



Carnegie Shul Chatter

October 19, 2023



Stand with Israel

As Rabbi Danny Schiff said last night on his Zoom presentation to the Western PA Small Congregations cohort, Hamas is an evil organization fighting, not for a two state solution to the Middle East crisis, but for the total destruction of the State of Israel. The Hamas charter clearly states that goal. We must stand firmly in support of our Israeli brothers and sisters. There is no in between.

The following statement was in this week's newsletter published by Chisuk Emuna, a conservative congregation in Harrisburg. Please consider making a donation to the organizations they have listed. Israel is standing at the forefront of the battle between good and evil in this world. They are fighting for every Jew in this world, including you and me.

We are all devastated by the barbaric attacks by Hamas on our brothers and sisters in Israel. Over 1300 people were brutally murdered, over 3300 are injured, around 200

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Shabbat Services on Zoom, 10am

Attend services virtually this week. Watch your email for a Zoom link or contact Rosalyn Hoffman at rjlynman@yahoo.com. The complete Torah reading, in Hebrew and English, can be found https://www.chabad.org/parshah/torahreading_cdo/aid/2473477/jewish/Noach-Torah-Reading.htm

Light candles 6:15pm Shabbat Services 9:30am

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are being held hostage. At such a devastating time, we have ways of responding constructively including giving tzedakah, reaching out to Israelis - in Israel and right here in our congregation and praying.

Please consider supporting these worthy organizations:

[FIDF - Friends of the IDF](#)
[American Friends of Magen David Adom](#)
[Israel Emergency Fund of the Jewish Federations of North America](#)

Please recite the Prayer for the Welfare of the State of Israel (below) daily and pray for the wellbeing of all of our Israeli brothers and sisters.

Prayer for the Welfare of the State of Israel

“Our Father Who art in Heaven, Protector and Redeemer of Israel, bless Thou the State of Israel which marks the dawn of our deliverance. Shield it beneath the wings of Thy love. Spread over it Thy canopy of peace; send Thy light and Thy truth to its leaders, officers, and counselors, and direct them with Thy good counsel.

“O God, strengthen the defenders of our Holy Land; grant them salvation and crown them with victory. Establish peace in the land, and everlasting joy for its inhabitants.

“Remember our brethren, the whole house of Israel, in all the lands of their dispersion. Speedily let them walk upright to Zion, the city, to Jerusalem Thy dwelling-place, as it is written in the Torah of Thy servant Moses: ‘Even if you are dispersed in the uttermost parts of the world, from there the Lord your God will gather and fetch you. The Lord your God will bring you into the land which your fathers possessed, and you shall possess it.’

“Unite our heart to love and revere Thy Name, and to observe all the precepts of Thy Torah. Shine forth in Thy glorious majesty over all the inhabitants of Thy world. Let everything that breathes proclaim: The Lord God of Israel is King; His majesty rules over all.”

Amen.

Noah in a Nutshell

From Chabad.org

Genesis 6:9–11:32



The Parshah is named “Noach” (Noah) after the protagonist of its major event: The Great Flood. It is found in Genesis 6:9.

G-d instructs Noah—the only righteous man in a world consumed by violence and corruption—to build a large wooden teivah (“ark”), coated within and without with pitch.

A great deluge, says G-d, will

wipe out all life from the face of the earth; but the ark will float upon the water, sheltering Noah and his family, and two members (male and female) of each animal species (and 7 of the “pure” species).

Rain falls for 40 days and nights, and the waters churn for 150 days more before calming and beginning to recede. The ark settles on Mount Ararat, and Noah dispatches a raven, and then a series of doves, “to see if the waters were abated from the face of the earth.” When the ground dries completely—exactly one solar year (365 days) after the onset of the Flood—G-d commands Noah to exit the teivah and repopulate the earth.

Noah builds an altar and offers sacrifices to G-d. G-d swears never again to destroy all of mankind because of their deeds, and sets the rainbow as a testimony of His new covenant with man. G-d also commands Noah regarding the sacredness of life: murder is deemed a capital offense, and while man is permitted to eat the meat of animals, he is forbidden to eat flesh or blood taken from a living animal.

Noah plants a vineyard and becomes drunk on its produce. Two of Noah’s sons, Shem and Japheth, are blessed for covering up their father’s nakedness, while his third son, Ham, is punished for taking advantage of his debasement.

