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Candlelighting: 6:21 pm

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## Friday, October 20

6:21pm Candlelighting  
6:25pm Mincha / Maariv

## Shabbos, October 21

8:45am Shacharis  
*Kiddush is sponsored by  
Yossi Nisenbaum in honor  
of receiving Chosson  
Torah.*

5:45pm Laws of Shabbos  
6:15pm Mincha  
7:27pm Maariv

## Sunday, October 22

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

## Monday, October 23

8:00pm The Wisdom of Koheles -  
Chapter 2 (R. Nisenbaum)

## Tuesday, October 24

8:00pm Pirkei d'Rebbi Elazar  
(R. Stoll)

## Wednesday, October 25

8:00pm Nach Still Speaks -  
Tehillim (R. Stoll)

## Thursday, October 26

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](http://www.maverickpodcasting.com)

New episodes twice a week!

### Weekday Minyanim

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

### Class Connection

**R. Nisenbaum:**

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"The Torah Podcast" weekly  
at all podcast locations

**R. Stoll:**

Zoom: 876-619-3551

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## 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.

### Mazel Tov

*Michael & Tammy Post on the  
marriage of their son*

### Issue Sponsorship

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

## Insights: Noach

**The land was filled with theft... (Gen 6:11)** The rabbi at a yeshiva in New York would offer the bus driver a cup of coffee before he took the children home each day. The driver once told the rabbi, "You know, you aren't such a holy rabbi!" The rabbi asked him, "What is a 'holy rabbi?'" The driver related that he used to drive the bus for the Yeshiva of Brooklyn, where Rabbi Manis Mandel, the principal, would also offer him a cup of coffee. After a while he noticed that when the rabbi took milk, he poured it from a different carton. The driver asked Rabi Mandel what was special about the milk in the different carton. Rabbi Mandel laughed and explained. "My milk is no different than yours, but you see, the milk in the school is subsidized by the government. It's meant for the students, teachers, and employees of the school, such as yourself. However, as the dean of the school, I'm not comfortable using the government's money, so I bring my own milk from home for my coffee." The driver concluded, "Yes, Rabbi Mandel is a 'holy rabbi.'"

## Did You Know?

The rainbow represents different ideas. One the one hand, the Torah teaches that it is a reminder, as it were, that G-d will not destroy the world, even if man is remiss in his behavior. Thus, the rainbow is not something to be rejoiced and in fact one should not inform others to look at the rainbow, despite the fact that a blessing is cited over the rainbow. If he wants, however, he may signal to his friend to look at the rainbow in order to allow him to recite the blessing. The rainbow also represents G-d's glory, as seen in Ezekiel (1:28). For that reason, it is brought that one should not stare at the rainbow, much as one cannot see G-d. It is permitted, however, to merely look at the rainbow.

**Thought for the Week: We are alive to be thankful.** (A Candle By Day)