



Tiferet

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TIFERET UPDATES

This Week in Tiferet

This week, many of our students began our independent **Nach Yomi** program, in which students will learn the **entire Neviim rishonim** over the course of the year. Kol hakavod to them for taking on this challenge!

Tiferet is preparing for our annual **Tzfat Shabbaton** this weekend. The Mayer and Etigson families will be traveling along with our students to Tzfat, where we will enjoy inspiring guest speakers, fascinating tours and the unique ruach of this holy city. We are looking forward to a very special Shabbat together!

תורת תפארת

One for All and All for One **Rav Moshe Yeshurun** **Parashat Noach**

In this week's Parasha, Parashat Noach, the Torah describes two different generations that rebelled against Hashem, the Dor Hamabul and the Dor Hapalagah. While the sins of the Dor Hamabul are explicitly mentioned in the Torah and are clearly evident to all, there is no mention in the Pesukim of any explicit sin with regards to the Dor Hapalagah. On the contrary, it seems that this generation was united and lived in harmony as opposed to the Dor Hamabul. If so, why were they punished?!

After the destruction of the world during the Mabul, Hashem presented Mankind with a special sign and promise that He will never again destroy the world, the Rainbow! Various commentators explain the connection between the rainbow and God's promise. Rav Shimshon Rephael Hirsch explains that the answer to our question lies in **the colors** of the rainbow. The uniqueness of the rainbow is evident through its colors. Even though each color of the rainbow is individually beautiful, when united together, all the colors combined bring out the majestic beauty of the rainbow.

God is trying to communicate with Mankind through the rainbow. Just as the rainbow achieves its unique beauty through the combination and blending of all the colors together while each color retains its own unique beauty, Mankind is given the opportunity to let each individual express their own special color and talent and together unite all the colors to enhance the Great Beauty in Hashem's world.

The Dor Hapalagah rebelled against this exact point. They unified towards one united goal and squandered the individual talents of each person not allowing the individual person to shine and live out his or her true potential. This explains the "Midah K'Neced Midah" in the punishment of the Dor Hapalagah, where Hashem scattered them all over the world in order that each individual live out and express their own potential.

May Hashem grant us the Koach to continue growing and living out our true potential for our personal benefit and for the benefit of ALL Mankind!



Decisions, Decisions!!!! **Renina Michelson (5773)**

After reviewing Parashat Noach, one must ask the question: would I have been saved? Am I the good guy or the bad guy? Fundamentally the question is: who am I? When we are introduced to Noach, he is called "ish tzaddik," righteous and perfect, but after the flood he is called "ish ha'adamah," a man of the land. One would think being one of the last survivors on earth grants you an even greater title than one simply referring to your profession, but that is not the case.

The first action Noach takes when he gets off the teivah is planting a vineyard. He made farming his first priority. He no longer worked to support and serve; rather he worked to work...and work. This teaches us a valuable lesson. The way Noach chose to prioritize became his definition. So too, this lesson begs us to ask ourselves the question: How do we prioritize? When we wake up in the morning do we first check our phones or do we say "modeh ani"? The choices we make define the direction our day will take.

Noach is called a "tzaddik in peltz", a Yiddish phrase meaning a righteous man in a fur coat. Rabbi Menachem Mendl of Kotzk explains there are two different people: the person who is cold and gets a jacket for himself or the kind who turns on the heat for both him and others around. Noach gets himself a "fur coat." He built the teivah board by board but gave up otherwise. Unlike Avraham who begged Hashem to save the people of Sodom, Noach accepted the fate on behalf of the rest of mankind. So when we look to answer who we are, it can be as simple as answering, what comes first? How you will be perceived is stemmed in the priorities you make, whether it's between you and Hashem or you and your friend.

MAZAL TOV!

Mazal Tov to Shifra Edelstein (5771) on her engagement to Josh Senders! May they be zochim to build a bayit ne'eman b'Yisrael together!

Mazal Tov to Shifra Bluman (5769) on her marriage to Benjamin Leibowitz! May they be zochim to build a bayit ne'eman b'Yisrael together!

Mazal Tov to Rabbi Naphtali and Abby Weisz (Tiferet Rakezet) on the birth of a baby girl! May they be zochim to raise her l'Torah, l'chupa u'l'maasim tovim!

Alumnae Events *Save the Dates!*

Shabbat, November 9th – 10th:
Alumnae Shabbaton in Stern College
with Rabbi Elie Mayer

Thursday, January 10th –
Sunday, January 13th: Alumnae
Program and Shabbaton in Tiferet

We would love to see you there!