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Parshas Noach

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Candlelighting: 6:04 pm

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Friday, November 1

6:04pm Candlelighting
6:05pm Mincha / Maariv

Shabbos, November 2

8:45am Shacharis
*Kiddush is sponsored by
Rabbi & Mrs. Stoll*
5:55pm Mincha / Shalosh Seudos
7:10pm Maariv

Sunday, November 3

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

Monday, November 4

8:00pm Pathways to Prayer
(R. Nisenbaum)

Tuesday, November 5

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

Wednesday, November 6

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

Thursday, November 7

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

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Weekday Minyanim

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

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Parshas: 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.

Fall Back..

Clocks go back 1 hour
Motzei Shabbos

Condolences

To the Block & Roberts families
upon the loss of their
husband and father

Issue Sponsorship

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

Insights: Noach

...Let Us descend and confuse their language that they should not understand each other... (Gen 11:7)

Rav Levi Yitzchak of Berditchev once approached a person after davening. He said to the man, "B-zzz B-zzz." The man looked at the Rav uncomprehendingly, "Excuse me?" Rav Levi Yitzchak repeated himself. The Rav then gently admonished the man, "That is what your prayers sounded like! How do you expect Hashem to understand your words if you cannot even understand them yourself?" The man hung his head in shame. Later, after Rav Levi Yitzchak returned home, he heard his baby babbling. His wife turned to the baby, "Oh, you must be hungry! I'll bring you food in a moment." The Rav asked his wife, "How do you know the baby is hungry?" "A mother understands her baby's sounds," she replied confidently. "Oy!" Rav Levi Yitzchak cried, "I was mistaken! Even if a person may garble his prayers, but our Father in Heaven certainly understands his intentions." Rav Shalom Schwadron would repeat this story and remark, "Although it is true that Hashem may understand such prayers, but it is still much more embarrassing when an adult garbles his words like an infant."

Did You Know?

The Hallel prayer of thanksgiving is recited several times throughout the year. Most holidays the entire Hallel is recited, however on certain days an abridged version is said. The latter days of Pesach mark the drowning of the Egyptians and our joy and praise is thus muted a bit. Rosh Chodesh is only a minor holiday, and the abridged version is recited. There is an opinion that an individual not recite the Hallel on Rosh Chodesh, and in deference to this opinion one should be careful to say Hallel with the congregation. Even if one came late to services and found the congregation reciting Hallel, Hallel should be said before the other prayers.

Thought for the Week: *Most of our troubles result from not wanting to take the trouble.*
(A Candle By Day)