

Parshas NOACH 5776

16-17 OCT 2015 / 4 CHESHVAN 5776

CANDLE LIGHTING THIS WEEK: 5:57PM
EREV SHABBOS MINCHA THIS WEEK: 6:00PM
SHABBOS MINCHA: 5:40PM
SHABBOS ENDS: 6:47PM

SHABBOS CANDLE LIGHTING NEXT WEEK: 6:01PM
EREV SHABBOS MINCHA NEXT WEEK: 6:05PM

LATEST TIME FOR MORNING SHEMA THIS WEEK: 8:38AM
EARLIEST TIME FOR EVENING SHEMA THIS WEEK: 6:47PM

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Ohr Somayach

GREAT IS PEACE

We are all familiar with the story recorded at the end of the Parsha involving an attempt to build "a tower with its top in the heavens". Society spoke a single language and had a common purpose. With single-minded dedication, this society attempted to build a brick and limestone structure that would allow them to "make a name" for themselves. Hashem descended, as it were, and "confused their language" such that they stopped building the tower and the project was abandoned. The Torah records: "That is why it was called Babel, because it was there that Hashem confused the language of the whole earth, and from there Hashem scattered them over the face of the whole earth." [Bereshis 11:9]

Rashi asks: Which sin was greater – that of the Generation of the Flood or the Generation of the Dispersion? Off hand, we would say that the latter were worse. The people of the Generation of the Dispersion were heretics. They engaged in theological battle, waging war against the Almighty (by building a tower that would reach the heavens to go up and fight with Him). The Generation of the Flood engaged in theft, violence, and sexual immoralities — crimes of passion. However, they did not engage in heresy. They did not have the audacity to "wage war against the Almighty!"

And yet, the Generation of the Flood was totally destroyed while the people of the Generation of Dispersion were merely dispersed. Rashi explains that the unity that existed within the society of the Generation of Dispersion is what saved them. The Generation of the Flood was a totally dysfunctional society. They hated each other and stole from one another. The people of the Generation of Dispersion on the other hand, despite the fact that they were heretics, were unified. They loved one another. They spoke with one language and had common purpose! Rashi concludes: From here we see that disputes are hated and great is peace (Gadol haShalom). Rav Weinberg asked a basic question on Rashi's premise. How can Rashi say that love of fellow man and unity prevailed in the society of the Generation of the Dispersion? Rashi himself two pasukim [verses] earlier cites a Medrash that the people of this generation were more concerned about the loss of a brick than they were about the loss of human life! (One asks for a brick and the other brings lime, and the former stands over him and shatters his brain). Where is the love and friendship that Rashi in pasuk 9 claimed was pervasive in this society?

Apparently, any cooperation they manifested in the project of building the tower was a very superficial demonstration of "peace". The Shalom was based on ulterior motives!

In a classic insight, Rav Weinberg stated that this teaches us that even if people have their differences or even hate each other, the mere fact that people work together is "shalom". The mere fact that people can join together to work on a project and set aside their differences — superficial shalom — is also very meritorious. Even though the shalom may be short-lived, still, people working together is better than people working against one another. Even if Shalom is only skin-deep, if the people, for whatever reasons, come together: Gadol HaShalom — Great is Peace.

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LADIES SHIURIM WITH RABBI AUERBACH
RESUMING THIS WEEK

SHABBOS HALOCHA & HASHKOFA

at the Levitt's, 10a Terminal Cres, Glenhazel

Wednesday at 9.00am

EMUNAH & BITACHON by the Chazon Ish

at the Liknaitzky's, 1 Park Glen Estate,
Terminal Crescent, Glenhazel

Thursday at 9.15am

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SHABBOS

OHR SOMAYACH & OHR CHODOSH
KIDS!!

The
Shabbos
Project

KEEPING IT TOGETHER

Join us in making beautiful
benchers for our Shabbos Seuda

SUNDAY 18 OCTOBER 2015

11.30AM-12.45PM

OHR SOMAYACH MAIN HALL

AGES 4 - 12 YEARS



MAIN SHUL KIDDUSH



This week's Main Shul Kiddush is kindly sponsored as a l'chaim for **Aharon & Tamsi Markovitz** on the birth of their baby girl **Leah**

GRANDPARENTS



Mazelto to **David & Janette Osrin** on the birth of their granddaughter **Nechama Ahuva** born to proud parents **Rabbi Aaron Meir & Yehudis Osrin**

THANK YOU!

The Ohr Somayach Community would like to give a BIG "Thank You" in appreciation for all the hard work of **Laureen Shalpid, Joan Lurie, Sue Fogel, Rachaeli Shapiro, Lorraine Stallard, Rochelle Stallard and Sam Stallard** for all their help in the catering department.

SHABBOS AFTERNOON SHIUR

RABBI AUERBACH

PAYING THE SHADCHAN

PART 2

Shabbos afternoon at 5.00pm

FROM CHAOS TO CALM

INSIGHTS & PRACTICAL TIPS TO HELP YOU "KEEP IT TOGETHER" ON EREV SHABBOS

Presented by Rebbetzin Hadassah Auerbach,
Mrs Nicki Mirkin & Mrs Debbie Welcher

Monday 19 October 2015

11.00am

30 Summer Way, Glenhazel

YORTZEITS

- **Ruth Rappoport** for her late mother
- **David Ralph** for his late mother
- **Brian Wigdorowitz** for his late parents
- **Michelle Raichlin** for her late father

CHILDREN'S BIRTHDAYS

Ariel Reuven Silberg
Livia Bolel

Happy Birthday!

BABY GIRL



Mazelto to **Rabbi Gary & Keren Braude** on the birth of a baby girl. Mazelto proud grandparents **Ken & Marilyn Braude** and **Eddie & Carol Pokroy**.

ENGAGEMENT



Mazelto to **Juan-Paul Burke & Chaya Sara Chatzkelowitz** on the announcement of their engagement. Mazelto to proud parents **Adrian & Simone Burke** and **Royden Chatzkelowitz** and **Rivka Carrizosa Rocha**.

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MINCHA MAARIV

SUNDAY TO THURSDAY

MINCHA THIS WEEK:

6:05PM IN THE BACK SHUL

SHIUR:

IMMEDIATELY AFTER MINCHA IN BACK SHUL

MAARIV:

6:40PM IN THE MAIN SHUL

BEGINS THIS SUNDAY 18 OCT!

BNOS²⁰¹⁵



Bnos is starting this Shabbos afternoon! **Girls age 5 to 11 yrs**
Venue: **Diamond Family, 18 Carron Road, Glenhazel**. Meet at shul at

5.10pm. For more info or you would like to host one week please contact **Karen Shor 0828989027**

SEUDAH SHLISHIS GUEST SPEAKER

RABBI BARAK BAR CHAIM

Mincha 5.40pm

OVOS U'VONIM
RESUMES THIS MOTZEI SHABBOS
AT THE KOLLEL YAD SHAUL 8.15PM