

MINYAN INFORMATION

We are happy to once again be open for prayer services. As with all our minyanim in these times, ***you must be pre-registered in order to attend*** -- only those who have signed up for these minyanim and have received confirmation may participate, as we are limited in the number of people who can attend. Social distancing, wearing of masks, no communal singing and all of the other public health measures that we have been employing since we began weekday services (see the complete Attendance Guidelines in the electronic version of Echod) will be in effect. For those who are pre-registered, you can bring your own tallit, siddur and chumash on Shabbat or use the siddur and chumash provided by the shul. There will be no Seudah Shlishit at shul, so please remember to eat Seudah Shlishit before you come to Mincha.

Shacharit:

Sunday, October 25 @ 8:30am

Monday, October 26—Friday, October 30 @ 7:30am

Mincha/Maariv:

Sunday, October 25 —Monday, October 26 @5:50pm

Tuesday, October 27 — Thursday, October 29 @ 5:45pm.

HAKARAT HATOV

Mark Hus for writing this week's Dvar Torah

MAZAL TOV

Eva Blank on the engagement of her grandson, Moshe, to Leora Wolff, daughter of Rabbi Danny & Chaviva Wolff of Paramus, NJ.

Grandparents **Susan and Avery Neumark** on the birth of a baby boy, to their children Alyse and Joshua Rozenberg. Mazal tov to the great grandfather Melvin Neumark.

HOUSE UPDATE

Please note that, out of an abundance of caution and in line with CDC recommendations, we have upgraded all air filters in our building from Merv 8's to Merv 13's in order to provide a higher level of filtration. We continue to strive to provide all our members with as high a level of comfort and safety as reasonably possible. Still have questions? You can email us at house@lss.org.

SHABBAT SCHEDULE

Friday Night:

Zoom Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat: 5:20pm

(link in electronic Echod)

Shabbat Candle Lighting: 5:45pm

Mincha followed by Kabbalat Shabbat at shul: 5:50pm

Location: Ballroom

Sunset (daven Mincha by): 6:03pm

Repeat Shema: after 6:34pm

Shabbat:

Shabbat Morning Minyan at shul: 7:45am

Location: Spira Family Terrace (weather permitting; if not it will be in the Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary).

Shabbat Morning Services at shul: 9:00am

Location: Ballroom

Latest Shema: 9:57am

Latest Shacharit: 10:52am

Mincha followed by Maariv at shul: 5:40pm

Location: Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary.

Sunset (daven Mincha by, and begin seudah shlishit by): 6:01pm

Shabbat Ends: 6:44pm

Zoom Havdalah: 7:30pm (link in electronic Echod)

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, November 8: The Dead Sea Scrolls: Treasure of the Jewish People: 10:00am (Part 1 of 2 Programs)

What do you know about the Dead Sea Scrolls? Who wrote the scrolls? Why are these ancient documents a source of fascination for both Jews and Christians around the world? The Dead Sea Scrolls are the most important archeological discovery of the 20th century. We will review the dramatic discovery of the scrolls in the caves of Qumran, the archeological finds of Khirbet Qumran and the sectarian group associated with the site. We will examine why these texts continue to mesmerize and captivate both scholars and the public at large. The discussion will be led by Adele Wasser, a docent at the Israel Museum. *Meeting ID: 923 8111 7099*

For access to the links for these events, please click on the link in the electronic version of the Echod or visit our website at www.lss.org

YOUTH AND MAGEN AVRAHAM TEEN DEPARTMENT

Dvar Torah:

Hashem really wanted our world to be filled with mitzvot, so it was really disappointing that people in the world were not making good choices and were hurting each other. Only one person, Noach, was still doing his best to follow Hashem's directions, even while everyone around him was not. Hashem told Noach that he was going to make a flood and wipe out all of the people because the world needed to be filled with mitzvot but that Noach and his family would be saved in order to continue the Jewish people. Hashem told Noach to build an enormous teivah (ark) that would float on the water. He gave Noach exact instructions and Noach began building. During that time that Noach was building, Hashem gave the rest of the world a chance to come around to being good.

