

Passionate Prayer

"For like the waters of Noach this shall this be to me" (Yeshayahu 54:9)

The Zohar (Vayikra) says that the flood was called "Mei Noach" – waters of Noach – because Noach was to blame for the flood. Even though he tried for 120 years to get people to repent, the fact that he didn't pray for the people of his generation caused him to be blamed for the flood.



The Daas Shraga asks why it was that despite Noach working for 120 years to try to get his generation to repent, he was blamed merely because he didn't pray for them. He answers this question with a reference to the Yomim Noraim. The Gemora in Rosh Hashanah tells us that through changing a name a person could avert an evil decree. There are those who explain that through prayer, a person can change who he is to the point that the evil decree does not apply to him anymore! This is what Noach should have done - if only he would have prayed to the point that the people would be changed, the flood could have been averted.

However, I would like to offer another explanation. There was a Rebbe in Los Angeles who after 30 years met a former student. When the student introduced himself, the Rebbe immediately said, "I know who you are!". He proceeded to state the student's Hebrew name as well as his mother's Hebrew name. The student was shocked and asked, "How do you have such a good memory?" The Rebbe said, "I don't have a good memory, but being that you were my student, not only did I daven for you when you were in my class, but I still daven for you today!" (In truth, I don't know if he davened for all of his students, or only certain ones, but either way, I believe we all have what to learn from this Rebbe.)

In last week's *parsha*, there is a verse that tells us that Kayin built a city and named it after his son Chanoch. This troubled me because at that time in history, there were not enough people to inhabit a city, so why build it?! The answer that I saw was that Kayin understood that killing his brother caused civic discord to such a degree that actions such as murder could happen again. The purpose of a city is so people come together with a unified vision and help each other thrive. This in turn causes brotherly love which would prevent another murder from happening.

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Lifecycles

Mazel Tov to **Rafael and Sara Schuster** on the Bar Mitzvah of their son **Shlomo Yehuda**. The Kehilla is invited to a Kiddush in honor of the Bar Mitzvah immediately after davening (men in the sukkah, women in the hall).

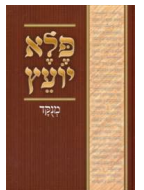


Mazel Tov to **Bentzion Tzvi and Tova Wechsler** on the Bar Mitzvah of their son **Shalom**. The *Aliyah l'Torah* will take place this Shabbos at The Gra shul (Shacharis 08:00). The Kehilla is also invited to a reception on Motza'ei Shabbos in the Gra Hall from 20:30



Pele Yoetz Shiur

Join Rav Zachariash each Shabbos afternoon 15 minutes before the last *mincha* for his shiur on **Pele Yoetz**. This week, the shiur will begin at 16:55 on continue on the topic *Zechirah*.



Shabbos Schedule Parshas Noach

לוח שבת פרשת נח

Erev Shabbos		ערב שבת
Mincha 1	13:30	מנחה א'
Candle Lighting	17:17/17:37	הדלקת נרות
Mincha 2	17:39	מנחה ב'
Sunset	17:57	שקיעה
Shabbos Day		יום השבת
Brachos	08:15	ברכות
Shochein Ad	08:45	שוכן עד
Latest Shema – M. A.	08:53	סוף זמן ק"ש למג"א
Latest Shema – G'ra	09:39	סוף זמן ק"ש לגר"א
Mincha 1	13:30	מנחה א'
Mincha 2	16:00	מנחה ב'
Pele Yoetz	16:55	פלא יועץ
Mincha 3	17:10	מנחה ג'
Sunset	17:56	שקיעה
Ma'ariv 1	18:33	מעריב א'
Ma'ariv 2	18:56	מעריב ב'

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Q&A: Holy Rec Room!

Q Moshe Khodadadian hosted a regular 10pm *maariv* in his sprawling basement in Great Neck Estates for all his neighbors but, during the day, his kids use the room as a "rec room" for games and other activities. Does this basement have the *kedusha* of a shul?

A No. The basement does not have the *kedusha* of a shul since it is not made for davening *only*. It is therefore classified as a "family rec room" and activities such as playing, sleeping, and eating may take place in this room.

Source: *Siman 154 M.B. 2*

Q&A: Tefillin Bag Bag

Q When Pinny Kagan took delivery of his first pair of tefillin, he also received a special plastic bag that was designed to hold his embroidered felt tefillin bag. Is Pinny permitted to use this plastic bag to store common objects?

Yes, Pinny may place items such as his extra change and breath mints in this plastic bag.

No, this plastic bag protects the tefillin, so it may only be used for holy things.

A Yes. The plastic bag is *only* protecting the tefillin bag, whereas the embroidered felt tefillin bag is protecting the tefillin. Therefore, the plastic bag is a *tashmish detashmish* and it is permitted to use it to hold ordinary objects such as coins and breath mints.

Source: *Siman 154 M.B. 6*

Stumped? Come to the Rav's Halacha Shiur on Tuesday nights to catch up on the halachas of Hilchos Beis Haknesses

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I see from here that possibly Noach understood that he had a job to do (to get the people to repent) and he did his job well. But he did not feel a **personal** obligation as a member of that society, for if he had felt so, he would have prayed for them too. An example of this which I would like to share is that it seems obvious to me that if a person had a sick child, not only would he seek out the best doctors, but he would also understand his obligation to pray. The Rebbe in the above example understood this, which is why he prayed for his students. However, Noach didn't understand that it was also his obligation to go this extra step and pray for the people. When a person has a feeling of urgency to the point that he prays for his friend, the friend will respond to that feeling more readily. Perhaps, had the people of Noach's generation felt that he was 'in it' with them, they would have responded better to his please for repentance.

