be worthwhile to mention a certain practical idea stated by Reb Tzadok HaKohen, that may keep us from throwing out the baby with the bathwater in a panic to “clean house”. He’s declares that when a person does Teshuvah- repents, then all the experiences he had, whether good or bad become useful in Serving HASHEM. How so?

Somebody who went through a terrible addiction can become a resource to help others regain their sanity. I spent so many years of my life pitching a baseball and perfecting my basketball shot, and then years later, miraculously mystically, students grant instant respect and open their hearts to listen deeply to words of Torah when they see I can still drain a three pointer. There are more examples too.

A friend of mine told that he heard from Rabbi Avigdor Miller ZTL that if someone wants to get a whiff, a sense of what the next world is about, it is detectable when you pass by a stadium and you hear the roar of the crowd. When I heard that it awoke and validated the real and deep meaning of an experience I had many times in my youth.

For many years my father used run the food concession at Yankee Stadium. I was treated often to being there for special occasions like Old Timers’ Day. They would call out on the loud speaker a host of retired “greats”. Each was met with an adoring applause as they ambulated onto the field waving to the crowd. Some reactions were bigger than others depending upon the size of the star but one name was met with the most incredible response. It made the whole experience worth the while when they would call upon the beloved Dodge catcher, Roy Campanella, who was crippled in a car accident and left unable to move his limbs. When his name was called and he was wheeled out onto the field, 65,000 people spontaneously stood on their feet and showered him with a twenty minute standing ovations. It was a giant wave of love and admiration. They-we all knew that we were breathing life into his broken body and his shattered spirit. It was a collective act of

supreme kindness that seemed would never end.

Similarly, I watched a brief video recently regarding a Sir Winton, an Englishman who save 669 Jewish children during the war. He found homes for them in England. He never breathed a word about this and then his wife discovered some documents and was able to realize what her husband had done for these young children. He is pictured sitting in a theatre unaware. Suddenly all the people around him rise and applaud him. These people are the children he saved, now as adults thanking him personally. It was stirring to witness. I sent this video to a friend who speaks all over the world and helps thousands of people. He sent me back a message immediately telling me how extremely moved he was. I told him that if we do it right in this lifetime, that’s a slice of what we have to look forward to.

■ PARSHA Q&A: NITZAVIM-VAYEILECH
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.

VAYEILECH

6. Moshe said, “I am 120 years old today. I am no longer able to go out and come in...” How do we know this does not refer to physical inability? 31:2 - Because verse 34:7 says “His (Moshe’s) eye never dimmed, and his (youthful) moisture never departed.”
7. Which of Moshe’s statements to Yehoshua was later contradicted by Hashem’s command? 31:7 - Moshe told Yehoshua to share his leadership with the Elders. Hashem later commanded Yehoshua to rule alone.
8. Why does the Torah refer to Succot of the eighth year as though it occurred during the shemita year? 31:10 - Because the laws of the seventh year still apply to the harvest.
9. Why does the Torah command that babies be brought to the Torah reading? 31:12 - To give reward to those who bring them.
10. What does it mean that Hashem “hides His face?” 31:17 - He ignores their distress.
11. What function does the song Ha’azinu serve? 31:21 - It warns what will befall the Jewish People if they abandon Torah.
12. Which verse promises that the Torah will never be totally forgotten? 31:21 - “For (the Torah) will not be forgotten from the mouth of their offspring.”

Good Shabbos

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■ CLASSES

» Hilchos Niddah for men (Sunday 7-8A)

» Parenting Chaburah for women (Sunday evenings)

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

» Sefer Zos Brisi for men (Monday evenings)

» Gemara Kesuvos for men (Sunday-Thursday evenings)

» Learn to Learn Gemara (Tue & Thur evenings)

» Rabbi Heller on the Parsha (Wed evenings)

» Chumash for men & women (Shabbos 60 mins before mincha)