

Agudas Yisroel Anshei Kielce



Zmanim

Mincha/Kabbalas Shabbos: 6:02 pm

Candle Lighting: 6:05 pm

Shacharis: 8:45 am

Mincha/Seudas Shlishis: 5:50 pm

Maariv/Motzei Shabbos: 7:04 pm

Motzei Shabbos Rabbeinu Tam: 7:31 pm

Parshas Noach Shabbos Rosh Chodesh

Adapted from Rabbi Mordechai Kamenetzky

Did you ever stop to imagine what life was like inside of Noach's Taivah? There were three floors; the middle floor was filled with a collection of the world's animals wild, domestic, and otherwise. Birds and critters of all shapes and sizes, vermin and an endless potpourri of creepy crawlers whose pesky descendants bear witness to their survival during that tempestuous period.

Then there was a floor of refuse. There was no recycling center, and no sewage system.

The humans had the top floor. Cramped in an inescapable living space were Noach, his three sons, their wives and one mother-in-law. The rest of the scenario can play clearly in our minds. Surely, it was far from easy. What intrigues are the detailed architectural commands that Hashem gave Noach. Hashem details measurements and design for a Taivah that took 120 years to build! Why? Are there lessons to be learned from the design of the design of the Taivah? After all, Hashem promised that there will be no more floods. If there are no more floods, then there need not be any more

Taivahs. So what difference does it make how it was built. Obviously, there are inherent lessons we can learn from the design of the Taivah.

Noach is told to build a window. It seems practical enough; after all sitting for an entire year can get awfully stuffy. So Noach is commanded to build a window for breathing room. It is a little troubling. Does Noach need a command to add something so simple as a window? Does it make a difference whether or not he had a window? Did that command have to be incorporated into the heavenly plans for a Taivah that would endure the ravaging flood?

A renowned Rosh Yeshiva, tragically lost his son to a debilitating disease at the prime of his life. Not long married, the son left a widow and a young child. The Rosh Yeshiva and his Rebbitzin were devastated at the loss and the shiva period was a most difficult time. One of the hundreds of visitors was the Bluzhever Rebbe, Rabbi Yisrael Spira, whose entire family was wiped out during the Holocaust. He sat quietly, taking in the pain of the bereaved family. Finally, when it was time to say something, Rabbi Spira turned to the Rosh Yeshiva and spoke. "Your loss is terrible, but at least your son will

have a living remnant, his child. He will also have a resting place and stone where the family can visit. I do not even know where any of my children who were killed by the Nazis are buried." Then he added, "yet somehow Hashem has given me the strength to rebuild my family and life." Those words truly helped console the Rosh Yeshiva.

Sometimes when we are locked in our little boxes, we, too, need a window. When we think our world is crumbling and that we are doomed

to a fate that is too difficult to bear, Hashem tells us to make a window. Sometimes, in our frustrations we have to look across the globe, or even across the river to know that despite our difficulties, others must endure a more difficult fate. And when we realize that they can endure, whether it is an Og holding on the back of the Taivah, or struggling with those lost amongst the ruins, we can remember that life inside the Taivah is not so bad after all.

Good Shabbos

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The kids' program will take place downstairs this week.

The Sunday Morning Shiur & Discussion will take place after Shacharis.

**The Guest Speaker for Seudas Shlishis is T.B.A.
 Seudas Shlishis is sponsored by Mr. & Mrs. George & Chana Weisman in honour of the Shabbos Project.**

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Selichos/Shacharis	Weekday Schedule	Mincha
Sunday: 8:00 am		6:00 pm
Monday & Thursday: 7:00 am & 7:55 am		Maariv
Tues., Wed., Thurs.: 7:00 am & 8:00 am		6:20 pm
Daf Yomi with Rabbi Kaufman: 8:00 am (Shabbos), 7:15 am (Sun), 7:40 am (Mon-Fri)		
Amud Yomi with Rabbi Rafi Greenspan: 7:20 am (Mon-Fri)		

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NEW DAILY MAARIV MINYAN @ 8:00 pm

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