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"And R' Chelbo said, *A person must always be careful about his wife's honor because blessing is found in a person's home only on account of his wife.*"



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Noach

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These are the generations of Noach. Noach was a righteous man (Bereishis 6:9)

Rashi comments, "This teaches you that the 'descendants' of Tzaddikim are their Maasim Tovim (good deeds)." Why are only Tzaddikim mentioned? What is left behind by other people, if not their Mitzvos and Maasim Tovim? The truth of the matter is that only the Maasim Tovim of Tzaddikim can be called 'descendants'. Their Maasim Tovim result from the brain and mind coupled with the heart and feelings. They come from the depth of the person. The Maasim Tovim of a Tzaddik come about through a combination of his senses and the pleasure he feels in doing Hashem's Mitzvos. He performs them with energy and love, with spiritual attachment and bonding to the Al-Mighty, with awe and trembling from His Holiness. The Tzaddik fulfills the posuk, "All my bones shall say..." (Tehillim 35:10). These types of Maasim Tovim can be called 'descendants'. Mitzvos performed without feeling or inner trembling, with no permanence or regularity come only from the outside of a person. They are not called 'descendants'.

--Shaim Mi'Shmuel

Come, you and your entire household, into the Taiva (Bereishis 7:1)

The Hebrew word "Taiva" means "ark". It also means "word". This is alluding to us that a person needs to "enter" in to each word of Torah and Tefillah with all his strength, with all his limbs ["your entire household"], and with Mesiras Nefesh ("Handing over" one's soul for Hashem).

--The Baal Shem Tov

In the 1656th year from Creation, the Flood began. According to R' Eliezer in the Gemara, it began in Marcheshvan of 1656 and ended in Marcheshvan of 1657 according to the following schedule:

10 Cheshvan 1656 - Hashem told Noach to enter the Taiva and on that day the righteous Mesushelach died. Hashem delayed the Flood until after the Shiva period for Mesushelach.

17 Cheshvan - In the afternoon, the wells of the depth of the Earth and the windows of the Heavens opened. The Flood began and the constellations stopped moving in their normal patterns. They reversed and began moving from West to East until Noach left the Taiva.

27 Kislev - The waters stopped and the Taiva was raised above the Earth with eleven Amos of the Taiva immersed in water. The water remained upon the land for 150 days, the first of Sivan. The Al-Mighty remembered Noach and the water subsided.

17 Sivan - The Taiva rested on Mount Ararat

10 Elul - It came to pass at the end of forty days since the tops of the mountains could be seen and Noach opened up the window of the Taiva and sent out the raven.

17 Elul - Noach sent out the dove for the first time.

24 Elul - Noach sent out the dove the second time.

1 Tishrei 1657 - Noach sent out the dove for the third time. He removed the cover of the Taiva and the water was gone. The dove did not return to the Taiva.

27 Cheshvan - The land was dry. The constellations resumed their normal movement. And the Al-Mighty told Noach, "Go out from the Taiva".

--Seder Olam Rabba and Seder HaDoros

He was a mighty hunter (Bereishis 10:9)

After the flood, Noach and his children were allowed to eat meat. However, they were prevented from eating any. Nimrod began hunting and eating meat by wearing the clothing of Odom HaRishon. All the animals and birds humbled themselves before Nimrod. People thought that because of his power he was able to trap the animals and therefore crowned him as their king.

--Pirkei D'Rebbi Eliezer

Zemanim and Halachos

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Zemanim are for Milwaukee, WI	Krias Shema	Tefilla
According to the Vilna Gaon	9:58 AM	10:50 AM
According to the Magen Avrohom	9:22 AM	10:26 AM
Sunset Friday: 5:51 PM	Sunset Saturday: 5:49 PM	

Hilchos Chanukah - Laws of Chanukah

Women are obligated to light Chanukah candles because they were also part of the miracle. Hashem's salvation came about through Yehudis bas Yochanan, Kohein Gadol when she cut the head off a chief enemy.

--Shulchan Aruch 675:3/Mishna Berurah 10

A woman can light candles on behalf of her family. A man can designate his wife as his shaliach (agent) to perform this Mitzvah as long as he is present when she makes the Brocha. Nevertheless, the Minhag is that the husband lights and the wife fulfills her obligation through him. However, if the husband is not home, the wife should light and make the Brochos.

--Mishna Berurah (SA 675), sub-paragraph 9

Kids' Korner

Last week's answers

1. After the curse, the Nochosh had its legs and arms removed and had to slither on its belly to move (Rashi, Bereishis 3:14)
 2. Pishon, Gichon, Chidekel, P'ros are the four rivers (Bereishis 2:11-14)
 3. Kayin brought flax seeds as his Korban (Rashi 4:3)
 4. Grapes, wheat, esrog, or figs are different opinions of the fruit of the Tree of Knowledge (Bereishis Rabbah 15:7)
 5. The dog that Hevel had used to protect his sheep guarded his body before he was buried (Pirkei D' Rebbi Eliezer 21)
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PARSHA QUIZ

1. What day is the Yahrzeit of Mesushelach?
 2. What was the name of Noach's wife?
 3. Who was born in the Taiva?
 4. When Avraham was born, what offer did Nimrod make to Terach?
 5. How old was Haran was Sara was born to him?
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Answers next week!

Upcoming Events in Milwaukee, WI

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The **Milwaukee Kollel Center for Jewish Studies** located at **5007 West Keefe Avenue Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53216** offers classes for all levels of Jewish Education. Please call **(414) 447-7999** for more information

Anshe Sfarad Kehillat Torah Gemara class after weekday Maariv, 7:00 PM. **6717 N Green Bay Ave, Milwaukee, WI 53209**. Please call **(414) 228-9296** for more information

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October 30th 8:00-9:00 PM, **Judaism Without Walls** presents Mystical Judaism with Rabbi Benzion Twerski. **6789 N Green Bay Ave, Glendale, WI 53209, (414) 228-7870**.

October 31st 7:00 PM at **Lake Park Synagogue** join Rabbi Shlomo Levin for classes on the weekly Parsha. **Lech Licha**: "Why was Abraham singled out by God and chosen? Maimonides' history of the world's decline and Avraham's re-awakening." **3207 N Hackett Ave, Milwaukee WI 53211, (414) 962-5508**

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