



Congregation Etz Chaim

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Parshas Noach
Cheshvan 6, 5781
October 24, 2020

Friday Night

Candle Lighting 5:32PM

Shabbos Day

Latest Shema 9:48AM

Latest Shacharis 10:41AM

Sunset 5:48PM

Shabbos Ends 6:31PM

Erev Shabbos Oct 30th

Candle Lighting 5:22PM

Davening Times

~ 10/23 - 10/25 ~

****Before attending, please review our COVID-19 policy in its entirety and pre-register. The signup can be found on the shul website.****

Shabbos

Friday Mincha 5:32PM

Shacharis 8:30AM

Mincha 5:20PM

Maariv 6:31PM

Sunday

Shacharis 8:00AM

Mincha/Maariv 5:30PM

Torah Learning

Women's Shmiras HaLashon

Daily 9:05AM

<https://zoom.us/j/8709646716>

Password: 9uvcAF

Rabbi Hartman's Class

(Topic: Tzinut)

Sunday 9:30AM

Zoom ID: 903 917 1656

Password: 170smain

Rabbi Gorin's Class

(Topic: Not Worth the Squeeze)

Tuesday 8:00PM

Zoom ID: 508 201 1855

Password: 665202

~ Announcements ~

DRASHA SPONSORSHIP

This week's drasha is sponsored by the **Goldblatts** in honor of Yaela's birthday on October 25/י"ג השון, "may Hashem give her a year of parnassa, brachot, health and joy" and by **Marve and Nean Rudenstein** "in loving memory of our dear mother Sonya bas Zachariah."

COMMUNITY MINCHA/MAARIV

Mincha/Maariv Monday through Thursday is at Young Israel of Sharon at 5:25 p. m. Everyone who attends MUST register ahead of time at <https://www.yisharon.org/form/minyanim>.

SHMIRAS HALASHON STUDY GROUP

A Shmiras HaLashon 15-minute daily study group invites interested women to join Sunday – Friday mornings from 9:05 a.m. to 9:20 a.m. You can learn every day or whenever your schedule allows. It is led by Susan Cable. By learning two Shmiras HaLashon laws a day you can become more aware of your speech and its impact on others.

Zoom link for Shmiras HaLashon:

<https://zoom.us/j/8709646716>

Password: 9uvcAF

RABBI HARTMAN'S CLASS

Rabbi Hartman's class continues this Sunday, 10/25 at 9:30. The new topic is Modesty - Tziniut more than the Dress Code.

Please use the following link to sign in:

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/9039171656?pwd=ZW5vbHhVWXVSMGJZRGZJYmNwL3JpQT09>

VIRTUAL ANNUAL GALA EVENT

Our annual Elegant Gala Evening is Sunday, October 25. We are honoring our past presidents by placing ads in our virtual ad book. We will also have an opportunity to buy a special dinner by Tova and enjoy it before or during the MC inspired evening. Letters have gone out to our members and phone calls will be following up. Businesses are encouraged to advertise! The fundraising is to help cover the shul's operating costs, utilities and general maintenance as well as our security needs. For additional information please contact Nina Rogoff at (781) 883-3764.

All members and guests are welcome to watch Etz Chaim's Gala Event **this Sunday at 5:00 p.m.** Get the Zoom link for the event by contacting Tzila Pass at seela.47@gmail.com. After the event, the video will be on our website.

For those who ordered dinners from Tova's Catering, pick up is on Sunday at Cong. Etz Chaim, 74 Billings Street, Sharon between 11 AM and 12 noon.

What would an Annual Gala be without some fantastic raffle prizes? Raffle items include framed Judaica, a mezuzah, an artisan-crafted hamsa wall-hanging, gift certificates, books and much more! Raffle tickets are not for specific raffle items.

To purchase raffle tickets, please go to <https://www.etzchaimsharon.com>. Tickets must be purchased by Friday, Oct. 23. Your online payment will automatically generate the number of raffle tickets that you purchase and will be given to our MC, Marty Bauman, for the drawings. You will not actually receive a raffle ticket.

The raffle will be drawn "live" via Zoom following the Honoree Gala on Sunday. You do not have to be watching to win, but we hope you will join us!

