



November 2, 2019

ד חשון תש"פ

Parashat No'ach - Genesis 6:9-11:32 נח

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Haftarah – Isaiah 54:1-55:5 ישעיה

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Kiddush is lovingly prepared by
 Barbara Levin of A&B Catering

Talmud Class—4:15 PM

Minchah – 5:30 PM

Seudah Sh'lishit

Shabbat Ends – 6:43 PM

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DAILY SERVICE TIMES

Shabbat—9:00 AM & 5:30 PM

Sunday—8:30 AM

Monday—Thursday—7:00 AM & 6:30 PM

Friday—7:00 AM & 5:45 PM

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*Traditional Congregation welcomes new members. If someone you know
would like to receive membership information, please contact
Chris Brown, Membership VP, at 636-288-5356*

On This Week's Torah Portion – Noach

From the crowded confines of a supernatural floating ark, Noah stepped into the still reality of an empty and lonely universe. The world that was, was no more. A fresh yet vacant world with a drastically altered landscape now encircled him, pleading and beckoning to him to begin again.

Dare I, wondered Noah, replenish the earth's population? Dare I facilitate the naissance of nations and construction of cities, where the air shall be filled with sounds of activity, cries of sorrows amidst laughter and joys? And what if they follow that same pattern of corruption, which will culminate with my offspring's obliteration through a future global cleansing?

G-d heard Noah's pondering. And G-d then created a beautiful arching bow of light, where orange, scarlet, green and blue simultaneously curved as they carved through the firmament. As Noah watched in wonder, behind him a wooden ark of the past and before him a luminous arc of the future, G-d gave Noah His promise . . .

Whenever mankind's skies would darken with untoward deeds; whenever the tapestry of humankind's collective performance would grow heavy from sinful pursuits; when their atmosphere would roll and their world would crash with the thunder of violence and the turbulence of injustice; when dreadful flashes of denial, dishonesty, cruelty and depravity would rend society asunder; when the victims' blood and the tears of the oppressed would fall in hopeless torrents and disappear beneath the sullen and sodden soil of man's conscience—there would yet appear a redeeming rainbow.

The embattled light of truth, justice and divinity will never again be thoroughly blocked from filtering through the collective clouds of mankind's perversity. There will always be a righteous minority within mankind who, despite the vapors, will be ready and willing to accept the burden and beauty of arching bravely and steadily heavenwards, to touch some of heaven's radiance from beyond, then curve gracefully back towards the earth—thus banishing the gloom from within their arc, and filling the threatening atmosphere with the glorious spectrum of colors that are manmade reflections of G-d's truth and hope for mankind.

There will always be, G-d promised, at least a minority that remains faithful to the seven laws that G-d gave all mankind: seven colors through which humankind can survive, thrive, and spiritually illuminate their planet. G-d's promise guarantees their perpetual existence and their ability to shine, to ultimately broaden their bands of influence and become the righteous majority . . .

Yet, in the midst of a mass of gray and white cloud, those particles with a greenish or an orange reflection may appear uncomfortably obtrusive. Some may despair at maintaining their faith and honest ways in the face of a universe filled with corruption. Or daunted at the task of encouraging the truths that society prefers to ignore or ridicule.

They should realize, however, that G-d observes the honest and faithful with delight, much as a child who dreads the storm is yet enthralled and enchanted with the presence of a magnificent rainbow. Being unique does not detract from the truth of one's course. Rainbows are minorities, yet they define the skies.

G-d promised Noah that He would observe this bright rainbow contrasted against the blackened rage, and will spare the earth from destruction on behalf of the rainbow. Never again will He preserve the rose in a crafted pot whilst He torches the rest of His garden. Rather, on behalf of those future children of Noah, who like Noah would walk with G-d, the rest of his descendants shall be spared the annihilation suffered by the sons of Adam. Adam sinned once, and all but one family of his offspring were drowned; Noah preserved his faith, and G-d promised to preserve his progeny.

The rainbow is a sign that darkness shall not reign unchallenged forever, but will eventually dissipate and fade from memory. Behind those clouds lies a sun-filled sky of clarity of purpose and warmth for all. The mere existence of these righteous minorities, that throughout history strive to reflect the divine in their lives and deeds, grants confident witness to the existence, proximity, and eventual triumph of a bright future for all mankind.

A rainbow signals that the present chaos is merely the storm before the calm.



WOULD YOU KNOW WHAT TO DO?

ACTIVE ATTACK RESPONSE TRAINING

Learn how to respond in the event of an active attack

**SHABBAT, NOVEMBER 2
11:00 AM FOLLOWING TORAH READING**

Scott Blondo, Community Security Director at Jewish Federation, will guide us through what to do in the event of an attack. This is Important information that you won't want to miss!

