



CONGREGATION TORAS CHAIM

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October 16-17, 2015 ■ 4 Cheshvan, 5776 ■ Shabbos Noach
Candlelighting: 6:35P ■ Shabbos Ends 7:41P

Kiddush this Shabbos is sponsored by Noach & Hadassah Klug in honor of the recent birth of their daughter, Yocheved Miriam. Shalosh Seudos this Shabbos is sponsored in honor of the NQ Daf HaYomi shiur recently completing Masechta Beitza. Please contact Rabbi Yaakov Rich at 972-835-6016 if you are interested in sponsoring kiddush or shalosh seudos in the future.

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■ REFUAH SHELAIMA

MEN

- » Dovid Aharon ben Devorah (David Wills)
- » Yisroel Michoel ben Shulamis (Father of Chani Tkatch)
- » Yechiel Mordechai ben Devorah (Brother of Ken Jarmel)
- » Itai ben Shoshana (Son of Ehoud & Shoshana Wilson)
- » Yoseif Yitzchok ben Yehudis Chaya (Brother in Law of Yoseif Meir Rich)
- » Mattisyahu Chaim ben Ettl (HaRav Mattisyahu Solomon)

WOMEN

- » Brocha bas Sora (Mother of Hadassah Klug)
- » Yenta Leah bas Shayna (Mother of Lori Jarmel)

■ WHAT'S NU AT CTC

- » **CTC's Year of the Family: MARRIAGE** Jewish marriage is not merely a secular legal partnership, but a union sanctified by Hashem. Marital obligations, therefore, are not merely personal, but have implications for universal harmony. The existence of Hashem as a "silent partner" in Jewish marriage endows a relationship with sanctity and solemn commitment. **CHILDREN** Picture respectful, responsible, obedient children who entertain themselves without television or video games, do their own homework, and have impeccable manners. A pie-in-the-sky fantasy? Not so. Any parent who so desires can grow children who fit that description—happy, emotionally-healthy children who honor their parents and their families with good behavior and do their best in school and yeshiva, making you, the Jewish people and Hashem proud. **PARENTS** Honoring parents is the ultimate expression of appreciation. This mitzvah does not depend on what your parents did for you, or even whether they were good parents. Rather, we honor parents simply because they gave us the gift of life. **THIS YEAR**, the Shabbatonim, Shiurim, and Speeches will focus on the development of these three pillars of family life, with the hope that with constancy and consistency in learning these topics we will grow in our relationships to live fuller, happier and more meaningful lives.
- » **Mekadshei Shevii:** As promised before the High Holidays, those boys who successfully fulfilled the requirements of participating in Shabbos morning and High Holiday davening have been invited to Rabbi Rich's for a Sunday afternoon BBQ. **Mazel Tov to the boys. They include Avi, Meir and Yaakov Tzvi Tkatch; Shmuel Ekshtut; Samuel and Zevi Sutkin; Yehoshua, Shmuel Dov, Yonatan and Mati Harper; Avrohom Shmuel Klug; Kalman Zev Nise; and Yaakov Zevi Krycer.**

- » **We Want Your Shaimos** This Monday, October 19, Congregation Toras Chaim is breaking up and filling in their swimming pool, thereby providing our precious children with an area to run and play. Concurrently, we are making available to the entire community the ability to dropoff and bury your shaimos. The cost is just \$10 per plastic garbage bag filled with shaimos. We prefer the shaimos delivered in green garbage bags. If you have a question about what requires burial, or how it should be buried (Sifrei Torah, Neviim and Kesuvim have special halachos) please contact Rabbi Yaakov Rich at (972) 835-6016. **DROPOFF Dropoff for burial is at Congregation Toras Chaim, 7103 Mumford Ct., Dallas, TX 75252, Sunday, October 18 any time during the day.** Please leave your bag(s) on the dirt area adjacent to the driveway in the back of the shul, just outside the fence. The cost is \$10/bag whether it is full or not. If no one is there to accept your shaimos please your bag(s) in the back and your check or cash in an envelope and place in our mailbox. We will be working on the honor system at that point, and trust everyone will pay proper amount, that is \$10/bag full or not. **QUESTIONS** Please call Rabbi Yaakov Rich at (972) 835-6016 or email at rabbi@toraschaimdallas.org.
- » **The Shabbos Project: October 22-24, 2015** The Shabbos Project is simply about accessing the experience of keeping Shabbat once, together, as Jews around the world. The inspiring gift that Shabbat is – both for ourselves and our families – emerges only when we live out Shabbat practically, in a real and experiential way. Congregation Toras Chaim will participate in every way possible with this world-wide event. For information please contact Bluma Ekshtut at drbluma@gmail.com. **THURSDAY NIGHT, OCTOBER 22, 2015 WILL BE A CITY-WIDE CHALLAH BAKE AT THE JCC.** Please make every effort to attend and show support. See graphic below for details. >> Register Here so they know how many people to prepare for. **FRIDAY NIGHT, OCTOBER 23, 2015 WE ARE ASKING ALL MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF CTC TO PLEASE INVITE DINNER GUESTS FROM OUTSIDE OUR COMMUNITY SO THEY TOO CAN EXPERIENCE THE BEAUTY OF SHABBOS.** We are asking everyone to complete their meals by 9:30 PM and join together in the shul for a festive Oneg Shabbos, complete with divrei Torah, desserts and of course L'Chaims! **MOTZEI SHABBOS, SATURDAY NIGHT, OCTOBER 24, 2015 IS THE CITY-WIDE UNITY CONCERT AT THE JCC.** Please make every effort to attend and show support. See graphic below for details. >> Order Tickets Here. It is open to all. General admission is free.
- » **Fulfilling Pledges** Fulfilling a pledge made this past High Holiday season, either a commitment to attend minyan, join a shiur, start a chavrusa, or a financial pledge, has never been simpler. For starters we have three daily minyanim with plenty of empty seats. In addition, shiurim are in full swing. Please speak with Rabbi Rich about which might be appropriate for you. If you are looking for a chavrusa, Rabbi Rich is happy to match you with someone. Lastly, if are wondering how to pay your financial commitment, well, **just go to <https://www.fidelipay.com/toras-chaim>, fill out the form and hit Process Payment.** Now that was easy!

