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Candlelighting: 6:13 pm

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Friday, October 24

6:13pm Candlelighting
6:15pm Mincha

Shabbos, October 25

8:45am Shacharis @
Young Israel Social Hall
*Kiddush is sponsored by
the Shyken family in
honor of their son's
Bar Mitzvah.*

6:05pm Mincha / Shalosh Seudos
7:20pm Maariv

Sunday, October 26

9:15am Parsha Class
(R. Nisenbaum)
10:00am "The 613 Mitzvos"
(R. Stoll)

Monday, October 27

8:00 *Topics in Mussar -
Humility and the Inflated
Ego (R. Nisenbaum)*

Tuesday, October 28

8:00pm Tanna d'vei Eliyahu
(R. Stoll)

Wednesday, October 29

8:00pm Nach Still Speaks –
MISHLEI (R. Stoll)

Thursday, October 30

8:00pm Sefer HaChinuch: R. Stoll
10:15pm Parsha Class
(R. Nisenbaum)

Torah Podcast

Listen to Rabbi Nisenbaum's
"Torah Podcast" at Spotify, Apple
Podcasts, iHeartRadio, and more,
or download at
www.maverickpodcasting.com

Weekday Minyanim

7:00am Shacharis (M-F)
8:00am Shacharis (Sun)
10:00pm Maariv (Sun-Th)

Class Connection

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at all podcast locations

R. Stoll:
Zoom: 876-619-3551
Audio: 669-900-9128

Parsha: Noach

In the succeeding generations after Adam, immorality, theft and strife became rampant throughout society. As a result of man's degeneration, the very nature of the animals also degenerated. The corruption was so widespread that it polluted the very environment, and G-d decided that the world must be destroyed. He would send a flood to purify the whole world, destroying all the evil.

Only one righteous person existed, Noach, who deserved to be saved with his family. G-d instructed Noach to build an ark that would spare him, his family, and every species of animal from the flood. Noach was ordered to take pairs of all the different species of animals and birds into the ark to protect them from extinction. Seven pairs of certain animals were taken, to allow for them to be sacrificed after the flood.

G-d wanted Noach to involve himself in the tedious task of building a gigantic ark in order to attract the attention of others, and warn them that the world would be destroyed if they did not change their evil ways. Unfortunately, Noach did not exert much influence on his contemporaries, and nobody's behavior changed.

It rained for forty days and nights, but the floodwaters did not allow Noach to leave the ark for a

year's time. Throughout that time, Noach was responsible for feeding all the animals in the Ark. The world had been destroyed because of theft and strife, and it would now be rebuilt upon kindness. After the world was destroyed, G-d instructed Noach and the animals to be fruitful and multiply. G-d sent the rainbow as proof of a covenant that He would never again send a flood to destroy the world.

Unfortunately, even the experience of the flood did

not seem to have much of an effect on Noach's grandchildren. A few generations later, the people again began to slide, albeit in a more sophisticated manner. Man began to deny G-d's authority by building a great tower as a monument to his own strength, power, and independence.

This time too, G-d showed them the folly of their actions by thwarting their plans. Initially, all mankind had been one nation speaking the same language. He confused their communication with each other, thereby preventing them from working together. This was the source of

a single society becoming fractured into different nations and languages. Because unity had been the cause of their sin, G-d caused them to become dispersed.

Mazel Tov

Gary and Liat Shyken upon the Bar
Mitzvah of their son, Yehuda

Condolences

Stuart Mintz upon
the loss of his mother

Topics in Mussar

Mondays at 8pm beginning
October 27th

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Richard and Gilda Katz upon the
occasion of his mother's yahrzeit

Insights: Noach

Of every clean animal you shall take seven pairs, and of the animals that are not clean you shall take two... (Gen 7:2) The Midrash teaches that one should always speak in a refined manner, as we see the Torah uses extra verbiage to refer to an animal as unclean rather than tamei, defiled. Rav Shlomo Wolbe would warn his students to avoid using street language such as slang, since it detracts from a dignified character. He would not even refer to yeshiva students as bachurim, instead calling them b'nei yeshiva, because in Modern Hebrew the word bachur is often used to describe a boyfriend, in more of a romantic sense. Rav Wolbe felt that the usage of the word implied an element of coarseness for a yeshiva student and was to be avoided.

Did You Know?

Theft by a minor (under Bar or Bas Mitzvah) must be returned, although a minor is generally not accountable for his actions. If the stolen property is no longer in the world, it depends whether the child has consumed the item, such as a piece of food, in which case restitution must be made once he becomes an adult. If the item was lost, however, there is still a moral obligation to make restitution. A parent cannot be held responsible for the child's theft, regardless of whether the child is a minor or an adult. This also holds true for the child's damages.

Thought for the Week: *It is a silly fisherman that confuses the bait with the bite.*
(A Candle By Day)