Finally after 120 years, the teivah was ready. Hashem told Noach that he, his wife, their sons and their sons' wives, would all be protected inside the teivah during the flood. Hashem also instructed Noach to take two of every non-kosher animal and bird and seven pairs of every kosher animal and bring them all into the ark.

It rained for 40 days and 40 nights, and then, finally, the rain stopped. Noach opened a window to see what the world outside looked like, but he could not tell whether all the land had dried enough for all of them to leave the teivah. Noach sent a dove out three different times to see if the world was safe enough to live on, and on the third try, the dove did not return. That meant the world was dry. It was finally time to fill the world up with mitzvot once again.

Questions:

1. Why did Hashem make a great flood?
2. How long did the flood last?
3. Who did Hashem save in the teivah?

1. Because the people of the world were evil, and he wanted a world filled with mitzvot
2. 40 days and 40 nights
3. Noach and his wife, his sons, and his sons' wives

Answers:

Upcoming Events:

October 23rd @ 5:50 pm: Family Friday Night davening on the Spira Terrace.

October 24th & 31st @ 10:00 am - 11:30 am:
Groups on the Grass in Riverside Park (76th Street)

November 15th @ 8:00 pm:
Magen Avraham Teen Department and The ADL -
Online Extremism: Outsmarting Propaganda and

WEEKLY LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

For access to all the Zoom links for these classes, please visit www.lss.org/learningopportunities. To dial into a class please call 646-876-9923 and enter the Meeting ID and password (if necessary) associated with the class below.

Sunday:

- **Sunday Morning Responsa** with Rabbi Josh Rosenfeld: 9:45am.
Meeting ID: 827 823 0785 Password (if necessary): mds1234

Monday:

- ***Please note that the zoom info has been updated*** **Chug Ivrit led by Harel Fenigstein:** 7:00pm-8:15pm. In this class, we read articles from the Israeli press, watch videos of news stories, documentaries and comedy clips, listen to (and sing along!) to Israeli songs and chat in Ivrit. *Meeting ID: 85387443723 Password: 180613*
- **Jewish Living Workshop** led by Dassa and Bill Greenbaum: 7:30pm-8:30pm. Topic: Jewish Life Cycles: Bris, Bar/ Bat Mitzvah, Jewish Funeral, Paying a Shiva Call.
Meeting ID: 938 8328 9103 Password: 832084
- **Talmud Class** with Rabbi Robinson: 8:00pm—9:00pm We will be studying the second perek of Sanhedrin, that deals with Justice, Governance, Monarchy and the Legal System. Previous background will be useful but not essential - each shiur will focus on the text and classical commentaries, but will touch on contemporary and modern issues arising from the Gemara. *Meeting ID: 916 3915 9514*

Tuesday:

- **The Marilyn & Sam Isler, "Studies in the weekly Parsha"** led by Rabbi Shaul Robinson: 10:30am—11:30am
Meeting ID: 241 022 510
- **Introduction to Bible** with Rabbi Ephraim Buchwald: 6:30 - 8:00pm. This course provides a general overview of the content and style of the Bible. We will review basic literary and theological approaches to Bible study, traditional and modern, through the analysis of the Biblical text. Registrants will receive the Zoom link prior to the start of the course. To register, please call 212-874-6100 or register online at www.lss.org/beginners. Cost: \$90, Free to LSS Members. No one will be turned away for lack of funds.
- **Beit Midrash night, The M'lachim (Kings) Study Group**
Led by Ron Platzer: 7:00pm-8:00pm. *Meeting ID: 811 662 074*

Wednesday:

- **Paul Shaviv's Jewish History Course: The Messiah?** Topic: Jesus: Jewish or Christian? *Meeting ID: 916 6638 3728 Password: 362427*

Thursday:

- **The Jacob Adler Parsha Class** Explorations in the Weekly Parsha led by Rabbi Shaul Robinson: 7:00pm-8:00pm. *Meeting ID: 912 657 888. Sponsored by Lois Gottesman in commemoration of the yahrtzeit of her beloved mother, Rosalie Gottesman a"n.*
- **Parashat HaShavua** led by Rabbi. Moshe Sokolow: 8:15pm. *Meeting ID: 846 701 6968.*

PAUL SHAVIV'S JEWISH HISTORY COURSE: WEDNESDAY MINISERIES: THE MESSIAH?