■ THE LIGHTS GET LIGHTER YET: RABBI LABEL LAM

There were ten generations from Adam to Noach. This is to teach us the extent of G-d's tolerance; for all these generations angered Him, until He brought upon them the waters of the Flood. There were ten generations from Noach to Avraham. This is to teach us the extent of G-d's tolerance; for all these generations angered

Him, until Abraham came and reaped the reward for them all. (Pirke Avos 5:2)

In just a few sweeping brushstrokes, this Mishne in Pirke Avos, chronicles of the saga of the original twenty generations of human history. It was a very sad chapter indeed. The nagging question though is why this slice of antiquity is at all relevant today. That was the ancient past and now is new and different. Why does the Torah invest precious and holy ink on these chapters? The Torah is not a history book! It is a teaching book!

The Talmud in Sanhedrin and the Tanna D'bei Eliahu both record the following important piece of information that helps give a framework to everything that is going on. They inform us that world history is divided into three groups of two thousand years. The first two are called "Tohu v' Vohu" - "void and nothingness". The second two are titled "the two thousand years of Torah". The third is named the "epoch of Moshiach!"

Let us begin to put the puzzle together, literally and figuratively. What does it mean that the first two thousand years were Tohu v' Vohu- void and nothingness! Did not the Almighty create a marvelous universe!? Did He not crown the creation with man in whom He breathed the Divine breath of life!? What's void and empty about that? Exactly! Imagine a perfectly white and pure like a snow landscape. That was the world! Clear and bright and glowing with the obvious goodness of the G-d Who created it! In the center of that pristine scene is one ink black dot. The Creator gave man clear instructions not to touch that black dot that button of destruction. It happened!

Tell a kid not to put a marble in his nose and suddenly it's an enchanting idea. Who knows!? It happened. Man depressed that button. The black ink began to bleed into the white, slowly at first, infecting the white with shades of gray, and then more rapidly until the world was entirely engulfed in a spiritual darkness and confusion with just a small vulnerable clear dot of white. Man left up to his own devices, even when granted a perfect beginning, can plunge all into ruination. Things left to chance go to chaos! That is the history of the first 2000 years from Adam to Avraham. Avraham was that white dot! He investigated and searched and ultimately rediscovered HASHEM!

After that HASHEM guided and prompted Avraham and some of his choice progeny through prophecy. The circumference of light gradually began to expand slowly at first until the Exodus from Egypt and the reception of the Torah when the blinding light of truth started to penetrate an entire nation whose task it would become to amplify and magnify it for the world! The Nation of HASHEM entered the Land of Israel and built a Temple.

The Light was spreading to the edges of the universe again. That era of 2000 years of Torah which was built up through HASHEM's raining prophetic knowledge down to mankind concluded with the discontinuation of prophecy. Since it was not our accomplishment, our doing, that light was shattered and scattered throughout the world! Millions of points of light like stars in an inky sky.

Reb Tzadik HaKohen says that the last 2000 years is a dramatic struggle between the forces of the first 2000, man left up to his own untutored devices, versus the next 2000 of Torah wisdom- with the architectural plans in our hands. This accounts

for the dynamics of the last of these last 2000 years, as we witness daily the dark getting even darker and as the lights get lighter yet!

■ PARSHA Q&A: BEREISHIS

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.

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- » NQ Daf HaYomi Moed Kattan for men (Sunday-Thursday 8-9P)
- » Chumash for men & women (Shabbos one hr before mincha)
- » Hilchos Taaruvos for men (Sunday 7:00-8:00A)
- » Supercharge Your Sundays for men (Sunday after Shacharis for 45 mins. with R' Noach Klug)
- » Marriage Chaburah for women (Tuesday 7:15-8:00P)