

Tefilla Notebook

This week's Tefilla Notebook is sponsored by **Dr. William and Linda Levin** in memory of Dr. Levin's father, Isadore Levin, **Yitzchak ben Aharon David HaLevi z"l**, whose yahrtzeit is on 25 Tammuz.

23 Tammuz • Parshat Pinchas • Birkat Hachodesh

July 2-3, 2021

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SHABBAT SCHEDULE

FRIDAY JULY 2

CANDLELIGHTING 7:50pm

FRIDAY NIGHT SERVICES 6:30pm

SATURDAY, JULY 3

NO GEMARA SHIUR

SHACHARIT 9:15AM

MINCHA 8:00PM

MAARIV 8:50pm

SHABBAT ENDS 8:53pm

WEEKDAY DAVENING TIMES

SUN & MON 8:00AM & 7:55PM

TUE, WED, THUR 7:00AM & 7:55PM

FRI 7:00AM & 6:30PM

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This week's Kiddush is sponsored by **Susan and Lawrence Fruhman** and their sons from the UK in grateful appreciation for the warm, friendly and hospitable manner in which they have been received and treated by the Kehilla over the last eight weeks and which has undoubtedly helped in their sons' speedy recovery.

MAZAL TOV

Allyson Kimmel & Jeff Golden on the birth of a baby boy! Mazal Tov grandparents **David & Roberta Kimmel** and **Ralph Golden**. Mazal Tov to all the siblings.

MAZAL TOV

Alana Weiner on her engagement to **Arik Johnson**. Mazal Tov to **Michael and Shari Weiner**.



A MESSAGE FROM RABBI YISSOCHOR FRAND (ADAPTED AND SUMMARIZED FROM WWW.TORAH.ORG)



The beginning of Parshat Pinchas is really a culmination of the incident at the end of Parshat Balak where, in an act of religious zealotry, Pinchas executes the Prince of the Tribe of Shimon, together with a Midianite Princess, as they were engaged in an act of immorality. Moshe is commanded to take revenge against the Midianites for encouraging their daughters to seduce the Israelites to commit acts of idolatry and immorality.

The battle against Midian does not occur in Parshat Pinchas, it occurs in Parshat Mattot. God says to Moshe that they should take revenge against the Midianites, and the command is linked with Moshe's death –

"afterwards you will be gathered to your nation." (Num. 31:2). Moshe gathers an army of 12,000 men; they attack Midian and kill their kings. However, rather than killing the women, the Jewish soldiers capture them and bring them to Moshe. Moshe is unhappy about this and asks the officers: "Why have you kept the women alive? They were the cause of this whole tragedy!" Then verse goes on to say that "Elazar the Kohen said to the soldiers who came back from battle, 'This is the decree of the Torah which God commanded Moshe.'"

In addition to the women, the soldiers came back with spoils of war—the "vessels of Midian." This is the only place in the Torah that talks about the laws of koshering vessels. Curiously, these laws are not relayed by Moshe, but rather by his nephew, Eleazar. Rashi explains the reason for this: Moshe became angry and that was a mistake. Even though he was angry for a legitimate reason, nevertheless, by losing his temper he had erred. Rashi cites several incidents in the Torah when Moshe became angry, and forgot the halacha as a result. One of the examples is in Parshat Chukat, when he said: "Listen here, you rebellious people!" It was as a result of this incident that he was prevented from entering into the land of Israel. This is why the passage relating to koshering was delivered by Eleazar, and not Moshe.

The Book of Devorim begins with "These are the words that Moshe spoke to all of Israel in Transjordan, in the Midbar, in the Aravah, opposite the Sea of Reeds, between Paran and Tofel, and Lavan and Chatzeiros, and Di-Zahav" (Deut. 1:1). Rashi says that each one of these places subtly alludes to a negative incident that Moshe Rabbeinu wanted to use as a form of hinted chastisement. In the "Midbar" they made the Almighty angry in the Wilderness. In "Aravah" they sinned by worshipping Baal Peor. At "Bein Lavan u'bein Tofel" they badmouthed the manna, which was white ('lavan'). Every word of this verse alludes to a reprimand.

The Maor v'Shemesh writes that Chazal tell us that the word "Eleh" always excludes anything mentioned previously. This means that Moshe must have "learned his lesson". These are the last days of his life, and Moshe said to himself: "I've made the mistake in the past of being too harsh with them. I have been too explicit in my criticism. I called them rebels, and I shouted at them." So on this occasion, right at the end of his life, Moshe took a different approach. He reprimanded the nation, but he did it subtly. He reminded them of all the places where they had acted inappropriately, but he did it without being harsh.

The truth of the matter is that telling someone off is not really something we should do on a regular basis. The Chazon Ish writes that nowadays, none of us knows how to "give mussar". Only a someone of great stature can admonish others, but ordinary folk should not chastise their fellow humans, because we are not in a position to do it properly and meaningfully, and we could therefore cause more harm than good.

Moshe Rabbeinu taught us a great lesson. He was 120 years old. He had been in the Jewish leadership business for forty years, and he had done a very good job. Anyone who does something for forty years, and is as successful as Moshe, might think to themselves: "There is nothing more for me to learn – I know everything there is to know about my profession, my job, my niche." But Moshe, even in the last few weeks of his life, looked in the mirror and said to himself, "You know – I've made mistakes along the way. Sometimes I went too far, and my mussar was too strong. I got angry. I lost my temper. So right now, at the end of my life, I am going to try a different approach."

This is a lesson for all of us, no matter how old we are. We are never too old to learn. If Moshe Rabbeinu, at the end of his days, could introspect and say, "I could be doing stuff better, I need to change my approach", we certainly need to be able to look at ourselves in the mirror from time to time, and say: "I could be doing stuff better, I need to change my approach".



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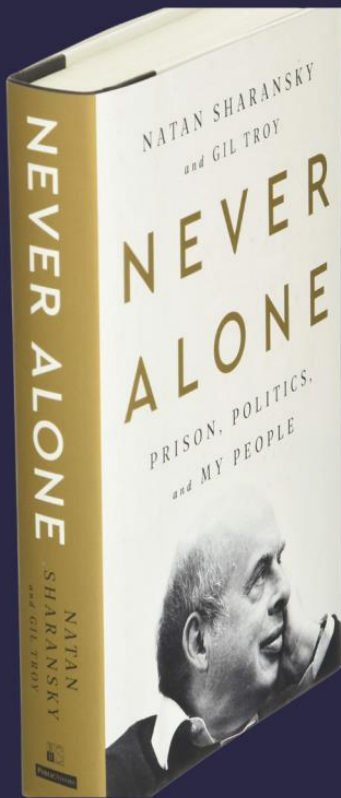
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Meir Dunner on receiving his paratrooper red beret after completing his Masa Kumta in the IDF.

Mazal Tov to Rabbi Pini and Sabine Dunner.



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and Jason's grandmother, **Sara Fuchs,**
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The Biography on **RABBI TZVI
ELIMELECH ROSZLER**, father of
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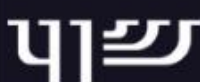
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