

No'ach

2 b'Cheshvan 5782 • Friday, October 8, 2021

Shabbos

Candle Lighting (20 min.) 6:50 PM
Mincha / Kab. Shabbos **6:55 PM**
Shacharis..... Hashkama 8:20 AM
 Main **9:00 AM**
 Last Shema (Gr"a) 10:33 AM
 Pre-Mincha Shiur 5:55 PM
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Mincha **6:27 PM**
 Sunset 7:07 PM
Ma'ariv **7:42 PM**
 Shabbos ends (40 min.) 7:44 PM

The Week of Oct. 10

	S	M	TU	W	TH	F
Shach.	8 AM				6:30 AM	
Earliest T & T		6:43	6:44	6:45	6:46	6:47
Mincha		6:45 PM	(before sunset)			

School of Jewish Studies

- **Rabbi Travis:**
Daf Yomi Sunday 7–8 AM
 Weekdays 6–6:30 AM
- **Rabbi Alt on Zoom:**
Hands-On Halacha
 Tuesday 8:30–9:10 PM
- **Shmuel Plotsker:**
712-770-4945, access code 664943#
Intro to Talmud 101 (Chagiga 12b)
 Mon/Wed/Fri 10:30–11:15 AM
Book Club: A Letter in the Scroll
 Mondays 1–2 PM
Intro to Midrash (B'reishis Rabbah)
 Sundays 8:45–9:45 AM
Tanach Tuesdays (M/W)
 II Kings 3 7:30–8:30 PM
- **Kollel on Zoom:**
Parasha Thurs. 8:30–8:50 PM

Sponsorships

Shabbos Bulletin is sponsored by Shelby & Dale Gubin, in memory of Shelby's mother, Golda bas Shimon Leib, whose *yahrzeit* is this coming week.

Shalosh Se'udos is sponsored by Rabbi & Mrs. Moshe Berlove, in memory of their parents, Manuel & Ruth Berlove and Myles & Tobie Waterstone.

Shul Announcements

Kiddush this week will again be held outdoors.

Starting **this Sunday**, October 10, we will move Mincha and Ma'ariv to a sunset-based timetable.

New class, starting this Shabbos! Navi Insights with Rabbi Yakov Marchuk (one of the Kollel's new arrivals): Shabbos mornings immediately after the Hashkama kiddush.

Sukkah Takedown with John and Gabe Richey—**this Sunday** at approximately 11 AM.

Meet the Rabbi—next Shabbos: Rabbi Raphael Cohen, from Israel. A published author and founder of Bene Aharon Institute for *ba'alei teshuva* and *gerim* (Givat Shaul, Yerushalayim), Rabbi Cohen-Soae has taught Torah for many years in an array of institutions.

Coming soon to a Shalosh Seudos near you: The Crazy Chip Contest!

Each week, beginning on Shabbos, Parshas Vayeira (Oct. 23), two contestants will bring the best chips they can find. Contest winner gets a \$50 gift card to the kosher eatery of his choice. For rules and regulations, and to join the contest, contact Zev Herzog: wilherzog@gmail.com

The GMS Annual Blood Drive—in memory of Rabbi Zalman Baras and Rebbetzin Shterna Kalmanson, a"h—Sunday, November 21.

In the Community

Mazal tov to...

- R' Yitzchok & Faigy Rosedale and family and the extended Rosedale and Wilhelm families, on the engagement of Ayala Rosedale and Menachem Krasnow of Lawrence. The community is invited to celebrate this Sunday, 2–4 PM, at the 6885 Fair Oaks Drive.
- Rabbi & Mrs. Hillel Shepard and family, on the *milah* of Moshe Binyamin.
- Dovid & Devora Schepansky and family, on the *milah* of Meir Simcha.

We extend our condolences to the Horvitz family, on the passing of Michael Horvitz. *Shiv'a* (thru Thursday morning) will be in Louisville (Horvitz residence, 1508 Vivian Lane). To help provide meals after the mourners come home, please contact Mrs. Tova Alt: shivisi26@gmail.com

UPDATED: The community Daf Yomi siyum on Beitzah is being hosted by CZE, **this Sunday** at 7:30 PM, with guest speaker Rabbi Gershon Miller of Detroit and an astronomy presentation by Rabbi Shea Hertz Oestricher. Join now to finish Ta'anis, Megillah, Mo'ed Katan, and Chagiga—in four months! Please contact Rabbis Alt or Travis for details.