POST GALA EVENT MEETING

Post Gala Event meeting is Tuesday, October 27, at 7:00 p.m.

RABBI GORIN'S CLASS

Rabbi Gorin's class will be Tuesday, October 27 at 8:00PM over Zoom - Meeting ID: 508 201 1855 | Passcode: 665202. The topic is "Not Worth the Squeeze."

BOARD MEETING

Board Meeting is Monday, November 18 at 7:30 p.m.

DRASHA SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITY

Our Etz Chaim community has opened up the Rabbi's weekly Shabbat Drasha video for sponsorships. The Rabbi will open his broadcast with the messages of sponsorship. We would like to ask for a donation of \$18 to Etz Chaim per message. If you would like to sponsor this in honor of a yahrtzeit of a loved one, a simcha in the family or just to offer your gratitude, please email Janis Monat with your message at jbmonat@aol.com and send a donation to the shul via PayPal through the shul's website or mail your donation to the shul, 74 Billings Street, Att: the Treasurer.

REFUAH SHELAIMA

Please daven for Len Gerber's mother, Chaya bas Leah; David Goldblatt's mother, Chava Yehudis bas Chana Zelda; Shira Picard's uncle, Chanan David ben Rochel; Shulamis bas Bryna Bashie; Yona Shoshana bas Rivka Petal; and for all those who need our prayers for a complete and speedy recovery.

PARASHA NOTE

Like Adam and Eve, the parents of the entire human race, Noach and his wife become the parents of mankind after the flood.

G-d instructs Noach—the only righteous man in a world consumed by violence and corruption—to build a large wooden teivah ("ark"). A great deluge, says G-d, will wipe out all life from the face of the earth; but the ark will float upon the water, sheltering Noach and his family, and two members (male and female) of each animal species.

G-d swears never again to destroy all of mankind because of their deeds and sets the rainbow as a testimony of His new covenant with man.

The descendants of Noah remain a single people, with a single language and culture, for ten generations. Then they defy their Creator by building a great tower to symbolize their own invincibility; G-d confuses their language so that "one does not comprehend the tongue of the other," causing them to abandon their project and disperse across the face of the earth, splitting into seventy nations.

The Sages discuss the phrase, "Noach ish tsadik, Noach was a righteous person": Would he have been more righteous had he lived amongst people who were not violent and corrupt? Rashi answers, "Had he lived in the time of Avraham he would have been insignificant." (Avraham had the task of teaching his family, the world's population and its future generations the concept of a non-physical G-d being the world's only and eternal creator.) The parasha concludes with a chronology of the ten generations from Noah to Abram, (later Avraham).

Pointedly the Sefer HaParshiyos says the righteous of each generation must be judged in terms of their own time.

Rashi teaches that Noach was instructed to build an ark so people would ask him what he was doing. A righteous act of Noach's would be to answer, "G-d is about to bring a flood on the world because of your sins." The hope was that they would be inspired to repent...but they scoffed at him.

While the rain fell for 40 days and nights, and the waters churned for 150 days, 4,000 years later we still sometimes wake up to face a “flood” of concerns and responsibilities. We try to take measures to keep our head above the “water” financially and health-wise, physically, emotionally and spiritually. We offer gratitude to Hashem and to our loved ones in our thoughts, prayers, and actions.

In our time of the persistent Covid-19 threat, we try to feel safe with our families, escaping the “storm”, at home, in our ark, our “teivah”.

Noach stuck to his mission and continued building the ark despite others around him trying to undermine his confidence and his work. We must soothe our internal and external rocky waters by listening to the underlying feelings of others and reaching out to them in non-judgmental ways. Our perspectives may just be enhanced and possibly theirs as we connect with one another.

As we try to live with our moral truths while maintaining compassion, (another component of being a “tsadik”, a person of righteousness), may we never again need to be split up and separated across the globe. Like Adam and Noach, we can help continue “creating” the human race through our loving, righteous, and compassionate words and actions. We can help Hashem be proud of the covenant he made with mankind and is still making with us.

Come join our Shmiras HaLashon 15 minute a day inspiration! (See link above).

A Shabbat of creating joy.