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Shabbat Details

- Friday night service
6.30pm
- Saturday morning
service 9am
followed by kiddush
- Times for Shabbat:
LC 7.06pm,
ends 8.04pm

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Notices

- Delicious **Kosher Challot** and breads are available locally. Please order these by each Thursday morning from the AHC office for pick up on Friday morning.
- **Meat Orders:** The meat will now arrive on 20 October rather than 15 October as we had a number of late orders.
- **Thanks** to all of you who participated in the busy month of Chagim we had. It was a wonderful time in Shul, with beautiful services and functions. Well done, looking forward to seeing you all again soon.
- The **new SZC Shlichah** Daphne Lapidot, has arrived this week to Adelaide, and will attend our Shul this Shabbat morning. Please make every effort to come and welcome her on her first visit to the AHC!
- Our deepest **condolences** to the Geller family with the loss of Jack's sister, Mrs J. Acco. May G-d bless you with all the mourners of Zion and Jerusalem, and may you not know any sorrow in the future.

Yahrzeits

We wish the following members a long life on their Yahrzeits:

DR RUTH MARSHALL for uncle BENZION GUREWICZ

DR JACQUES MESCHEMBERG for father ALBERT MES-
CHEMBERG

MR DAVID SIMMONS for mother CAROLINE SIMMONS

DR IVAN SIMMONS for mother CAROLINE SIMMONS



Parasha Noah and Shabbat Rosh Chodesh Cheshvan

The Mishna in Pirkei Avot Chapter 5,2 says:

“There were ten generations from Adam to Noah- to show the degree of His patience; for all those generations angered Him increasingly, until He brought upon them the waters of the Flood”.

Hashem waited ten generations before He decided to destroy His universe. During this time the human kind had sinned with terrible sins of idolatry, and adultery. But the decree of Hashem to destroy the world was only after they started to steal from each other. God gave them a long time to repent from their sins, Hashem even forgave them for the sins they committed against Him, but when it came to “*ben adam lechaveru*” - man to his fellow Jew, Noah was the only righteous man:

These are the generations of Noah, Noah was a righteous man he was perfect in his generations...(Genesis 6,9).

All the commentaries ask why Noah was righteous – but, only in *his* generation?

Rashi explains that according to the Midrash there are 2 opinions: The first opinion - if he would have been living in Abraham's generation, then he would not have been recognized as a righteous man in comparison to Abraham.

The second opinion states that, on the contrary – in any and every generation (even Abraham's), he would have been considered as righteous.

When Noah built his ark, the Midrash says that it took him 120 years to build! We can ask – why, in all this time, did he not pray to Hashem in order that He save the world?

As opposed to this, when Hashem told Abraham that he was about to destroy Sodom and Gomorrah, the very first thing he did is 'argue' and 'bargain' with Him, in order to save as many people as possible:

"Will you even destroy the righteous with the wicked?" (Genesis, 18, 23)

In the verses that follow, Abraham continues to say to Hashem, maybe there are fifty righteous men? Surely, there are forty? As he counts down, Hashem tells him that there aren't fifty righteous men, and not even forty... In the end there was only one righteous man and his family; and Hashem fulfilled his promise and saved Lot from Sodom, while the remainder of the city was destroyed.

We can learn from this that we should always strive to think not only of ourselves, but about every fellow Jew; about our family, friends, our community, and the entire world.

Shabbat Shalom,

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