

YOUNG ISRAEL OF THE MAIN LINE

Weekly Update

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Parshas Pinchas

פרשת פינחס

ט"ז תמוז תשס"ח—July 18–19

Shabbos Davening Times

Earliest candle lighting: 6:55pm
Candle lighting: 8:09pm
Mincha - Friday: 7:00pm

Sof Zman Krias Shema: 9:28am
Shacharis: 8:45am
Mincha followed by Seudah Shlishis: 7:55pm
Maariv: 9:11pm

Shiva Asar b'Tamuz—Sunday, July 20—י"ז תמוז

Fast Begins: 4:38am
Shacharis: 8:00am
Mincha/Maariv: 7:55pm
Fast Ends: 9:10pm

Weekday Davening Times

Shacharis (Mon., Thu.): 6:40am
Shacharis (Tue., Wed., Fri.): 6:50am
Mincha/Maariv (Mon.–Thu.): 8:10pm

Next Shabbos Times

Candle lighting: 8:03pm
Mincha - Friday: 7:00pm

Calendar of Shiurim

DAY	TIME	TOPIC	SPEAKER	NOTES
Shabbos	7:55am–8:15am	Parsha Chabura	S. Sved	ROTATES
Shabbos	8:15am	Mishlei Shiur	R. Steinberg	
Shabbos	After Mincha	Medical Halacha	D. Eisenberg	
Sunday	After Shacharis	Sefer Hachinuch	M. Buchbinder	
Mon., Wed.	After Maariv	Mishna Berura	Eli Back	
Sun.–Fri.	15 min. before Shacharis	Chovos haLevovos	R. Steinberg	
Monday	9:00pm	Advanced Gemora: Makkos	R. Steinberg	
Thursday	10:10pm	Nefesh Hachaim	Rav Sholom Kamenetsky	

* All shiurim are at YIML unless specified.

THIS SHABBOS

Kiddush and Shalosh Seudos:

Kiddush this week is being sponsored by:

⇒ Dennis & Eve Rosen to commemorate the yahrzeit of Dennis' mother, Sarah bas Nissim, and
⇒ Leon & Nisa Vinokur in honor of the birth of thier daughter, Noa Henya.

Seudah Shlishit is being sponsored by Hanna Perlberger in honor of Naphtali's birthday!

MAZEL TOV!

To Terry Blynn and Family...

... on the engagement of her daughter Rose to Mr. Moshe Litwack.

All submissions, suggestions, and sponsorships should be directed (by Wednesday evening) to the editor of the Weekly Update, פלוגי בן פלוגי (weeklyupdate@yiml.org).

Early to bed and early to rise
makes a man healthy,...
and able to come join us
before shacharis every morning
for Torah and coffee at the YIML!

ONGOING EVENTS

Chevra Mishnayos:

The Chevra Mishnayos is now learning Seder Kodshim.
See the shul bulletin board to sign up.

Women's Tehillim Group:

The Tehillim Group meets Mondays at **10:00am** at 345 Bala Ave.

Women's Chovos haLevovos Group:

The Chovos haLevovos Group meets Tuesdays at 9:30am at 8 Concord Circle.

D'VAR TORAH by Rabbi Berel Wein

Pinchas is a tainted hero. Rashi records for us that the tribes of Israel, especially the tribe of Shimon, complained that someone who is a descendant of "one who fattened calves for paganism and dares kill a head of a tribe in Israel" should not be entitled to any honors. The Lord, so to speak, comes to his defense and grants him the gift of the priesthood—to him and his descendants—and also the supreme blessing of peace.

The Torah records his genealogy as being from Elazar and Aharon and not from the one who "fattened calves for idolatry." Yet, even this restoration of status and Godly confirmation of the rectitude of Pinchas is also somewhat reserved.

In the word "shalom" that marks the covenant of peace granted to Pinchas by God, the letter "vav" in this word, as it is written in the Torah, is split and cracked. He is not granted the full blessing of peace but rather a diminished portion of it. Our rabbis taught us that this is because his heroics involved violence and the taking of human life, albeit in a just and holy cause.

Peace obtained through violence and the death of others, even if those deaths are unavoidably necessary and completely justified, is always somewhat tarnished, cracked and split. Pinchas is thus completely vindicated and rehabilitated by the Torah, but a lingering resentment against his act of boldness and zealotry remains.

Pinchas reappears later in Jewish history in the book of Shoftim/Judges. There he is the High Priest and according to some opinions, the leader of the Sanhedrin as well. The Talmud records for us the tragic story of Yiftach and his daughter—in which Yiftach vowed to sacrifice the first living creature that would confront him when he returned home after the successful war against Bnei Ammon, and was first greeted by his daughter.

The Talmud is of the opinion that Yiftach's vow could have been annulled legally by the court of Pinchas. But Pinchas insisted that Yiftach come to him to obtain such an annulment while Yiftach felt that this would be an affront to his position as the "shofeit" judge and temporal leader of Israel. So nothing was done, the vow remained, and the innocent life of Yiftach's daughter was snuffed out on the altar of pride. So Pinchas is slightly tarnished in this story as well.

The eventual complete redemption of Pinchas occurs when the Talmud equates him with the prophet Eliyahu. It is therefore Pinchas/Eliyahu who accompanies the Jewish people throughout the ages and the troubles. He is present at every brit milah and at every Pesach seder. He is the harbinger of our complete redemption, the one who will bind the generations together and is the symbol of hope and the glorious future of Israel and humankind.

It is as Eliyahu that Pinchas receives the undisputed heroic stature that the Lord grants to him in this week's parsha. May we see him speedily in our days.

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