

Parshas Noach

GHASSIDIC INSIGHTS, HIGHLIGHTS AND HAPPENINGS

פרשת נח

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The reason why the month of Cheshvan is called "חשוון מר" - bitter, is because no Yom Tov is celebrated during this month. The word מר also translates as a drop of water. The world is in dire need of water during this month

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN BELZ

Belzer Rebbe shlita's Grandson Spending Weekend in London

The Belz community in London is eagerly preparing for a visit from the Belzer Rebbe, shlita's grandson, Rabbi Duvid Rokeach, shlita, who will spend Shabbos Parshas Noach with the community to inspire, connect and provide chizuk.



BELZ AND BEYOND

Behind the scenes of Belz Institutions in Israel's activities

Girls School Expansion in Kiryat Gat, Israel

Beis Malka in Kiryat Gat has recently begun construction work on a new wing, which will include spacious classrooms, auxiliary rooms, and facilities for the girls studying there.

The project is now underway after an extended period of preparation and planning. Completing the necessary bureaucratic procedures and securing the required funding was made possible thanks to the tireless efforts of Rabbi Yechiel Klein, Belz Institutions in Israel's community representative in Kiryat Gat, who worked with great dedication to advance the process until the actual start of construction.



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Dor Yeshurim Collaboration with Hadassah Hospital

A special meeting was held at the initiative of Rabbi Aharon Fried, Chairman of Dor Yeshorim in Israel, together with the organization's rabbis and the directors of the Simcha Department at Hadassah Hospital.

Dor Yeshorim is an organization dedicated to ensuring that shidduch (marriage) matches are medically compatible. Through confidential genetic testing, the organization helps prevent serious hereditary diseases by confirming compatibility between potential marriage partners.

During the meeting, it was agreed to establish close collaboration and joint efforts to better serve and provide support for those seeking assistance, ensuring their wellbeing and the success of these vital matches.



EVERYONE LOVES A GOOD STORY

especially a Chassidishe story...



כי השחית כל בשר את דרכו על הארץ (נח ויב)
For all flesh had corrupted its way upon the earth.

The Baal Shem Tov, zt"l, once davened Mincha in the forest with great fervor. An astonishing scene occurred: all the animals stood on their hind legs and seemed to join in prayer to Hashem.

The Baal Shem Tov explained this through the verse "תְּהִלַּת ה' יְדַבֵּר כִּי" (תהילים קמה:כא) — when a person prays to Hashem, it inspires all creation to praise Him as well. He connected this to "כִּי הִשְׁחִית כָּל בְּשָׂר אֶת דְּרָכָהּ עַל הָאָרֶץ" — even the animals were affected by the corruption of man. When people are corrupt, the world around them is also negatively influenced.

Similarly, when people serve Hashem with Torah and tefillah, they elevate all of creation, bringing blessing and goodness to the world.

וימת את כל היקום (נח זכג)
And he blotted out all existence.

When Reb Yosef'a of Radvil, zt"l, visited the holy Ruzhiner, zt"l, for the first time, he noticed something unusual: the Ruzhiner would first eat the eyes of the fish before eating the rest of the fish. Curious, Reb Yosef'a wondered about the reason. He reflected that it might be connected to the verse "וימת את כל היקום" — Chazal explain that the destruction did not include the fish, for they did not sin during the days before the Mabul. The Flood came because all other creations had sinned and become corrupt.

עין רואה" (בראשית רבה יב) teaches, "— the eyes can lead to sin.

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But the fish did not sin, and thus their eyes remained pure. This made the fish the most elevated of the animals. Since Shabbos is the choicest day of the week, it is fitting to eat the choicest of the animals – the fish.

Reb Yosel'a concluded that this must be why his Rebbe ate the fish eyes first. Just as he reached this insight, the holy Ruzhiner turned to him and exclaimed: "Yungerman, you have connected to the truths."

THE REBBE'S TORAH



אלה תולדות נח נח איש צדיק תמים היה בדורתו את האלקים
התהלך נח (נח ו'ט)

These are the offspring of Noach – Noach was a righteous man, perfect in his generation; Noach walked with Hashem.

The truth is, it's difficult for a person to serve Hashem when he stands alone. To properly serve Hashem, one must connect with friends who are righteous Yidden.

Noach lived in a generation filled with great resha'im – evildoers. He had no one righteous to bond with and therefore had to serve Hashem on his own. How was he able to maintain his avodas Hashem under such circumstances?

The answer is that Noach constantly kept in mind that Hashem's presence fills the entire world – that Hashem was with him at every moment. Realizing this, he was never truly alone, for he felt Hashem's closeness and could serve Him wholeheartedly.

This is what the pasuk hints to: "נח איש צדיק" – in his generation of resha'im, Noach had no one to attach himself to. Therefore, "את האלקים התהלך נח" – Noach walked with Hashem, always remembering that he was never alone, and through that, he was able to serve Hashem faithfully.

THIS WEEK'S VORT



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ויהי מקץ ארבעים יום ויפתח נח את חלון התיבה... (נח ה:ו)
And it came to pass at the end of forty days, that Noach opened the window of the Ark...

How did Noach know that he can open the Ark's window, and didn't wait until the Ark alighted on the ground? It could be since Hashem said that the mabul – flood would not last more than twelve months. Or, because Noach prepared enough food to last a certain amount of time, so he knew how long he would be inside the Teivah – Ark.

ויגברו המים ותרם התיבה מעל הארץ (נח ז:ח)
The waters strengthened and increased greatly upon the earth.

The Gemara says (תענית ז) that the word "מים" can also refer to the Torah. The holy seforim write that when a Yid wants his tefillos – prayers to be accepted in heaven, he should first learn Torah before davening. As the passuk says ויגברו המים – if one strengthens himself with Torah, which is referred to as "מים", then, ותרם התיבה מעל הארץ – the "תיבות" – the words of his prayers will rise from earth to the כסא הכבוד – heaven's throne.

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אלה תולדות בני נח שם חם ויפת (גח י:א)
*These are the descendants of the sons of
Noach: Shem, Cham, and Yafes.*

The parsha enumerates the seventy
descendants of Noach — fourteen from Yafes,
thirty from Cham, and twenty-six from Shem.
From these seventy descendants emerged
the seventy nations of the world.

ואתה קח לך מכל מאכל אשר יאכל... (גח ו:כא)
*And as for you, to take yourself of every food
that is eaten...*

The Ramban explains that permission to eat
the flesh of animals was granted in Noach's
time, after the flood, because Noach had
sustained them in the teivah (the Ark). As a
reward for caring for them, Hashem allowed
Noach and his descendants to eat meat.

The phrase "ואתה קח לך" — "and you, take for
yourself" — contains the word "קח" (take),
which connotes "קנין" (acquisition), as seen
in קידושין ב. By bringing the animals into the
teivah, Noach in a sense "acquired" them —
creating a new kinyan, a new right — through
which he was now permitted to eat meat.