

Parashas Noach • October 23rd • 5 Cheshvan

 **Reminders**

BeHaB begins this coming Monday (October 26th). A Mi Shebeirach is said before Mussaf this Shabbos for those who fast on BeHaB. Many congregations say Selichos on the days of BeHaB. Reasons given for BeHaB include: 1) To atone for any sins which may have occurred over Yom Tov; 2) to atone for work performed over Chol Hamoed; or perhaps 3) to strengthen the health of the body for the change of season.

Next Motzaei Shabbos, November 1st, we will move the clock back one hour, shifting from DST to Standard Time.

In Eretz Yisrael, V'sein Tal U'matar is added to Bareich Aleinu starting at Maariv on 7 Cheshvan/November 4th. People in Chutz La'Aretz will begin a month later, at Maariv on Motzaei Shabbos, December 5th. Someone traveling to Eretz Yisrael should seek halachic guidance.

The final opportunity for Kiddush Levanah is Thursday night, October 29th (B'dieved Friday night).

Daf Yomi: Erev Shabbos is Eiruv 75.

Make sure to call your parents, inlaws, grandparents and Rabbi to wish them a good Shabbos. If you didn't speak to your kids today, make sure to do the same!

 **Next on the Calendar**

The fasts of BeHaB begin this Monday,

October 26th, and continue on Thursday (the 29th), and Monday (the 2nd).

We will move the clock back one hour - changing from DST to Standard Time - on Motzaei Shabbos Parashas Lech Lecha, October 31st.

Chanukah begins on Thursday Night, December 10th.

 **Parshah in a Paragraph**

NOACH: The life of Noach • Building the Teivah and gathering animals • Noach was six hundred years old when the great flood began • The waters surge for forty days, covering the mountains • Everything on land was obliterated • The waters roiled for 150 days before they began to recede • The Teivah comes to rest on the Ararat mountains • The raven is sent out • The dove is sent out twice, bringing back an olive leaf the second time • The dove is sent out a third time, and it does not return • Noach leaves the ark • Noach offers sacrifices • Hashem promises never again to bring a flood • Noach and his children are now permitted to eat meat • The sign of the rainbow • Noach plants a vineyard, and his subsequent degradation • Canaan is cursed • The descendants of Noach's children - 70 nations fill the earth • The tower of Bavel • The ten generations leading up to Avram.

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NOACH: 146 Pesukim • Parashas Noach does not list any of the Taryag Mitzvos.

 **For the Shabbos Table**

We find that the Mabul is referred to as

Mei Noach, the "waters of Noach". As Noach was a righteous individual who in fact was spared from this great punishment, why is this great tragedy attributed to him?

Rav Meir Zlotowitz z"l brings from the Zohar the contrast between Noach and Moshe Rabeinu. By Moshe the Pasuk refers to the salvation by Krias Yam Suf as Moshe's accomplishment. This is due to Moshe constantly interceding on behalf of the Bnei Yisrael, going so far as to express a willingness to sacrifice his own life to save Klal Yisrael from destruction. On the other hand Noach, for whatever reasons, failed to beseech Hashem to have mercy on mankind to save them from the greatest destruction in history. For this reason this travesty is referred to as "Noach's waters". Despite a situation seeming helpless or any potential risk to one personally, one should never fail to beseech our Father in Heaven on behalf of His children.

*When you have
nothing to say,
say nothing.*

-Rabbi Meir Zlotowitz zt'l

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