Launching soon in Cincinnati: Naaleh. Opening event on October 24...

The Kollel's annual event will be Sunday, November 7.

Mesivta of Cincinnati's P'sicha Event: Sunday, November 14

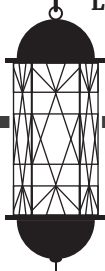
Refu'ah Sh'laima

- Bracha Leah bas Rochel Mushka (Barbara Nagler)
- Eitan Chaim ben Elisheva (Ethan Kadish)
- Gavriel ben Pasha (Gary Walsh)
- Chana Rivka bas Ethel (Juanita Weiss)
- Tzvi Michael ben Leah (Hirsch Wise)
- Daisy bas Lulu (Mrs. Daisy Kattan)
- Z'ev Shmuel ben Malkah Rochel
- Reuven ben Malkah
- Simcha Leib haLevi ben Devorah
- Esther Hitzel bas Gitel (Esther Deutch)
- Bunim Tzemach Aharon ben Leiba (Barry Silver)
- Gittel Tova bas Yehudis
- Eliezer Nosson ben Sarah
- Dona bat Perla (Donna Taplits)
- Chaya Raizel Bas Sarah
- Aryeh Leib Yosef ben Miriam Sarah
- Yosef ben Frad'l
- Tinok ben Chana Lisa

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V'Dibartah Bam

Believe in Yourself

IN THIS WEEK'S PARSHA, WE ARE TAUGHT ABOUT the Flood and No'ach's Ark, which saved humanity and the animal kingdom from destruction. When the Torah describes No'ach's entry into the Ark after the many years spent constructing it, the Torah alludes to a degree of hesitation on No'ach's part.

No'ach went into the Ark, and his sons, his wife, and his sons' wives with him, because of the waters of the Flood. (Bereishis 7:7)

Rashi comments on the fact that the Torah describes No'ach's entry into the Ark as being a result of the rising waters, and not because of his faith in Hashem's foretelling of the imminent flood.

No'ach was... among those little in faith. He believed, and he didn't believe, that the Flood would come.

Many of the later commentaries struggle to understand what is meant by this explanation of Rashi. This is the same man who devoted one hundred and twenty years of his life to building the Ark! He persevered, despite being ridiculed by his generation, to follow the word of Hashem. How can No'ach be described as a man lacking faith?

The *Kedushas Levi* (Rabbi Levi Yitzchok of Berditchev, 1740-1809) understands that No'ach's faith in Hashem was not lacking; rather, No'ach was lacking faith *in himself*.

When analyzing No'ach's mission, we may note that this weakness likely paralyzed No'ach at many critical junctures:

When he was first informed of Hashem's plan to destroy the world, he did not pray for a reversal of the decree, as Avraham would when he was informed of the destruction of Sedom. Perhaps No'ach felt, "Who am I to challenge Hashem's plan?"

Over the long period of time that No'ach was building the Ark, he did not go out to campaign for a teshuvah movement. No'ach may have felt, "Who am I to create a global revolution?"

When the Flood finally began, and the rain started to fall, No'ach hesitated. "Who am I to be the sole survivor of mankind?"

Even after the Flood, No'ach did not show any signs of interest in rebuilding the world. No'ach must have felt he was not worthy to rebuild humanity.

We live in a generation of "selfies" and Instagram; so many people are consumed with creating an exterior image, but neglect what's inside. It is critically important for us to believe in ourselves, to recognize that, despite all our challenges, we have the potential to accomplish great things. We are familiar with the personal harm that is caused by a lack of self-esteem and self-appreciation, and the debilitating effects of feeling incapable of accomplishing anything meaningful.

We learn from No'ach that we are not the only ones who suffer when we don't believe in ourselves—the entire world suffers. In contrast, we should learn from No'ach not to make that mistake, but to believe in ourselves, to strive for greatness, and to work at making a difference. Regardless of how successful we'll be in all our endeavors, we will certainly become better people and make the world a better place as a result.

Good Shabbos,
Rabbi Yosef Alt