

Our Mission

"And the Lord smelled the sweet savour; and the Lord said in His heart, I will not again curse the ground any more for man's sake; for the impulse of man's heart is evil from his youth; neither will I again smite any more everything living, as I have done." (Bereishis 8:21)

Hashem accepted Noach's offering with a guarantee that there will never be such devastation again.

The *Daas Shraga* asks: Why was his sacrifice so potent as to elicit such a strong positive response?

The *Zohar* teaches us that the flood is called "*Mei Noach*" – the waters of Noach - teaching us that if Noach had prayed for his generation, that could have averted the disaster which befell the world. Noach is therefore blamed, in a sense, for this catastrophe.

The following incident just happened this past week to a friend who teaches American boys here in Israel. His brother-in-law works for the IDF in intelligence, and as of recently, he was forced many times to spend extra hours at work, as some soldiers were not where they were supposed to be, and it is his obligation to be sure that he knows where all the people underneath him are all the time. On Simchas Torah, this brother-in-law had to go to the IDF office due to the situation, and when he came back home, my friend – who had already heard of the many security and military failures – was considering saying to him, "You guys in intelligence messed up." But he refrained from saying it because he knew that his brother-in-law would respond, "YOU GUYS messed up. If you would have been learning and praying as you were supposed to, this disaster would not have happened!"

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Lifecycles

Mazel Tov to Rav and Rebbetzin Zachariash on the birth of a grandson to their children Yehuda and Sara Ita Zachariash. The bris is scheduled for 09:30 Sunday morning in Jerusalem.



GROWTH THROUGH THE PARSHA

WITH
RAV ZACHARIASH
RESUMING THIS

**SUNDAY
OCT 22
20:15-21:00
SHUL HALL
FOR WOMEN**



ALL SHIURIM ARE RECORDED AND AVAILABLE ON AHAVASSHALOM.ORG

Pele Yoetz Shiur

Continuing this and every Shabbos afternoon, Rav Zachariash will give his shiur for men on **Pele Yoetz**. The shiur will meet each week in the **hall**, starting 15 MINUTES before the last *mincha*. This week, the shiur will begin at 17:05 on the topic **חמדה**.



Shabbos Schedule Parshas Noach

לוח שבת פרשת נח

Erev Shabbos		ערב שבת
Mincha 1	13:30	מנחה א'
Candle Lighting	17:25/17:45	הדלקת נרות
Mincha 2	17:47	מנחה ב'
Sunset	18:05	שקיעה
Shabbos Day		יום השבת
Brachos	08:15	ברכות
Shochein Ad	08:45	שוכן עד
Latest Shema – M. A.	08:51	סוף זמן ק"ש למג"א
Latest Shema – G'ra	09:36	סוף זמן ק"ש לגר"א
Mincha 1	13:30	מנחה א'
Pele Yoetz	17:05	פלא יועץ
Mincha 2	17:20	מנחה ב'
Sunset	18:04	שקיעה
Ma'ariv 1	18:41	מעריב א'
Ma'ariv 2	19:04	מעריב ב'

The Rav's Halacha Shiur is now learning the laws of Chol Hamoed. See if you know these basic halachas and get ready for Pesach! Question from RBSsemicha.com

Q&A: A Parrot Mess

Q At the Kagan clan's excursion to Jungle Island during chol hamoed Pesach, 13-year-old Avrummy was called to the stage during the parrot show and the trainer put a white cockatoo on his right shoulder. Avrummy loved it — until the parrot did his "business", soiling Avrummy's favorite shirt! "But I wanted to wear this tomorrow on the fishing trip with Grandpa Shmuel" cried Avrummy to his mother. "May we give it to the hotel laundry and have them clean it?" Is Avrummy permitted to wash his shirt on chol hamoed (or have a gentile wash it)?



A No. The Rabbis forbid laundering clothes on chol hamoed, lest someone enter the Yom Tov with dirty clothes, saying "I will do the wash on chol hamoed when I will have lots of free time." Only the clothing of very small children — which is constantly getting soiled — may be laundered on chol hamoed. If Avrummy does not have any other shirts, he has the option of going to the Towne Center Mall and buying a new shirt there. OC 534 M.B. 1

Q With all the guests coming and going in Harry Brochstein's home over Sukkos, the dirty hand and bath towels began to pile up. Is Leah Brochstein permitted to wash these towels over chol hamoed? What do the M.B. and A.H. hold?

A M.B.: Washing clothing is forbidden on chol hamoed, and towels are included in this prohibition.

A.H.: Washing hand and bath towels is permitted on chol hamoed, as they get dirtied very quickly. Therefore, even if Mrs. Brochstein knows that she may wash all her towels on chol hamoed, she will still wash them before Yom Tov (as Chazal wanted) and will then have to wash them again after a few days. OC 534 M.B. 4

New Mesechta Amud Yomi

On Alef Cheshvan (Monday, October 16th) we started learning Maseches Kiddushin IY"H

Amud Yomi is given over in a reasonable speed, allowing time for questions and answers. It's your chance to learn Kiddushin and know it!



