

# THE CHABAD WEEKLY

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Ham saw the nakedness of their father, and told his two brothers outside. And Shem and Japheth took the garment... and covered the nakedness of their father... and they saw not their father's shame (9:22-23) One of the cornerstones of Rabbi Israel Baal Shem Tov's teaching is the doctrine of Hashgachah Peratit, "specific Divine providence." Hashgachah Peratit means that nothing is by chance--every event in a person's life is purposeful, an integral part of his Divinely ordained mission in life.

From this principle arises another of the Baal Shem Tov's famous teachings. "Your fellow is your mirror," the Besht would say to his disciples. "If your own face is clean, the image you perceive will also be flawless. But should you look upon your fellow man and see a blemish, it is your own imperfection that you are encountering--you are being shown what it is that you must correct within yourself." Otherwise, to what purpose would G-d cause you to see your fellow's degradation?

One may ask: Perhaps I am being shown my fellow's deficiency not as a message concerning my own state, but so that I may assist him in its correction? To answer this question, we must first take a closer look at the principle of "particular Divine providence." Particular Divine providence means that not only is every event purposeful, but also its every aspect and nuance.

For example, the same event can imply different things to different observers, depending on how much they know about the people involved and events that led up to it. Divine providence is "particular" in that it shows each observer precisely what is applicable to him. If you witness an event, everything about it, including the particular way in which it has affected you, serves a purpose crucial to your mission in life.

When you are confronted with a fellow's deficiency, there are two distinct elements in your awareness: a) the fact of that person's wrongdoing; b) his guilt, culpability and decadence. The former does not necessarily imply the latter: you may be aware of the fact that a fellow has done wrong, yet such knowledge can be accompanied with understanding, compassion and vindication.

In order to correct your fellow's wrongdoing, it is enough to know that the action is wrong. To also sense his guilt and lowliness is completely unnecessary; on the contrary, it only hinders your ability to reach out to him in a loving and tolerant manner. The only possible purpose that can serve is to impress upon you how despicable that thing--or something similar to it, if only in a most subtle way--is in yourself, and thereby compel you to correct it.

This is what the Torah is telling us when it says, "and they saw not their father's shame." Not only did Shem and Japheth not physically see their father's shameful state-- this we already know from the (twice-repeated) fact that they turned "their faces were backward"--they also did not perceive his guilt or disgrace. Unlike Ham, whose own debasement was reflected in his vision of his father's, their entire reaction to their knowledge of what had transpired lay in what they must now do to correct it. The shame of their father, however, they simply did not see. (The Lubavitcher Rebbe) - [chabadonline.com](http://chabadonline.com)

**And G-d said to Noah: "The end of all flesh is come before Me, for the earth is filled with violence through them" (6:13)** Why was the generation of the Flood utterly destroyed, but not the generation of the Tower? Because the generation of the Flood were consumed by robbery and violence, while amongst the generation of the Tower love prevailed. (Midrash Rabbah)

**The chronology of events**, as indicated by the dates and time periods given in the Torah's account and calculated by Rashi, was as follows:

**Cheshvan 17:** Noah enters ark; rains begin.

**Kislev 27:** Forty days of rain end; begin 150 days of water's swelling and churning, in which it reaches a height of 15 cubits above the mountain peaks..

**Sivan 1:** Water calms and begins to subside at the rate of one cubit each four days.

**Sivan 17:** The bottom of ark, submerged 11 cubits beneath the surface, touches down on the top of Mount Ararat.

**Av 1:** The mountain peaks break the water's surface.

**Elul 10:** Noah open the ark's window and dispatches the Raven.

**Elul 17:** Noah sends the dove for the first time..

**Elul 23:** The dove is sent a second time, and returns with an olive branch in its beak.

**Tishrei 1:** Dove's third mission. Water completely drained.

**Cheshvan 27:** Ground fully dried. Noah exits ark.

Total time in ark: 365 days (one solar year; one year and 11 days on the lunar calendar) - [chabadonline.com](http://chabadonline.com)

## EVERYTHING I NEED TO KNOW I LEARNED FROM NOAH'S ARK

- 1 - Don't miss the boat
- 2 - Remember that we are all in the same boat.
- 3 - Plan ahead. It wasn't raining when Noah built the ark.
- 4 - Stay fit. When you're 600 years old, someone may ask you to do something really big.
- 5 - Don't listen to critics; just get on with the job that needs to be done.
- 6 - Build your future on high ground.
- 7 - For safety's sake, travel in pairs.
- 8 - Speed isn't always an advantage. The snails were on board with the cheetahs.
- 9 - When you're stressed, float a while.
- 10 - Remember, the Ark was built by amateurs; the Titanic by professionals.
- 11 - No matter the storm, when you are with G-d, there's always a rainbow waiting.

