



CONGREGATION TORAS CHAIM

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Oct 24-25, 2014 ▪ 1 Cheshvan, 5774 ▪ Shabbos Noach
Candlelighting: 6:25P ▪ Shabbos Ends 7:33P

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■ REFUAH SHELAIMA

MEN

- » Yitzchok ben Klara (Mechutan to Sandy Kadish)
- » Yoseif Yitzchok ben Yehudis Chaya (Brother in Law of Yoseif Meir Rich)
- » Mattisyahu Chaim ben Ettel (HaRav Mattisyahu Solomon)

WOMEN

- » Brocha bas Sora (Mother of Hadassah Klug)
- » Yenta Leah bas Shayna (Mother of Lori Jarmel)
- » Chava Fruma bas Bryna (Mother in Law of Sandy Kadish)
- » Ella bas Naomi (Cousin of Naomi Goldberg)

■ WHAT'S NU AT CTC

- » **Mazel Tov to Ehoud & Shoshana Wilson:** Mazel Tov to CTC members Ehoud & Shoshana Wilson on the engagement of their daughter, Ela to Akiva O'Connor of Denver, CO. Mazel Tov to the entire Wilson and O'Connor families.
- » **Supercharge Your Sunday:** Start your Sunday out right by joining us for Shacharis and then participating in a new, shiur for men, with R' Noach Klug that will take place immediately after davening. Coffee and tea will be provided. The shiur will be only approximately 45 minutes, so you will still have plenty of time left in your Sunday morning (and day) to attend to other important activities in your schedule. And you will feel great, knowing that you have started out your day in the best possible way, by davening with a minyan (and helping to make a minyan) as well as filling your neshama with Torah and spending time with friends. What better way to start out 5775 and show Hashem that we really want to grow this year than with this type of schedule? **The shiur will be on Hilchos Shabbos and Hilchos Orach Chaim (rules of daily living) with an emphasis on textual learning and will finish with a mystical vort on the weekly Parsha.** The shiur will focus on those areas of Halacha that are most commonly unknown or misunderstood. It will suit learners from basic to advanced because there will be something for everyone in the shiur.
- » **12th Annual Worldwide Event for the Yahrtzeit of Rachel Imeinu (for women & girls):** "In a Time of Open Miracles, What Can We Do?" Rebbitzin Tehila Jaeger and Rebbitzin Tzipora Heller. Nov 1, 2014, 9 PM Melava Malka, Bodenheimer home, 17909 Carrollwood Dr. 75252. Contact Yael Bodenheimer (201) 527-7880. Suggested minimum donation \$5.

» **The Art of Digital Scrapbooking** with Tricia Sutkin. A Project of the CTC Sisterhood. This is the CTC Sisterhood Kickoff Event. Join us for our first monthly Rosh Chodesh Schmooze.

- When? Every Rosh Chodesh, 8:00 PM
- Where? Tricia Sutkins home, 7335 Briarnoll
- What? This month Tricia will teach us the simple and time-saving savvy of learning to scrapbook instantly with your Smartphone or iPad! Bring your devices with the free app, Picframe, preloaded. Join us for fellowship even if your phones aren't smart :) More details to follow.

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■ THE DIN OF THE DIN: RABBI LABEL LAM

And HASHEM saw that the evil of man was great in the earth, and every imagination of his heart was only evil all the time. And HASHEM regretted that He had made man upon the earth, and He became grieved in His heart. And HASHEM said, "I will blot out man, whom I created, from upon the face of the earth, from man to cattle to creeping thing, to the fowl of the heavens, for I regret that I made them." But Noach found favor in the eyes of HASHEM. These are the generations of Noah, Noah was a righteous man he was perfect in his generations; Noah walked with G-d. (Breishis 6:5-9)

What was the Noach's secret? How was it that he was the one in a corrupt world who found favor in the eyes of HASHEM? We have just few threads of information with which to weave a portrait of his character. Our sages tell us he was called an "Ish Menucha" - a man of leisure, so to speak. Actually his name, Noach, means restfulness or calmness of spirit. What had he done to earn himself that title? It seems he had invented the plow which increased the yield of farm production and as a byproduct partially lifted the curse of "by the sweat of your brow shall you eat" gifting mankind with relaxation and plentitude. With this gift of time and abundance the large part of humanity fell into the trap of self-indulging to a nasty and brutish degree. They actually found no "Menucha", only an insatiable and addictive appetite for more. Yet Noach remained an "Ish Menucha".

Noach was like Shabbos in persona. He was an Ish Menucha. Shabbos is a Yom Menucha- a day of relaxation. The purpose of life is not to work but the purpose of working is to be able to live. This is never made so clear than on the day of Shabbos. Noach lived, in a certain way, a life of Shabbos. How so? Didn't he work hard building an Ark!? He did not sit idle a whole day! In what way, then, was he an "Ish Menucha"?