Sun-Thurs. mornings 09:25-10:25 in the Ezras Nashim. Too busy? Watch it on TorahAnytime.com or ZOOM!

Maggid Shiur, Rabbi Akiva Teichtal
teichtal@ahavasshalom.org

אבות ובנים

Avos Ubanim
16:25-17:25

Boys aged 3-7 ½ hour; 7+ 1 hour

Pictures from the special AuB TEHILLIM GATHERING followed by ICE CREAM!



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I once heard about a doctor who had the following complaint: "Many of my patients are religious Jews, and when I am successful in treating or operating on them, they say 'Yishtabach shemo! Thank you for being Hashem's messenger!' Yet, when I am unsuccessful, they tend to blame me as if I did something wrong.



Why is there this inconsistency?" I believe that this doctor has amplified on part of our human nature. When something goes wrong, we look for a scapegoat. In reality we should understand that the doctor, whether or not he was successful, is always an emissary of Hashem.

These two stories don't mean that we should not fight our enemies, nor that we should avoid doctors. We do have to act responsibly based on the world in which we live. But ultimately, the success of these actions are up to the will of Hashem.

Let us go back to our *parsha*. Whose fault is it that the flood happened? Was it Noach or Noach's generation? Noach went through a process for a full year seemingly being 'demoted', as he was taking care of animals instead of people. But because of doing this *chesed* of caring for other beings, Noach was a far greater person after the flood than he was before the flood. That year of *chesed* elevated him to the point that his offering upon leaving the ark became a gamechanger, and elicited a response from Hashem so great that we benefit from it even today.

I believe that at this time it is our obligation to learn from Noach's mistake and his subsequent self-improvement. If we pray with greater *kavana* and really care about others, our offerings to Hashem through our Torah, *tefillah* and *ma'asim tovim*, can also be gamechangers. This can lead us to our ultimate destination, not only winning the current war and making sure that such atrocities don't happen again, but even to bring the *geula shelayma*, speedily in our times, without any more harm to any Jews.

המשך מעמוד 4

התורה, התפילה והמעשים טובים שלנו יכולים להיות משמעותיים הרבה יותר, ויכולים להוביל אותנו, לא רק לנצח במלחמה הנוכחית ולוודא שטרור כזה לא יחזור על עצמו, אלא אפילו להביא את הגאולה השלמה, במהרה בימינו, ושלא יהיה עוד צער לאף יהודי.

Share a Simcha?

Need a Refuah?

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Consider sponsoring **Netziv Hayom** at Ahavas Shalom, and all the learning in our Beis Medrash for one day will be in the merit of your choosing.

Sponsorship is just 120 ₪.

To sponsor a day please contact netziv@ahavasshalom.org.



Yeshivas Bein HaZmanim

Another very successful Yeshivas Bein HaZmanim has come to an end. Many boys kept the learning going strong in our Beis Medrash from the day after Yom Kippur, throughout Sukkos, and even while sirens were going off!

Thank you to our sponsors who helped to make this so successful:

- Rav Zechariash shlit"a
- Crystal Iruim
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- Rabbi Eliyahu Jacobs
- Reb Yehuda Gross
- and a host of friends of Yeshivas Bein Hazmanim!



Mi Shebeirach for Cholim

If you have *cholim* that you would like the Gabbai to mention during Shabbos day davening, please submit these names via email to Mrs. Zakoo at office@ahavasshalom.org by **Thursday at 12:00** (Please write the Hebrew names using Hebrew letters). This will help to save some time and enable the flow of the Shabbos service to remain consistent. The list was erased for Rosh Chodesh Cheshvan, and so if necessary please resubmit any names.



Shiurim with the Rav

The Rav will be giving 2 shiurim this coming week:

SUNDAY 21:15: *Mishnayos*.

TUESDAY: 20:15 *Hilchos Chol Hamoed* (534)

Both shiurim are given in shul and via ZOOM at this link: cutt.ly/AhavasshalomZoom

Shiurim are archived at ahavasshalom.org/youtube



Fulfill YOUR Chosson Torah Pledge

Thank you to all the people who made pledges towards the Rav's Chosson Torah Aliyah. OVER THIRTY-FIVE HUNDRED shekels were pledged...

...but there is close to 3000 ₪ unpaid!

Don't let this opportunity slip away. Please fulfill your pledges from Simchas Torah now so we can give honor to our Rav.

Here is how you can fulfill your pledge:

- Contact Aryeh Beer (050) 418-8669 or 02-992-0578. Reb Aryeh can even accept your payment via credit card on the phone.
- Nedarim Plus terminal near front door
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Reminder: If you have been contacted by Mrs. Zakoo regarding outstanding pledges, when you send her proof of payment, please also include a note specifying *which* pledge you fulfilled so she can apply the funds properly.

