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Parshas Noach

פרשת נח

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ד' חשוון תשע"ג

Weekday Shiurim

Mussar Chabura: 15 mins before Shacharis.
 Mishna Brura: Mon and Wed after Maariv
 Ruach Chaim: Thursday at 10:15pm

Chevra Mishnayos

The Chevra Mishnayos is learning Seder Zeraim. Sign up on shul bulletin board or email eisenber@pol.net with your name and the masechta and chapters you intend to learn.

Bnos will meet from 3:30 to 4:30pm at LMS. Bnos is open to girls ages 3 years through 7th grade. Please don't forget to pay your yearly membership now. Contact Meira Friedman 610-617-9529 or dmf201@gmail.com.

Torah Youth from 3:30 to 4:30pm on the downstairs level of LMS. Grades K-8th. First one of the year! If you would like to help sponsor a Shabbos or want more information contact Rabbi Sruli Schwartz at Sruli@torahyouth.org or Rabbi Ari Silver at 610-6686-6833 or silverDollar@verizon.net

Shabbos Schedule



Light Candles:	5:56pm
Mincha and Kabbalas Shabbos:	5:56pm
Parsha Chaburah given by Richie Fine:	7:55am
Shiur on Sefer Tehillim with the Malbim's Commentary:	8:15am
Shacharis:	8:45am
Sof Zman Krias Shema:	10:01am
Shabbos Groups, upstairs, for ages 2 and up.	9:45am
Kiddush is co-sponsored by:	
Richie and Janis Fine to commemorate the yahrzeits of Richie's parents, Dovid ben Eliezer and Ita bas Eliyahu Asher.	
The Kupfer Family to commemorate the yahrzeit of Mendel's grandmother, Rivka Mindel bas Shmuel HaKohen.	
Israel and Inna Pendrak to commemorate the yahrzeits of Israel's father, Mendel ben Ezril Zelig HaKohen, and grandfather, Ezril Zelig ben Eliyahu HaKohen.	
May all these neshamas have an aliyah.	
Mincha:	5:40pm
Shalosh Seudos is community sponsored.	
Medical Halacha Shiur given by Dr. Daniel Eisenberg.	
Maariv:	6:58pm

Sun, Oct 21	Mon, Oct 22	Tue, Oct 23	Wed, Oct 24	Thu, Oct 25	Fri, Oct 26
Shacharis 8:00am Mincha/Maariv 5:55pm	Shacharis 6:40am Maariv 7:45pm	Shacharis 6:50am Maariv 7:45pm	Shacharis 6:50am Maariv 7:45pm	Shacharis 6:40am Maariv 7:45pm	Shacharis 6:50am Light Candles 5:47pm Mincha 5:47pm
5 Cheshvan	6 Cheshvan	7 Cheshvan	8 Cheshvan	9 Cheshvan	10 Cheshvan



- Mazel Tov to Russell and Chaya Lyons on the birth of a grandson, born to Yaakov and Michaela Lyons. Please note: the Bris will be be"H this Tuesday, 1:00 PM at the Philadelphia Community Kollel.
- Mazel Tov to Rabbi and Mrs. Lichtenstein on the birth of a grandson, born to Aryeh and Hindel Berman.

Thought of the Week

The opening parshiyot of the Torah portray a rather dismal picture of the human race and of our world generally. Everything noble and worthwhile seems to have spun away in a flood of vice, avarice, and murder. And this type of human behavior seems to have filtered down to the other forms of life on the planet as well.

The great flood described in this week's parsha can therefore be seen, so to speak, as a do-over, by God, of the time of creation. We all know the feeling that comes upon us when after working on a project for a period of time, when we become convinced of the project's failure and are aware of the need to start all over again from the beginning, we must discard all that had previously been invested in the endeavor.

But as the parsha indicates, there is little to choose between the world society before the flood and the one that emerged after the flood. So the Lord, so to speak, adopts a different tack. Though God is disappointed by human behavior, God never irrevocably despairs of humans, individually or collectively.

Now God will wait patiently until humans on their own, through their inner sense, seriously begin to search and find meaning and purpose in life. This search will inexorably lead to the Creator and a moral code of behavior. Noach, as great a person as he was, was unable to transmit to his descendants the necessary sense of self-morality and that inner drive for self-improvement and righteousness which he possessed.

Without that inner search for the Creator, no outside revelation or cataclysmic event, no flood or war or Holocaust, can achieve an improved moral climate in human society.

The parsha records for us God's commitment not to bring another flood upon humankind. Outside pressures and historic events, no matter how impressive and intense they may be, are not the ways to inspire and improve human behavior. A change of the human heart, a rethinking of life's meaning and mission, a yearning for spirit and eternity, is the proven method for achieving a more just and noble society.

That is clearly the message that all of the great prophets of Israel imparted to us. As we recently commemorated the conclusion of the seven-year daily learning cycle, an enthusiastic young man boasted to me how he had now "gone through" the Talmud. It brought to mind the sharp comment of one of the great Chasidic masters of earlier times who replied to such a boast from one of his followers: "Wonderful! But now the question remains how much of the Talmud has gone through you?!"

The lesson of this week's parsha, as it is the lesson of the Torah in its depth and entirety, is that the path to knowledge and service of God runs through one's own inner feelings, attitudes, ideals and commitments. The task of Jewish parenting and education is to impart this basic truism of life to the next generation. And as the Torah itself testifies, this ability to do so was what separated Avraham from Noach, and the Jewish people originally from the nations of the world.

Adapted from <http://torah.org/learning/rabbiwein/5773/noach.html> by Rabbi Berel Wein.

Community Announcements - Community Youth Spaghetti Dinner

The Youth Program at Lower Merion Synagogue supports Pirchei, Bnos, and other broader-community programs. Come support the LMS Youth Annual Spaghetti Dinner, Sunday October 28th, from 5 to 7pm.

New Gemora Shiur

Gemora Shiur by Rabbi Steinberg Shabbos Afternoons between Mincha and Maariv (except on weeks when there is YIML Shalosh Seudos – once a month). Studying the third chapter of Bava Metzia – Perek Hamafkid. Begins next Shabbos, Parshas Lech Lecha (Oct. 27th). An opportunity to learn one of the classic chapters in Nezikin with important insights of the Rishonim and Acharonim.

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