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Opening remarks

Welcome to the first issue of the Ohr Yisrael newsletter. **בעזרת השם**, we hope to be able to produce a new and exciting newsletter regularly.

One of the primary goals of this newsletter is to offer the mispallelim of the shul and the talmidim and alumni of the yeshiva a chance to appreciate additional **דברי תורה**, practical **דברי הלכה**, interesting historical facts and stories, community news, Mazel Tov announcements and more, while also providing material that will be interesting for the N'Shei and the younger generation of Ohr Yisrael as well.

To help us achieve this goal, we have asked our Rav and Rosh Yeshiva, Rabbi Zucker שליט"א to contribute various **דברי תורה** to the newsletter each week. We will also be reaching out to you to help provide content for upcoming issues. As this is still a "work-in-progress" and will probably remain so for a very long time, we ask that you offer feedback such as ideas, constructive criticism or other contributions for future issues.

Please submit all comments, ideas, questions etc... to
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Kid's Challenge Question # 1

Who was Noach's wife?

See Rabbi Zucker after Davening if
you have the correct answer.

Parsha Stats for נח

Number Of Pesukim: 153
Number Of Words: 1861
Number Of Letters: 6907

נח איש צדיק...

"אלא תולדות נח, נח איש צדיק תמים היה בדורותיו"

Rashi explains that the **עיקר תולדותיהם**, or the main "children" of Tzadikim are their **מעשים טובים**. However, one can ask, aren't the main "children" of *everyone* their **מעשים טובים**? Why does Rashi say just for Tzadikim?

Perhaps Rashi is discussing the perspective of the Tzadik in life. The Tzadik views his **תורה ומצוות** as his offspring, his progeny. Just as a person views his children with love and concern, so too the Tzadik sees his **מעשים**. And if he fails even with only one child, it bothers him to no end.

Kid's Challenge Question # 2

From which child of Noach do the Yiddin and Arabs come from ?

See Rabbi Zucker after Davening if you have the correct answer.

Kid's Challenge Question # 3

Who was the first person in the world to be born with fingers ?

See Rabbi Zucker after Davening if you have the correct answer.



Making bricks for the tower....

The same effort and care that one invests in his children to make sure that they have all the opportunity to grow properly, so too must a person view his מעשים טובים.

He will make sure that no Mitzvah is too small and no challenge too daunting for they are his own children. In this way a person insures the שלימות in his מעשים.

כי מלאה הארץ חמס ...

The Pasuk says "קין בל בשר בא לפני כי מלאה הארץ חמס מפניהם". Rashi brings down from the Gemarah "לא נחתם גזר דינם אלא על הגזל".

The obvious question is that Rashi seemingly deviates from the לשון of the Pasuk. The Pasuk itself says that the world was full of חמס, however Rashi says that the גזל of the מבול came about because of גזל; and גזל is different than חמס. Whereas גזל is straight-out stealing, חמס is forcibly taking something from its owner but giving its value in return.

Answers the מה"רל that, in truth, everyone was stealing from everyone! Therefore, in the final analysis, everyone eventually got back the value of what was stolen from them by stealing from someone else.

So, says the מה"רל, there is no contradiction. The Pasuk is telling us that the world was full of חמס. Says Rashi, how? By everyone doing גזל, stealing.

הבה נבנה לנו עיר ומגדל ...

In Perek by the מעשה of the הפלגה דור the Pasuk says that each man said to his friend "הבה נלכנה לבנים ונשרפה לשרפה", "Let's build bricks and burn them in fire".

In the next Pasuk it says that they said to each other "הבה נבנה לנו עיר ומגדל", "Let's build a city and a tower". Why does the Pasuk preface the plan to build a tower with an explanation of how they made bricks for the tower? Wasn't the building of the מגדל the עיקר חטא?

Says זצ"ל Sonnenfeld הרב יוסף חיים, that the חטא of the הפלגה דור was their concept of בחי ועוצם ידי - the thought that man was in control of his own destiny and that הק"בה was not needed. This attitude is expressed in the first Pasuk. They didn't want to use natural stones to build their tower - it had to be bricks that they made! בחי ועוצם ידי. So indeed the תורה had to relate this plan in full, especially the materials used for the מגדל.

What we have to realize is that the גדלות of man is not that he is independent, but rather that he is reliant on הק"בה.

Man is created בצלם אלקים and as רב פנחס Korlitzer says, this means that man is בצל of הק"בה - in the shadow and protection of Hashem. That is his גדלות, that he recognizes Hashem in his life and does His רצון.

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Always B'Simcha - By Avi Lazerson

Now that Simchas Torah has passed and we have celebrated it to the best of our abilities, we begin the progression into the dreary, cold winter months. As opposed to the warm summer which sees growth, beauty, and pleasant days, the winter is similar to hibernation or darkness. The trees are bare, the summer fruits are gone, the days are short, darkness prevails, people often get sick.