Rain Reminder

Begin saying

ותן טל
ומטר לברכה

in *birkas hashanim*

on Motza'ei Shabbos



Keeping up with the Times!

Because sunrise is so late, the time for the first shacharis has been adjusted by a few minutes. This will continue until Sunday Oct 29 when the clocks are set back.

Weekday times until Parshas Lech Lecha	ו' (Fri)	ה' (Thu)	ד' (Wed)	ג' (Tue)	ב' (Mon)	א' (Sun)	יום שחרית	זמנים לימי חול עד פרשת לך לך
	06:30, 07:15, 08:15	06:30, 07:15, 08:10	06:29, 07:15, 08:10	06:28, 07:15, 08:10	06:27, 07:15, 08:10	06:26, 07:15, 08:10	מנחה	
	13:30, 17:40	13:00, 15:15	13:00, 15:15	13:00, 15:15	13:00, 15:15	13:00, 15:15	מעריב	
	*Hall	19:00, 21:00	19:00, 21:00	19:00, 21:00	19:00, 21:00	19:00, 21:00		

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משולחנו של הרב אברהם ברוך זכריש

המשימה שלנו

וַיֵּרָא ה' אֶת-יְרֵיחַ הַגִּיחָת וַיֹּאמֶר ה' אֶל-לֵוִי לֹא-אֶסֶף לְקַלֵּל עוֹד אֶת-הָאֲדָמָה בְּעֶבֶר הָאָדָם כִּי יֵצֵר לִב הָאָדָם רָע מִנְעֻרָיו וְלֹא-אֶסֶף עוֹד לְהַכּוֹת אֶת-כָּל-לֶחִי כְּפֶאֱשֶׁר עָשִׂיתִי: (בראשית ח:כב)

ה' קיבל את קורבנו של נח עם הבטחה כה חזקה. הדעת שרגא שואל: מדוע הקרבן שלו היה כה גדול באופן שעורר תגובה חיובית כה חזקה?

הזוהר מלמד אותנו שהמבול נקרא "מי נח", כי אם נח היה מתפלל על דורו, זה היה יכול למנוע את האסון הזה שהחריב את העולם. לכן נח, במובן מסוים, אשם בגרימת המבול.

הסיפור הבא קרה רק השבוע. יש לי חבר שהוא ר"מ בישיבה אמריקאית כאן בישראל. גיסו עובד בצה"ל במודיעין. לאחרונה הגיס נאלץ פעמים רבות לעבוד שעות נוספות, שכן חלק מהחיילים לא היו במקום שהם אמורים להיות, ובאחריותו להיות בטוח היכן נמצאים כל האנשים תחתיו כל הזמן. בשמחת תורה, נאלץ הגיס הזה ללכת ללשכת צה"ל עקב המצב, וכשהוא חזר הביתה, חבר שלי שקל להגיד לו "אתם במודיעין פישלתם". אבל הוא נמנע, כי ידע שגיסו יגיב, "אתם פישלתם. אם הייתם לומדים ומתפללים כפי שהייתם אמורים, האסון הזה לא היה קורה!"

שמעתי פעם על רופא שהיתה לו התלונה הבאה: "רבים מהמטופלים שלי הם חרדים ודתיים, וכשהטיפול או הניתוח שלי מצליח, הם אומרים 'ישתבח שמו' - תודה שהיית שליח נאמן של ה'! ובכל זאת, כשאני לא מצליח, הם נוטים להאשים אותי כאילו עשיתי משהו לא בסדר. מאיפה חוסר העקביות הזה?" לדעתי הרופא הזה זיהה חלק מהטבע האנושי שלנו. כשמשהו משתבש, אנחנו מחפשים "שעיר לעזאזל". באמת שעלינו להבין שהרופא, בין אם הוא הצליח ובין אם לאו, הוא תמיד שלוחו של ה'.

המסר הוא לא שאנחנו לא צריכים להילחם באויבים שלנו, או להימנע מללכת לרופאים. עלינו לפעול באחריות בהתאם לעולם בו אנו חיים. אבל בסופו של דבר, הצלחת המלחמה או הרפואה תלויות ברצון ה'.

נחזור לפרשתנו. האם המבול היה אשמת נח או בני דורו? נח עבר תהליך במשך שנה שלמה, שלכאורה 'ירד בדרגה', שכן הוא טיפל בבעלי חיים במקום בבני אדם. בגלל עשיית החסד הזה של טיפול בבעלי חיים אחרים, נח היה אדם גדול בהרבה לאחר המבול ממה שהיה לפני המבול. זה העלה אותו לרמה שאחר כך הקרבן שלו הפך להרבה יותר משמעותי ועורר תגובה כה גדולה מה' כה שאנו נהנים ממנה גם עד היום.

אני מאמין שבתקופה הזאת מחובתנו ללמוד מהטעות של נח ומהשיפור העצמי שלו לאחר מכן. אם נתפלל ביותר כוונה, ובאמת נדאג לאחרים, גם ה"קרבתנו" שלנו לה' -

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