CONGREGATION
TORAS CHAIM

Noach 5787

FRIDAY NIGHT, OCTOBER 16

» Candlelighting: 6:36 PM
» Mincha/Kabbalas Shabbos/Maariv: 6:36 PM
» Sunset: 6:54 PM

SHABBOS, OCTOBER 17

» Shacharis followed by Kiddush 8:30 AM
» 15-min Pirkei Avos Shiur for Women and Kedushas Levi Chabura for Men following Kiddush
» Women & Children S"S at Rich Home Canceled this week.
» Mincha 6:25 PM
» Sunset 6:53 PM
» Maariv 7:35 PM
» Shabbos Ends (50 min) 7:43 PM
» Rabbeinu Tam (72 min) 8:04 PM

A WISE MAN WOULD SAY: "A PERSON'S FRIENDSHIPS ARE ONE OF THE BEST MEASURES OF HIS WORTH."

REFUAH SHELAIMA

Men

» Daniel Ze'ev ben Miriam (Brother of Josh Rothstein)

Women

» Chana Esther bas Miriam Dina (Friend of Rebbetzin Rich)
» Chana Rivka bas Yosefa (Friend of Rebbetzin Rich)
» Devorah bas Heni (Friend of Aviva Bass)
» Sipke Grune bas Lillian (Jeff Luftig's Mother)
» Shoshana Gittel bas Chaya Leah (Sister of Naomi Goldberg)
» Chana bas Hendel (Friend Of Yael Bodenheimer)

KIDDUSH SPONSORSHIP

» Kiddush is sponsored by Josh and Lisa Rothstein in honor of Andrea and Ezra Ogorek, with heartfelt appreciation for purchasing Chassan Bereishis in Josh's honor.

CTC SCHEDULE OF SHIURIM/TEFILLAH (Week of Oct 18, 2026)

» Mon - Fri - 6:00-6:30 AM: Gemara Zevachim
» Mon - Fri - 6:30 AM: Shacharis followed by Mishnayos Shekalim
» Sun - Fri - 12 -1 PM: Amud HaYomi Sanhedrin, On Zoom with Rabbi Yaakov Rich. Email Rabbi Rich for the link.
» Sunday - 8:00 PM: Marriage Chaburah followed by Maariv
» Mon - Thur - 8:00 PM: Mishnayos Keilim followed by Maariv

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If you are flying to or from Israel between now and December 5th check the second paragraph.

BeHaB (an acronym for Beis-Monday, Hei-Thursday, Beis-Monday) begins this coming Monday, October 19th. BeHaB is a series of three fast days on the Monday, Thursday and subsequent Monday following the months of Tishrei and Nissan. A Mi Shebeirach is recited before Mussaf this Shabbos for those who will fast on these days. Many congregations recite Selichos on these days. The reasons given for BeHaB include: 1) to atone for any sins that one may have committed over Yom Tov; 2) to atone for work performed over Chol Hamoed; and 3) to strengthen the health of the body in anticipation of the upcoming change of season.

In Eretz Yisrael, V'sein Tal u'Matar is added to Bareich Aleinu starting at Maariv on the evening of 7 Cheshvan, this Motzaei Shabbos, October 17th. Chutz La'Aretz will begin at Maariv on Motzaei Shabbos, December 5th. Someone traveling to or from Eretz Yisrael should seek halachic guidance.

The first opportunity for Kiddush Levanah was Wednesday, October 14th. The final opportunity is Sunday night, October 25th at 9:44 PM ET.

The series of fast days of BeHaB begins this Monday, October 19th.

NOACH: Noach is righteous • Building the Teivah (ark) and gathering animals • Noach is six hundred years old when the great flood begins • Noach and family enter the Teivah • Rains fall and waters rise from the depths for forty days, covering the mountains • Everything on land is obliterated • The waters roil for 150 days, then begin to recede • The Teivah comes to rest on the Ararat mountains • The raven is sent from the Teivah • The dove is sent out twice, bringing back an olive leaf the second time • The dove is sent out a third time, and it does not return • Noach and family leave the Teivah • Noach offers sacrifices • Hashem promises to never again bring a flood of such magnitude • Noach and his children are now permitted to eat meat • The sign of the rainbow • Noach's planting of a vineyard and subsequent disgrace • Canaan is cursed • The descendants of Noach's 3 children-70 nations fill the earth • The tower of Bavel • Ten generations from Noach to Avram

Haftarah: The haftarah (Yeshaya 54:1-55:5) cites Hashem's promise to never again punish the world's sins by a complete Mabul-like devastation.

Parashas Noach: 153 Pesukim • No Taryag Mitzvos listed

The Mabul is referred to as Mei Noach, the "waters of Noach" (Yeshayahu 54:9). As Noach, in fact, was a righteous individual who was spared from this great punishment, why is his name invoked in the name of this great tragedy?

Rav Meir Zlotowitz z"l would explain: The Zohar describes the contrast between Noach and Moshe Rabbeinu. Regarding Moshe, the Pasuk refers to the salvation of Kerias Yam Suf as Moshe's accomplishment. This is due to Moshe constantly interceding on behalf of the Bnei Yisrael, going so far as to offer his own life and destiny to save Klal Yisrael from destruction. In contrast, Noach failed to beseech Hashem to have mercy on mankind and save them from obliteration. Because of this failure, this tragic event is referred to as "Noach's waters". Even when a fellow man's situation seems beyond hope, one should never cease beseeching our Father in Heaven on his behalf, for he, too, is one of Hashem's children.