

## Thought of the Week

The sequence of expression in the opening pasukim [verses] of our parsha [Bereshis 6:9-10] is noteworthy. The Torah begins "And these are the offspring of Noach" (Eleh toldos Noach), which would lead us to expect that we will be immediately told the names of Noach's children. However, the Torah first says, "Noach was a righteous man, perfect in his generations". Only after that does the Torah continue, "Noach had begotten three sons: Shem, Cham, and Yafes." It seems that the description of Noach's righteousness is out of place in the narrative. Rashi comments on this unusual sequence and says this teaches that the main offspring (i.e. creations) of righteous people are their good deeds. The true descendants of a Tzadik are not the physical children he leaves behind, but his acts of kindness.

This is truly an amazing statement. Each of us is here because of Noach. What is the greatest legacy that Noach left the world? I would say that the answer is simple: humanity! The fact that there are people in this world is the greatest legacy that Noach could leave. Yet Chazal explain that the pasuk is teaching us that this is not true. Noach's greatest legacy (as is the case with all Tzadikim) is his good deeds! We are commanded to have children but children are also human beings. They are not eternal. They will die and ultimately leave this world. However, there is something we can do in this world that is eternal and never ceases to exist, namely our good deeds! This is an amazing statement.

The Medrash says that the wife of Noach was Naamah, a descendant of Kayin. We are told about some of Cain's other descendants [Bereshis 4:20-22]. One was Yaval, who founded the cattle and shepherd industry, which has been around for thousands of years. Another was Yuval. He was the first musician. A third descendant, Tuval Kayin, was the first metalworker. He fashioned metal into swords. All of these individuals died. The flood wiped out their descendants and their legacies. Naamah, on the other hand, is the only descendant of Kayin to survive. Why did she survive? Chazal say that she was called Na'amah because her actions were "Naim u'neimim" -- they were pleasant and brought pleasure to others.

The point is that accomplishments, even creating major industries, music, and so on are fine and good but they are not eternal. They do not last forever. The only thing in this world that is truly eternal is spirituality and good deeds. This is the point of the aforementioned teaching of our Sages: The major offspring of the righteous is their good deeds.

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Parshas Noach

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## Shabbos Schedule



### Rosh Chodesh Cheshvan

Light Candles, Mincha and Kabbalas Shabbos: 5:45pm

Parsha Chaburah by Ron Werrin: 7:55am

Rabbi's Mishlei Shiur: 8:15am

Shacharis: 8:45am

Sof Zman Krias Shema: 10:05am

Shabbos Groups, upstairs, for ages 2 and up. Children under 2 must be supervised by a parent. 9:45am

Kiddush is sponsored by Dr David and Sharyn Chase and family in honor of Baruch Chaim's Bar Mitzvah. Mazal Tov!

Mincha: 5:30pm

Shalosh Seudos is sponsored by Sid and Susan Laytin to commemorate Sid's father's yahrzeit, Myer Laytin, Meir ben Shlomo z"l.

Medical Halacha Shiur given by Dr Daniel Eisenberg.

Maariv: 6:47pm

Questions? Comments! Sponsorships\$ [weeklyupdate@yiml.org](mailto:weeklyupdate@yiml.org)

### **Weekday Davening Times**

Shacharis: Sunday:	8:00am
Monday and Thursday:	6:40am
Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday:	6:50am
Mincha/Maariv: Sunday:	5:45pm
Maariv: Monday through Thursday:	7:45pm
Candle Lighting, Mincha and Kabbalas Shabbos:	5:37pm

### **Weekday Shiurim**

Daily Mussar Shiur:	15 minutes before Shacharis
Mishna Brura:	Mon and Wed after Maariv
Sefer Bereishis Shiur:	Monday at 8pm.
Nefesh HaChaim:	Thursday at 10:10pm

### **Women's Learning Experience – Winter Schedule**

Monday 9:00am: Tehillim for Cholim.  
Monday 9:30am: Rabbi Steinberg - Geshet HaChaim.  
Monday 10:45am: Rabbi Brisman - Shabbos Kitchen Halachas.  
Tuesday 9:30am: Rabbi Shmidman - Sefer Tehillim, at LMS.  
Tuesday 8:00pm: Stacey Goldman - Women in Tanach, at 161 Highland Circle.  
Wednesday 9:30am: Steve Goldman - Sefer Devarim.  
Wednesday 2:50pm: Rabbi Greenspan - Parsha Va'eschanan.  
Thursday 9:30am: Rabbi Gold - Parsha HaShavua.  
Classes at 8 Concord Circle, unless otherwise noted.  
Suggested donation of \$5 per class. Babysitting is available, reservations must be made in advance. For information or babysitting, call Janis Fine 610-888-0477 [jfine@comcast.net](mailto:jfine@comcast.net).

### **Chevra Mishnayos**

The Chevra Mishnayos is learning Seder Zeraim. See shul bulletin board to sign up or email [eisenber@pol.net](mailto:eisenber@pol.net) with your name and the masechta (and chapters) you intend to learn.

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- Mazel Tov to Rabbi Yehuda and Orit Seif and family on the birth of a boy. Be"H, the bris will be Sunday at 10am at LMS. The Shalom Zachor will begin at 8:30pm at 33 Union Ave.
- Mazel Tov to Dr Bobby and Galitte Den and family on the birth of a baby girl, Yaira Soshana, born this past Sunday.
- Mazel Tov to Zecharya and Basya Feldman and family on the birth of a boy. Be"H, the bris will be Sunday at 10:45am at Aish.

### **Bnos of Bala Cynwyd**

Bnos will meet from 3:30 to 4:30pm at LMS. Please pay yearly membership (\$36/girl). Contact Meira Friedman: 610-617-9529. Pirchei will meet from 3:30 to 4:30pm at LMS. Grades k-8. Rabbi Silver, 610-668-6833 or [silverdollar@verizon.net](mailto:silverdollar@verizon.net)

### **Kiddush Committee Volunteers**

The kiddush committee is looking for volunteers to help set up kiddushes. Free orientation is provided, including all you can eat at the kiddush. Contact Janis Fine at [jfine@comcast.net](mailto:jfine@comcast.net) or call or text her at 610-888-0477.

### **Kollel Yom Rishon**

Sunday, Oct 30 at 9am, Rabbi Zvi Sobolofsky "Individual and Communal Responsibility in the Mitzvah of Brit Milah". Sponsored by the Seif family in honor of the brit milah of their son, which will take place immediately afterwards at 10am.

### **New Bekius Gemorah Shiur**

Young Israel of the Main Line presents a new Bekius Gemorah Shiur with HaRav Avraham Steinberg. Learning Gemorah Meseches Beitzah with Rashi and Tosfos. Monday, October 31, 8pm. Future schedule to be discussed. 45 minutes, 4 days a week, Amud (half a blat) a day. For more information, contact Rabbi Steinberg or Sherman Frager.