Source - Unknown

WHEN THE ALTER REBBE WISHED TO BLESS R. YEKUSIEL LIEPLER WITH WEALTH, THE LATTER SAID HE DID NOT WANT IT; HE DID NOT WANT WEALTH TO DISTRACT HIM FROM STUDYING CHASSIDUS AND FROM HIS INVOLVEMENT WITH AVODA. WHEN THE REBBE WISHED TO BLESS HIM WITH LONGEVITY, HIS ANSWER WAS: *BUT NOT "PEASANT YEARS" - MEN THAT HAVE EYES BUT DO NOT SEE, WHO HAVE EARS BUT DO NOT HEAR, WHO DO NOT PERCEIVE G-DLINESS NOR DO THEY HEAR G-DLINESS.* (FROM REBBE'S HAYOM YOM, CHESHVAN 6).

*G-d looked into the Torah and created the world. Man looks into Torah and sustains the world.*

-Zohar

**PARTICIPATE IN WEEKLY CLASSES**

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| <b><u>Sunday</u></b>    | <b>8:00 AM</b>                   | <b>Gemara-Tractate Berachos (men)</b>              |
| <b><u>Monday</u></b>    | <b>8:00 PM</b>                   | <b>Chumash (men and women)</b>                     |
| <b><u>Tuesday</u></b>   | <b>8:00 PM</b>                   | <b>Gemara-Tractate Sukka (men)</b>                 |
| <b><u>Wednesday</u></b> | <b>8:30 PM</b>                   | <b>Halacha and Tanya (women)</b>                   |
| <b><u>Thursday</u></b>  | <b>10:00 AM</b>                  | <b>Chassidus (women)</b>                           |
|                         | <b>8:00 PM</b>                   | <b>Class for Beverly Hills Highschool Students</b> |
| <b><u>Daily</u></b>     | <b>6:45 to 7:15 AM</b>           | <b>Chasidus</b>                                    |
|                         | <b>Between Mincha and Maariv</b> | <b>Halacha</b>                                     |

**DAILY MINYONIM:**  
**Shacharit: Mon-Fri: 6:00 AM & 7:30 AM**  
**Sunday: 9:00 AM**  
**Mincha/Maariv: 4:55 PM**

**SHABBAT PARSHAT NOACH**

*November 3, 2000*

**Candlelighting: 4:40 PM**  
**Friday Mincha: 4:55 PM**

***LATEST TIME FOR SHEMA: 8:56 AM***

**SHABBAT MORNING**

- Tanya 8:45 AM
- Shacharit 9:30 AM followed by Kiddush & Cholent
- Chumash 4:00 PM
- Mincha 4:30 PM followed by Seuda Shlishit
- Shabbat ends 5:40 PM

*Anyone who would like to sponsor a Kiddush or Seuda Shlishit can contact Rabbi Shusterman at (310) 271-9063.*

***Kiddush*** this week is being sponsored by Mr. and Mrs. Dovid Sochaczewski in memory of the yartzheits of Mr. Sochaczewski's sisters, Rivka and Miriam.

***Yartzheits:*** Sima Salzberg - Cheshvan 6, Rivka and Miriam Sochaczewski - Ceshvan 7.

***Happy Birthday*** to Sara Meira Mishael

***Happy Anniversary*** to

***Mazal Tov*** to Rabbi and Mrs. Yossi Lipsker on the birth of their son, and to the grandparents, Dr. and Mrs. Dauer & Rabbi and Mrs. Hershel Lipsker.

***Mazal Tov*** to Mr. and Mrs. David Suissa on the birth of a new baby girl.

***GOOD SHABBOS!***