Join us for Shabbat services beginning at 9:00 AM and Scott's presentation at approximately 11:00 AM.



**Questions? Contact Security Committee Chairperson
Dr. Marty Bell, bronxwasus@charter.net**

**Wednesday, November 20: Donate blood in the afternoon,
schmooze and play in the evening!! Done!**



Blood Drive
Traditional Congregation
Jewish Heritage Center
12437 Ladue Rd.
Wednesday, November 20, 2019
2:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

 American Red Cross

**CONTACT MARIAN TO SCHEDULE YOUR DONATION APPOINTMENT:
314-576-5230 OR TRADCONG@SBCGLOBAL.NET**



Board Games

**SCHMOOZE
AND
GAMES**



Mahjong

**WED
NOV
20
7PM**

Bring your faves or use ours.
Not a player? Just come for a
nosh and schmooze with
friends! No charge!



Bridge

Nosh



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UPCOMING EVENTS

Shabbat, November 2 **Active Attack Response Training** with Scott Biondo, Jewish Federation's Community Security Director. Do you know what you need to know?? Find out at 11:00 AM following Torah reading.

Wednesday, November 13 **Mother's Day Chesed Project Planning Meeting**, 7:00 PM. All are welcome. For info contact Barbara Gaponoff Berson, 314-740-3043.

Thursday, November 14 **General Board Meeting**, 7:00 PM

Shabbat, November 16 **Kiddush** is sponsored by the **Levison Family** in honor of the birthday of Barbara Mirowitz.

Wednesday, November 20 **American Red Cross Blood Drive** at TradCong, 2:00—7:00 PM. Appointments are available every 15 minutes. An email will be sent out so you can indicate which appointment you would like. We also need several volunteers to help on the day of the drive—please let Marian know if you can help, trad-cong@sbcglobal.net or 314-576-5230. Thank you for helping to save lives!

Wednesday, November 20 **Schmooze & Games**, 7:00 PM. Mah jong, bridge, board games, snacks, fun with friends! No charge, contact Dina for more info: dinarinder@icloud.com

Monday, November 11 Veterans Day Celebration, 9:30—11:00 AM at the Mirowitz Center (8 Millstone Campus Drive, Creve Coeur - Covenant II Cahn Family Building). Sponsored by the Mirowitz Center in conjunction with the St. Louis Jewish War Veterans Post 644, Veterans Home Care and the Kaufman Fund. The program will include an address by Missouri Senator Jill Schupp and a panel discussion by three recent participants on their experiences on an Honor Flight. FREE and open to everyone. Please RSVP to 314-733-9813.

Sunday, December 1 17th Annual Jewish Student Union (JSU) Gala honoring Michael & Leslie Litwack and Family, Dr. Stan & Jean Margul and Dr. Jeremy Buhler & Dr. Wendy Love Anderson. 5:00 PM at the Ritz Carlton. For more information or to RSVP please contact Rabbi Mike Rovinsky @ 314-498-6279 or visit jsustl.org.

We're looking for...YOU—to sponsor a Kiddush! Call Marian, 314-576-5230 to reserve your date. Not ready to sponsor but would like to help offset our Kiddush costs? It's easy —mail your donation to Traditional (note: Kiddush Fund in memo) or donate online at <https://www.traditional-congregation.org/donate> and select Kiddush Fund Donation. Thank you!

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PRAYER

For our children and our children's children,
For our neighbors and their children,

*For the trees and forests gracing our planet,
and for all of the earth's creatures,
let us choose life, that we and our descendents may live.*

Let us walk more and drive less.
Let us recycle more and waste less.
Let us conserve more and destroy less.

*Let us dedicate more energy to cultivating our own
communities, more time advocating for ecological
sustainability and justice, and more attention to nourishing our own souls.*

May we find the courage to slow our lives so that we
may cherish the simple pleasures in life:

*Sharing Shabbat with our family, taking a walk in the
woods, planting a garden; reaching out to those in
need; meditating upon the goodness of life.*

May each and every moment become an opportunity for
holiness as we seek to cleave to the Holy One and bring our
lives into harmony with the great Tree-of-Life.

Today we chose life
That we and our descendants may live.
*Coalition on the Environment and Jewish Life
(COEJL)*

THOUGHT FOR THE MOMENT OF SILENCE

All things bright and beautiful,
All creatures great and small,
All things wise and wonderful,
The Lord G-D made them all.

Cecil Frances Alexander