Simchas Torah is the last of the major Yomim Tovim. In the times of the Chumish, there were no other Yomim Tovim until Pesach a full six months later. We now have Chanukah and Purim, which are D'Rabannan, and serve to brighten up the winter darkness.

Simchas Torah is considered by many to be the Yom Tov from which we draw from the Torah the simcha and joy that will accompany us through the year until the next Simchas Torah. Yet we find even after dancing straight through the Simchas Torah celebrations many people are still unhappy. How can that be? Don't we bring joy into our lives when we dance and sing on Simchas Torah?

This can be understood through a story.

A king had a daughter that he wished to marry to a "good" and proper husband. After much searching and investigation, he decided that a particular man was acceptable. The king was ready to announce that he had agreed to this man marrying his daughter.

However, the king was not a hundred percent positive that this man was the correct husband, since it was well known that the person that marries the princess would become instantly rich and powerful. Therefore there were many wiseguys who tried to fool the king into thinking that they desired the princess when in reality all they wanted was the wealth, honor and fame the marriage would bring.

The king wanted to know if the husband that he selected really desired her for herself and would take good care of her, or was he really interested in the riches and honor that would accompany anyone who marries the princess?

So the king sent spies to see how the husband would react when he was told that he was chosen to marry the princess. If the man showed his happiness by telling his friends about the many charms and beauty of the princess and how wonderful she was, then the king would know that he was the correct man. However, if this man boasted of the wealth, honor and position that he was soon to inherit, it would be a sure sign that the man's interest was more in his own personal benefit than in the welfare of the king's daughter.

The same is true for us. If our happiness on Simchas Torah is due to the festive dancing and singing or of being with good friends and eating good food, then our happiness is not because of the Torah. Simchas Torah then becomes just a day to have a "good time". Instead of drawing up simcha for the entire year, we have merely made ourselves happy for a day.

On the other hand, if we are happy because we have involved ourselves in the reading of the Torah, we have studied it and invested much of our energies in trying to learn its secrets, then for us, the happiness of Simchas Torah is that we have finished one cycle of the Torah and are now starting another. This simcha is truly the happiness that comes from dedicating part of one's life to the learning of the Torah.

True, this second person will also dance and sing, eat and drink with friends but his simcha is not based on the "good time" of Simchas Torah but on the importance of the day. This is the person that Hashem rewards with a year of happiness.

דברי הלכה

Shulchan Aruch 89: 1 & 2 with Mishna Brurah

1. If one was unable, (or forgot) to daven **שחרית** until Chatzos, one should not daven **שחרית** that day, since the time for **מנחה** has already arrived. Rather, he should daven two Shmona Esrei's at **מנחה**, (the first for **מנחה** and the second as tashlumin for **שחרית**). (However, B'dieved, if he davened **שחרית** up to one half hour after Chatzos he is Yotzeh).
2. If one purposely neglected to daven **שחרית**, he may not make it up with two Shmona Esrei's at **מנחה**.
3. Before Davening **שחרית** one may not say Sholom Aleichem to another person, even his Rabbi or Father, because Sholom is the name of Hashem and it is not fitting to honor a person before having davened to Hashem. However, it is permitted to respond Aleichem Sholom if someone greeted you first. (If you already said Brochos, you may say Sholom Aleichem, even before davening).
4. One may greet another person with Good Morning, or any other greeting that does not contain the name of Hashem, even before davening.

Kashrus Korner

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Community News & Events

Mazel Tov to Dov & Penina Abramowitz upon the birth of a baby girl, Nava Tehila.

Mazel Tov to Chaim & Zlata Klein upon the birth of a baby girl, Hadassah.

The Abramowitz and Klein families would like to invite everybody to a kiddush to take place this Shabbos after davening in the shul!

Mazel Tov to Mr. and Mrs. Yosef Berman upon the birth of a baby girl, Chedva Bracha.

May the Abramowitz, Klein and Berman families be zocheh to be migadel their daughters l'torah ul'ben Torah ul'chupah ul'maasim tovim.

N'Shei Ohr Yisrael

Ohr Yisroel of Marine Park is proud to announce our first "N'Shei" event.

Devorah Heller, also known as, "The Challah Maven", will be coming to inspire and entertain as she speaks about the importance of the mitzvah of baking Challah.

Aside from sharing her delicious recipe, she will be demonstrating how to prepare and braid the perfect Challah.

The event will take place on **Sunday, October 21st at 8pm** in the home of Sholy and Rachel Greenberger at **1648 Madison Place.**

If you are able to help sponsor the event, please contact Rachel Greenberger at 718-645-1133.

All girls 12 years and older are welcome to attend.

Warm, loving Bobby will babysit for your children in her home or yours. If interested, please call the Rebbetzin at 718-338-3389



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