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Parshas Noach
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Candlelighting: 6:39 pm

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Friday, October 8

7:00am Shacharis

6:39pm Candlelighting
6:40pm Mincha / Maariv

Shabbos, October 9

8:45am Shacharis
Kiddush is sponsored by R. Ephraim Nisenbaum in honor of Chasan Torah.

6:00pm Laws of Shabbos
6:30pm Mincha / Shalosh Seudos / Maariv

Sunday, October 10

8:00am Shacharis
9:15am **Parsha Class**
(R. Nisenbaum)
10:00am "The 613 Mitzvos"
(R. Stoll)

Monday, October 11

7:00am Shacharis
8:00pm **The Seven Prophetesses: Sarah** (2/9)

Tuesday, October 12

7:00am Shacharis
8:00pm **Avos D'Rav Nosson**
(R. Stoll)

Wednesday, October 13

7:00am Shacharis
8:00pm **Nach Still Speaks**
(R. Stoll)

Thursday, October 14

7:00am Shacharis
8:00pm **The 12 Jewish Months**
(R. Stoll)
in person, Zoom & audio
10:15pm **Parsha Class**
(R. Nisenbaum)

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Parsha: Noach

In the succeeding generations after Adam, immorality, theft and strife became rampant throughout society. As a result of man's degeneration, the animal life 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 society 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.

Sponsorship

This issue is sponsored by Richard and Gilda Katz upon the occasion of his mother's yahrzeit

Insights: Noach

All the days of the earth, the sowing season and the harvest season cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night will not cease. (Gen 8:22)

In the days preceding the first world war, many Jewish communal leaders held an emergency meeting in St. Petersburg to discuss the problems facing the Jews. One leader confided to the Chafetz Chaim, "The troubles increase daily. What will be at the end?"

"What do you mean 'What will be'? Moshiach will come, that's what will be!" the elderly sage said. "See, it is nighttime now. We will soon retire for the evening. We hope to wake up in the morning, although there is no guarantee. But we are certain that the sun will rise tomorrow. How do we know? After a certain number of years, a person's heart ceases to function. Perhaps the sun, too, will someday cease to rise. The answer is that the Torah says that night and day will not cease, and we trust the Torah. It could not be otherwise.

Many passages in Tanach describe the coming of Moshiach, as well. We trust those passages too. What will happen tomorrow we may not know. But we can be rest assured that Moshiach will yet come!"

Did You Know?

The Torah obligates all mankind to observe seven basic laws of morality. 1. Belief in G-d; 2. Do not blaspheme G-d; 3. Do not murder; 4. Do not commit adultery or incest; 5. Do not steal; 6. Set up a judicial system to legislate and enforce interpersonal law; and 7. Do not tear a limb off a living animal to eat, showing unnecessary cruelty. Although the first six of these laws were already obligatory upon Adam and Eve, the seventh law was not given to Adam and Eve, because man was not allowed to consume meat until after the Flood and it did not have much practical application. The laws are called the Noahide Laws because of the seventh law which was given to Noah. These laws are actually general categories including many specific laws.

Thought for the Week: Truth these days is at a premium—for lie insurance! (A Candle By Day)