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מזל טוב

Mazel Tov to Dr & Mrs Howard Sacho on the recent birth of a grandson to Mr & Mrs Refoel Sacho in Toronto.

Mazel Tov to Mr & Mrs Grant Pakter on the birth of a son. The Sholom Zochor takes place at their home, 123 Cavendish Road.

Mazel Tov to Mr & Mrs Oshi Wilks on the birth of a son. The Sholom Zochor takes place at their home, 5 Lichfield Drive. Mazel Tov also to grandparents, Dr & Mrs Michael Wilks

Mazel Tov to Mr & Mrs Michael Brandeis on the engagement of their granddaughter, Dina Sonenberg, in London.

Mazel Tov to Mr & Mrs Michael Freedman on the forthcoming wedding of their daughter Debbie to Avrohom Moishe Begal on Wednesday. Mazel Tov also to grandparents, Mr & Mrs Bernard Markovic.

Kiddush This Shabbos

There will be a Kiddush after Davenning this Shabbos which is yet to be sponsored. Any interested parties are asked to contact Avi.

Seuda Shlishis Season Restarts

The Seuda Shlishis season is upon us once again and takes place following the second Mincha Minyan. The noticewall has a signup sheet where interested members (or groups) are encouraged to sponsor a week.

Oneg Shabbos

This year Shabbos Parshas Noach is a Shabbos set aside for Chizuk in Shabbos around the world. Gary Zolty would like to invite all members to an Oneg in his house, 3 Holden Road, on Friday night.

Clocks Going Back

A reminder that the clocks go back an hour on Motzei Shabbos!

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Against all odds

Dani Epstein

At 8.15 am, August 6th 1945, a second sun rose above the skies of Hiroshima. Within moments the blastwave hit the ground hundreds of metres below and ripped across the city killing 80,000 people in an instant. Buildings around the epicentre were completely flattened, every living thing vaporised. The devastation was greater than any single event anyone could remember.

Survivors staggered around dazed, horrified and confused. Within weeks many wished they had perished in the blast, as the effects of the radiation set in. The sheer destruction beggared belief and was on a scale heretofore unknown. That one bomb could unleash such primordial power shocked everyone to the core. The devastation left the survivors wondering if they were better off dead.

Now imagine Noach and his family stepping out into the sunshine for the first time after being cooped indoors for a year. On the one hand, what a refreshing change from the unimaginable pressure that was their daily existence; what a contrast the sweet fresh air was to the fetid and

rank smell of so many animals crammed together in such tight confines. On the other hand, writes Don Yitzchok Abravanel, the devastation that greeted them resulted in them being overcome by feelings of great sadness, fear, confusion and worry.

The great sadness was over the loss of their loved ones and friends, the destruction of the entire civilisation. They were left alone, bereft of the comfort of friends and family. The devastation was almost too much to bear.

As if that was not bad enough in and of itself, now there were wild predatory animals roaming all around them and they were defenceless. Whereas previously a wild animal that might be attacking a settlement was overcome by a group of hunters, now they were hugely outnumbered and didn't really stand much of a chance.

They were confused since they had no idea what they were supposed to eat now. Whereas previously there was vegetation and crops that they grew, now they were left without anything since the food in the Teyvoh was now depleted and the vegetation that was growing was not ripe and probably inedible. Surely it was better to die from drowning than to starve to death!

Their worry was down to a genuine concern that they would fail to get on with each other and fall into argumentation and fights. Such was their situation that there was no law and no judge; who would arbitrate their quarrels?

So bleak was their outlook that they rapidly became depressed; they were nauseous from their very existence and did not want to procreate. Why bring children into such a miserable, bleak and cursed existence?

In his scintillating genius, Don Yitzchok Abravanel extracts all this and more from the few verses that describe the exit from the Teyvoh.

Chapter 9 starts with a blessing and then a command: "פְּרוּ וּרְבוּ, וּמְלאוּ - פְּרוּ וּרְבוּ, וּמְלאוּ - Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth".

Hashem was addressing their great sadness at the loss of kith and kin – make up for the loss by creating your own families. They will be more

The Week Ahead

פרשת נח	ראש חודש מרחשון
Candle Lighting	5.38pm
Mincha & Kabbolas Shabbos	5.43pm
Seder HaLimud	8.40am
Shacharis	9.00am
סוף זמן ק"ש	10.23am
Mincha	1.30pm / 5.21pm
Seuda Shlishis	following
Motzei Shabbos	6.41pm
Sunday	7.15am / 8.20am
Monday / Thursday	6.45am / 7.10am
Tuesday / Wednesday / Friday	6.45am / 7.20am
Mincha & Maariv	4.30pm
Late Maariv	8.00pm
Mincha & Maariv Next Shabbos	4.28pm (Shabbos 4.23)