Pardon the crude sports analogy but I do believe it works. Imagine, pick the sport, it's the NBA- basketball final game. It's the 7th and final contest. You have worked your whole life for this

moment. Your team is down by one point with seconds to go. In moments you and your dreams will be sent to the locker room. You manage to get your hands on the ball and you have a clear lane to the hoop. As the clock expires and as you are rising to the basket an opposing defender fouls you. The referee blows the whistle and you are now granted two free foul shots.

There is no time on the clock. All the players have left the court. It is you alone on the foul line fifteen feet away from the basket. The game is in the other team's arena. The crowd is rowdy and ultra-obnoxious, and they are doing everything in their group power to distract, disturb, and destabilize your abilities. If you hit both shots, you are a hero, forever! If you hit one, the game is tied and your team has a second chance in overtime. If you miss both, you will be portrayed and remembered as a failure in every sports column around the world. How do you retain your composure? How do you keep your focus and do with skill that which you have practiced millions of times? Not so easy! To be successful you must be and remain and have practiced being an "Ish Menucha".

We sing on Friday Night, a Shabbos Song that promises, "Anyone who rejoices in Shabbos will be spared of the birth pangs of Moshiach..." If in a dizzying paced, distracting, and even dangerous world a person can take a giant step back and now from the eye of the storm, delight with HASHEM on Shabbos, unaffected, even for a period of time, it produces a certain sanity and a calmness of spirit that can ultimately rescue him. Like that little ark in a swirling ocean of destructive waters, Noach, and all who delight in the spiritual respite that Shabbos affords, can with a boundary of silence, drown out the din of the din.

■ PARSHA Q&A: NOACH

1. Which particular sin sealed the fate of the flood generation? 6:13 - Robbery.
2. Why did Hashem tell Noach to build an ark, as opposed to saving him via some other method? 6:14 - So that people would see Noach building the ark and ask him what he was doing. When Noach would answer, "Hashem is bringing a flood," it might encourage some people to repent.
3. The ark had three levels. What function did each level serve? 6:16 - The top level housed the people, the middle level housed the animals, and the bottom level, the refuse.
4. What indication do we have that Noach was familiar with the Torah? 7:2 - Hashem told him to take into the ark seven of each kosher-type animal, and two of each non-kosher type. "Kosher" and "non-kosher" are Torah concepts.
5. Why did Hashem postpone bringing the flood for seven days? 7:4 - To allow seven days to mourn the death of Metushelach.
6. Why did the first water of the flood come down as light rain? 7:12 - To give the generation a chance to repent.
7. What did people say that threatened Noach, and what did Hashem do to protect him? 7:13,15 - People said, "If we see him going into the ark, we'll smash it!" Hashem surrounded it with bears and lions to kill any attackers.

8. What grouping of creatures escaped the punishment of the flood? 7:22 - The fish.
9. How deeply was the ark submerged in the water? 8:4 - Eleven amot.
10. What did the olive branch symbolize? 8:11 - Nothing. It was a leaf, not a branch. (The olive leaf symbolized that its better to eat food "bitter like an olive" but which comes directly from Hashem, rather than sweet food provided by humans.)
11. How long did the punishment of the flood last? 8:14 - A full solar year.
12. A solar year is how many days longer than a lunar year? 8:14 - Eleven days.
13. When did humans receive permission to eat meat? 9:3 - After the flood.
14. What prohibition was given along with the permission to eat meat? 9:4 - The prohibition of eating a limb cut from a living animal.
15. Why does the command to "be fruitful and multiply" directly follow the prohibition of murder? 9:7 - To equate one who purposely abstains from having children to one who commits murder.
16. Name two generations in which the rainbow never appeared. 9:12 - The generation of King Chizkiyahu and the generation of Shimon bar Yochai.
17. Why did Noach curse Canaan specifically? Give two reasons. 9:22,24 - Because Canaan is the one who revealed Noach's disgrace to Cham. And because Cham stopped Noach from fathering a fourth son. Thus, Noach cursed Cham's fourth son, Canaan.
18. Why does the Torah call Nimrod a mighty hunter? 10:9 - He used words to ensnare the minds of people, persuading them to rebel against Hashem.
19. The sin of the generation of the dispersion was greater than the sin of the generation of the flood. Why was the punishment of the former less severe? 11:9 - They lived together peacefully.
20. Why was Sarah also called Yiscah? 11:29 - The word "Yiscah" is related to the Hebrew word "to see." Sarah was called Yiscah because she could "see" the future via prophecy. Also, because of her beauty, everyone would gaze at her.

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- WEEKLY CLASSES (see website for more detail)
- » Morning Gemara Megillah for men (M-Fr, 6-6:35A)
- » Not Quite Daf HaYomi for men (Sunday-Thursday 8-9P)
- » Chumash for men & women (Shabbos one hr before mincha)
- » Hilchos Taaruvos for men (Sunday 6:30-8:00A)
- » Supercharge Your Sunday for men (Sunday after Shacharis for 45 mins. with R' Noach Klug)
- » Marriage Made in Heaven for men (Monday 7:15-8:00P)
- » Marriage Made in Heaven for women (Tuesday 7:15-8:00P)

All classes at 7103 Mumford Ct., except where indicated