As we start our new year, and we still have the euphoric feeling that we as a group merited an uplifting month of Tishrei, perhaps it would be proper for us not only to pray for our own families, but also for our kehilla and all of Klal Yisrael, for indeed we are all in this together!

Mazel Tov on the completion of Sefer Orchos Yosher!
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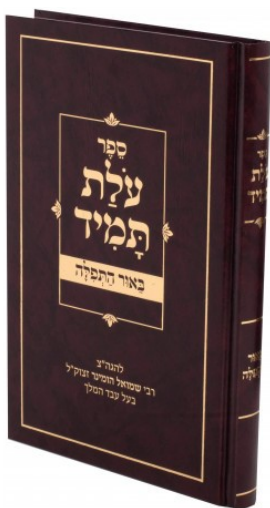
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Shiurim with the Rav

The Rav will be giving 2
shiurim this coming week:



SUNDAY 21:15: *Mishnayos*.

TUESDAY: 20:15 *Hilchos Beis Haknesses*

Both shiurim are given in shul and via ZOOM at this link:
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הזוהר (ויקרא) מסביר שהמבול נקרא "מי נח" כי נח הואשם בכך שהמבול בא. למרות שהוא ניסה במשך 120 שנה להביא אנשים לחזור בתשובה, העובדה שהוא לא התפלל עבור בני דורו היא הסיבה שהואשם במבול.

הדעת שרגא שואל מדוע למרות שנה עבד 120 שנה על בני דורו כדי שיחזרו בתשובה, האשימו אותו רק בגלל שהוא לא התפלל עבורם. הוא עונה עם התייחסות לימים נוראים. הגמרא בראש השנה אומרת לנו שבאמצעות שינוי שם יכול אדם לעצור גזירה רעה. יש המסבירים שגם באמצעות תפילה יכול אדם לשנות את מי שהוא עד כדי כך שהגזירה הרעה אינה חלה עליו יותר! זה מה שנה היה צריך לעשות - אילו רק היה מתפלל עד כדי כך שכל העם ישתנה, ניתן היה למנוע את המבול.

עם זאת, אני רוצה להציע הסבר נוסף. היה אדמו"ר בלוס אנג'לס שאחרי 30 שנה פגש את תלמידו לשעבר. כשהתלמיד הציג את עצמו, הרבי אמר מיד: "אני זוכר אותך!". הוא המשיך וציין את שמו העברי של התלמיד וכן את שם אמו. התלמיד היה המום ושאל, "איך יש לך זיכרון כל כך טוב?" הרבי אמר, "אין לי זיכרון טוב, אבל בהיותך תלמיד שלי, לא רק שהתפללתי עבורך כשהיית בכיתה שלי, אלא אני מתפלל עבורך עד היום!" (למען האמת, אני לא יודע אם הוא התפלל עבור כל תלמידיו, או רק חלק מהם, אבל כך או כך, אני מאמין שלכולנו יש מה ללמוד מהרבי הזה).

בפרשת השבוע שעבר יש פסוק על קין "ויהי בנה עיר ויקרא שם העיר כשם בנו חנוך" (בראשית ד:יז). זה הטריד אותי כי באותה תקופה לא היו מספיק אנשים לאכלס עיר, אז למה לבנות אותה? התשובה שראיתי הייתה שקין הבין שהריגת אחיו יכולה לגרום לעימות עד כדי כך שפעולות כמו רצח עלולות לקרות שוב. המטרה של עיר היא שאנשים יתאחדו עם מטרה מאוחדת ויעזרו זה לזה לשגשג. זה בתורו גורם לאהבת אחים שתמנע מרצח נוסף.

מכאן נראה שאולי נח הבין שיש לו עבודה לעשות (לגרום לעם לחזור בתשובה) והוא עשה את עבודתו היטב. אבל הוא לא הרגיש מחויבות אישית כחבר בחברה. כי אם היה מרגיש כך, גם היה מתפלל עליהם. דוגמה לכך שנראה לי ברור שאם למישהו היה ילד חולה, לא רק שהוא היה מחפש את הרופאים הטובים ביותר, אלא גם היה מבין את חובתו להתפלל.

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- On Erev Shabbos **Mincha Gedolah** changes to 12:30
- Shabbos Shacharis** changes to 08:00 (*Yishtabach* at 08:30)
- Shabbos **Mincha Gedolah** changes to 13:00
- The 16:00 Mincha on Shabbos is **cancelled**
- The last Shabbos Mincha is approximately 45 minutes before *shekiya*.

There are no other changes at this time.

Reminder: These changes will only begin *after* Shabbos!

Weekday times until Parshas Lech Lecha	ה' (Fri)	ה' (Thu)	ד' (Wed)	ג' (Tue)	ב' (Mon)	א' (Sun)	יום שחרית מנחה מעריב	זמנים לימי חול עד פרשת לך לך
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