October 28: Alroy, Reuveni, Molcho—Products of Their Time
November 4: Shabbetai Zvi—The Most Successful
November 11: Jacob Frank—The Strangest
November 18: Menachem Mendel Schneerson-Has to be Discussed!
November 25: No Session
December 2: The Allure and the Cost of Messianism in Judaism

All classes will begin at 8:00pm
Dial in: (646) 876 9923 Meeting ID: 916 6638 3728 Password: 362427

DVAR TORAH

Parshat Noach
October 23-24
By: Mark Hus

In the first verse of this week's Torah portion, we are told that "Noah was a righteous man, perfect in his generations" (ArtScroll translation). There has been much discussion about whether the words "in his generations" were intended to praise Noah because even when the world around him was corrupt, he was righteous. Or were these words intended to diminish his accomplishments because he was only deemed righteous when compared to the sinful world in which he lived – had he lived in another era, he would not have been seen as a tzaddik.

Reading the Parasha with its description of the flood and its aftermath, however, I found a different way to understand those words: he was perfect when he was within his generations. In other words, as long as there were others around him, he was righteous. When Noah and his family disembarked, he was literally the last man on earth (other than his sons). And he was no longer a tzaddik.

Don't forget that once the flood waters disappeared, so had had every sign of life that had not been saved on the ark. Given what he had undergone and what he would have yet to live through, it is not hard to understand why Noah lost some of his positive character traits. How difficult it must have been for him to walk around and find corpses lying on the ground wherever he went.

Additionally, he must have suffered from an incredible sense of guilt. The concept of survivor's guilt has been well-documented over the past half-century. This was something Noah had to deal with, but it must have paled in comparison to his feeling that he should have done something to advocate on behalf of his fellow humans, as Abraham would do when he was informed about the impending destruction of Sodom and Gomorra.

We are told that G-d closed the entrance to the ark (7:16) as the floodwaters were beginning to rise. That was probably necessary because others were trying to gain access. Noah had to watch others being prevented from getting on the ark. While he knew that the flood and its consequences were G-d's will, he was probably plagued with misgivings, which only increased with time.

Noah brought a sacrifice after he left the ark, and the Lord was pleased. Soon thereafter, G-d made a promise to Noah that he would never destroy humanity again and told him that the rainbow would be the sign that this covenant was still in full force and effect. The promise could have been necessitated by Noah's reaction to the aftermath of the flood and the Lord hoped that this would have a palliative effect on Noah. But Noah was not consolable. The Torah (9:20) calls him a man of the earth. Could that be because he busied himself burying the dead? Or did it merely mean that he became a farmer? Either way, he planted a vineyard and drank of its fruit. He became drunk and debased himself. This is the final episode of the story of Noah – a very sad way for a man who began as a righteous tzaddik to end his narrative.

I believe that Noah failed to realize that he needed to be part of a society in order to remain righteous and have any hope of being close to perfect. He accepted G-d's verdict to flood the world without question. Yet the result of the flood was loneliness and a lack of a sense of purpose. He sought solace for the lack of meaning in his life in alcohol. Once his fellow humans were no longer around, he was no longer the man he had been in his antediluvian days.

This coming week we will observe the yahrtzeit of Rabbi Herschel Cohen, zecher tsaddik levrocha, a righteous man who understood the importance of society, always sought to serve his community and never sought glory or recognition for himself – even until the very end. He is still missed by everyone who knew and loved him. May his memory be for a blessing.

Shabbat Shalom

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DVAR TORAH

We invite all members to write a Dvar Torah for the Shabbat Echod from September through June. Enrich our Shabbat with your Torah thoughts. The next Shabbat available are:

Parshat Lech Lecha (10/31)
Parshat Chayei Sara (11/14)
Parshat Toldot (11/21)

If interested, please email Bill Greenbaum at dvar@lss.org.

In case of a bereavement, please call
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