

Agudas Yisroel Anshei Kielce



Zmanim

Shabbos Parshas Noach

Candle Lighting: 6:15 pm

Mincha/Kabbalas Shabbos: 6:15 pm

Shacharis: 8:45 am

Mincha/**SEUDAS SHLISHIS**: 6:05 pm

Maariv/Motzei Shabbos: 7:17 pm

Motzei Shabbos Rabbeinu Tam: 7:49 pm

Sunday Shacharis: 8:00 am & 9:00 am

Parshas Noach

Adapted from Rabbi Yochanan Zweig [www.torah.org]

The Ark: Roomy Enough?

"Make for yourself an Ark of gofer wood; you shall make the Ark of [many] chambers, and you shall cover it within and without with tar. And this is how you shall make it: Three hundred amos the length of the Ark, fifty amos its width, and thirty amos its height. You shall make a window for the Ark..." (Bereishis 6:13-15).

There is something incongruous about the order of ideas in these pesukim. When a building is planned, it makes the most sense to begin by describing the basic dimensions of the building's exterior. The first aspects of a building to be planned should be its size, its number of stories, the location of doors for entrance and egress, and the like. Its internal configuration - its division into rooms - should be planned only after that first stage of planning has been concluded. Yet the Torah, in these pesukim, presents the Ark's division into chambers

before almost any other specification. Why is this so?

Chazal (Bereishis Rabba 28:8) teach us that the animals of the world perished in the mabul because they were guilty of cross-breeding. The immorality of mankind had infected the animal kingdom as well, leading many animals to mate with other species. The Ark's function, first and foremost, was to create a safe environment where the animals were separated with each other and would not interbreed. If the animals were not prevented from cross-breeding, there would be no point in sparing them from the flood. In fact, these pesukim may actually be the source for Chazal's contention that the animals engaged in cross-breeding. The Torah states merely that "all flesh corrupted its way on the land"; there is no explicit indication that that corruption took the form of cross-breeding. One may just as well have concluded that the animals were affected by the rampant theft among mankind, the sin for which the decree

of the mabul was ultimately sealed. The Talmud (Eruvin 100b) states that by observing an ant, one can learn to refrain from theft; perhaps this was the aspect of the animals' natural behavior that was corrupted before the flood. Where did Chazal see an indication that the animals' corruption specifically involved cross-breeding?

The answer may very well be that the division of the Ark into separate rooms served as the basis for their conclusion. As we have ex-

plained, the purpose of this was to create an environment that was free of sin, a place where all the species of animals would be kept separate from each other and would not succumb to the "corruption" that had pervaded even the world of nature. Since the Ark was designed to prevent cross-breeding, it is clear that that was the nature of the "corruption" that had affected the animals.

Good Shabbos

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**This week's kiddush is sponsored by:
 Mrs. Janine Weinstock in honour of the yahrzeit of her husband Sruli OB"M.
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The kids' program will take place downstairs beginning at 9:30 am.

**The guest speaker for Seudas Shlishis is TBA.
 Seudas Shlishis is sponsored by Avraham & Chaya Engel.**

**We are updating the cholim list for Chodesh Cheshvan.
 If you would like to submit a name to the cholim list please email
 gabbai@agudahsouth.com or contact one of the gabbaim.**

Shacharis	Weekday Schedule	Mincha
Sunday: 8:00 am & 9:00 am		6:15 pm
Monday & Thursday: 7:00 am & 7:55 am		Maariv
Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday: 7:00 am & 8:00 am		6:35 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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Sunday Morning Shacharis

We are pleased to announce that due to popular demand we will be starting a 2nd minyan for Shacharis on Sundays at 9:00 am in addition to the usual 8:00 am Sunday Shacharis.

URGENT KINNUS Sunday October 18 @ 8:30PM

**In light of current events in there will be a Kinnus Tehillim on
 Sunday at Bais Yaakov Elementary School.
 Divrei Hisorerus and Tehillim at 8:30 p.m. Maariv at 9:30 p.m.
 Please bring your own Tehillim.**

Friday Night Learning Program (FNL)

**The Friday Night learning program will commence Parshas Chaya Sarah (November 6).
 Sponsorships available.**