The descendants of Noah remain a single people, with a single language and culture, for ten generations. Then they defy their Creator by building a great tower to symbolize their own invincibility; G-d confuses their language so that “one does not comprehend the tongue of the other,” causing them to abandon their project and disperse across the face of the earth, splitting into seventy nations.

The Parshah of Noah concludes with a chronology of the ten generations from Noah to Abram (later Abraham), and the latter’s journey from his birthplace of Ur Casdim to Charan, on the way to the land of Canaan.

Haftorah in a Nutshell

Isaiah 54:1-10

Forsaken Jerusalem is likened to a barren woman devoid of children. G-d enjoins her to rejoice, for the time will soon come when the Jewish nation will return and proliferate, repopulating Israel's once desolate cities. The prophet assures the Jewish people that G-d has not forsaken them. Although He has momentarily hid His countenance from them, He will gather them from their exiles with great mercy. The haftorah compares the final Redemption to the pact G-d made with Noah in this week's Torah reading. Just as G-d promised to never bring a flood over the entire earth, so too He will never again be angry at the Jewish people.



“For the mountains may move and the hills might collapse, but My kindness shall not depart from you, neither shall the covenant of My peace collapse.”

Rabbi Danny Schiff on Israel



On Tuesday evening, Rabbi Danny Schiff addressed the Western PA Small Congregations cohorts on the current state of Israel's war with Hamas via Zoom. It was an excellent talk and tells a lot about what Hamas is all about and the moral ground upon which Israel stands. As you will hear, Rabbi Schiff's remarks were enlightening, impassioned, and motivational. I encourage everyone to use the link below to watch Rabbi Schiff's remarks that last for about one hour. To view Rabbi Schiff's talk, copy and paste this link into your browser: [GMT20231017-225011_Recording_gallery_1280x720 - Trim.mp4](#)

PA Passes Resolution in Support of Israel

On Wednesday afternoon, Governor Shapiro and Jewish members of the General Assembly held a press conference in the Governor's Reception Room in the Pennsylvania Capitol to discuss their support for Israel and the unanimous passage of Resolutions in the Pennsylvania House of Representatives and Senate. Below is the resolution passed by the House:

**THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA
HOUSE RESOLUTION
ORIGINATED IN COMMITTEE ON RULES OCTOBER 17, 2023**

Urging the Congress of the United States to provide the State of Israel with the support necessary to ensure its safety and security and condemning the terrorist attack in Israel by Hamas.

WHEREAS, On October 7, 2023, militant groups led by the terrorist organization Hamas launched a large-scale invasion against Israel from the Gaza Strip by land, air and sea; and

WHEREAS, Hostilities were initiated by a rocket barrage of more than 5,000 missiles and with militants crossing the Gaza Israel border to attack nearby Israeli communities and military bases, murdering 1,300 innocent Israelis; and

WHEREAS, The brutal attacks by Hamas have led to the injuring of thousands more; and

WHEREAS, Hamas, through its highly coordinated attack, took at least 150 innocent people of multiple nationalities, including American citizens, elderly women, children and entire families, who are now being held as hostages; and

WHEREAS, Countries across the globe have shown their support for Israel in its efforts to defend itself and its people against such atrocities launched by Hamas; and

WHEREAS, Thousands of innocent Palestinian people have been killed as a result of the conflict; and

WHEREAS, On October 9, 2023, President Macron of France, Chancellor Scholz of Germany, Prime Minister Meloni of Italy, Prime Minister Sunak of the United Kingdom and President Biden of the United States expressed their steadfast and united support to the State of Israel and their unequivocal condemnation of Hamas and its appalling acts of terrorism; and

WHEREAS, Members of the global community support justice and safety for the Israeli and Palestinian people; and

WHEREAS, The violent actions of Hamas do not represent the aspirations of the Palestinian people; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania urge the Congress of the United States to provide the State of Israel with the support necessary to ensure its safety and security and condemn the terrorist attack in Israel by Hamas; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania recognize that the terrorist actions of Hamas have no justification and no legitimacy and there must be universal condemnation of the terrorist actions; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania stand with Israel against the barbaric war launched by Hamas; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania recognize our shared humanity with all affected innocent people in the region and pray for a lasting and just resolution to the current hostilities; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Majority and Minority Leaders of the United States Senate and the United States House of Representatives and to each member of Congress from Pennsylvania.

Yahrtzeits

This week the Carnegie Shul acknowledges the yahrtzeit of:

Matthew Harold Kalson

May his memories be for a blessing.