



Tefilla Notebook

18 Tammuz • Parshat Pinchas

July 10-11, 2020

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SHABBAT SCHEDULE

FRIDAY, JULY 10

6:30pm KABBALAT SHABBAT
 IN SHUL & VIA ZOOM
 7:48pm CANDLELIGHTING

SATURDAY, JULY 11

8:51pm SHABBAT ENDS
 9:15pm HAVDALAH VIA ZOOM

WEEKDAY DAVENING TIMES

Sunday 8:00am & 7:50pm
 Mon - Friday 7:00am & 7:50pm

We are continuing to stream via zoom.

<https://zoom.us/j/226829899>

Guidelines for Praying at home:

When davening at home, it is best to daven at the same time that you would have davened when in shul. Although you cannot *hear* the krias Hatorah, you should still read the torah portion and haftorah aloud, using the tunes if you know them.

Stone Chumash (Artsroll)

Pinchas-- p. 876

Haftora Pinchas p. 1190

Those who are going to be attending our in-person minyanim **must pre-register**.

Services are open to MEMBERS ONLY at this time. Space is limited.

Shabbat morning services are being held at a private residence tennis court in Beverly Hills.

Dearest Members and Friends,

On Thursday morning, the Supreme Court of the United States declared in a landmark ruling that a huge tract of land in eastern Oklahoma – in fact, more than half the state – has always been and remains a Native American reservation. This decision will affect the lives of almost two million Oklahomans, mainly non-Native Americans, as a result of the fact that the land in question includes the majority of Tulsa, which is Oklahoma’s second-largest city.

The question put to the court was whether Congress had ever officially abolished what was known as the Creek Nation reservation when Oklahoma became a state in 1907. The court ruled in a 5-to-4 decision that as Congress had “not said otherwise”, Native American land in Oklahoma – which, just by the way, has been Native American since the dawn of history – was legally committed to the Creek Nation by the United States government, and therefore remains a reservation, notwithstanding anything that has happened since.

In the full published opinion, written by Justice Neil M. Gorsuch, this particular point is addressed unequivocally: “If Congress wishes to withdraw its promises, it must say so. Unlawful acts, performed long enough and with sufficient vigor, are never enough to amend the law.”

Astoundingly, this momentous decision came about as the result of a case which started out as a left-field felony conviction appeal. In 1997, Jimcy McGirt, a 71-year-old member of the Seminole tribe, was sentenced to a 1,000-year sentence (yes, you read that correctly) after being convicted of rape, lewd molestation and forcible sodomy of a 4-year-old girl. McGirt, who has never contested his guilt, claimed that his state conviction and resulting sentence should be overturned because the state of Oklahoma lacked jurisdiction.

Attorneys for the state argued that if the Supreme Court accepted McGirt’s reasoning, it would “cause the largest judicial abrogation of state sovereignty in American history, cleaving Oklahoma in half.” But Gorsuch and his fellow judges were unimpressed and dismissed Oklahoma’s arguments, telling them that they had been told “repeatedly that Congress does not disestablish a reservation simply by allowing the transfer of individual plots, whether to Native Americans or others.”

And although the case concerns a member of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, the decision will apply equally to the other members of what is known as the “Five Tribes” – the Cherokee, Chickasaw, Choctaw and Seminole Nations. They were the tribes forcibly relocated from southern states in the 1830s to what became ‘Indian Territory’. Oklahoma became a state in 1907 and included that land, which covers most of eastern Oklahoma.

But even as liberal progressives across the United States cheered this groundbreaking decision – a decision which recognizes the historic injustice against Native Americans by colonial expansionism, with the celebration particularly enhanced bearing in mind that Gorsuch was appointed by none other than Donald J. Trump and has since seemed to have crossed over to the liberal side of the SCOTUS bench – I couldn’t help but wonder how these same liberal progressives can simultaneously protest the decision by Israel to annex territory in Judea and Samaria – land that has belonged to the natives of the Land of Israel, the Jewish people, since the dawn of history.

Surely the same rules apply? This is land that was forcibly taken from its native inhabitants by countless marauding colonializing conquerors, and then inhabited by people who have not only callously disregarded and even denied the Jewish connection to their ancestral homeland, but have continuously murdered and harassed Jews for trying to return to their dispossessed territory and turn it back into what it should always have been – a Jewish country, inhabited by Jews, run by Jews, according to the laws of Jews and Judaism.

The same people who are cheerleaders for Native Americans – and I applaud them for taking up the side of the dispossessed – eagerly tout the lies and distortions of the Palestinian lobby, whose twisted logic regarding their claims to territories that were never theirs by right. As SCOTUS has made so clear in today’s decision, even though Palestinian Arabs may have lived in the Land of Israel for centuries, “unlawful acts, performed long enough and with sufficient vigor, are never enough to amend the law.” Yes, thank you SCOTUS for the clarity – it is indeed as simple as that.

And to those who claim that “peace” is their ultimate and only goal, a goal that they claim will be irreparably damaged by the annexation, let me say this: no peace was ever achieved by capitulation on core values and principles. One can fiddle around at the edges, compromise for a time on matters of central importance, but ultimately your cause – and your integrity – will shrivel and die unless you take decisive steps. From the outset of the Zionist project, the primary objective has been to resettle Jews in the biblical Land of Israel, and to establish the Third Jewish Commonwealth, in preparation for the Messianic Age – all in line with countless prophecies that the Talmud teaches us were prophesized for the End of Days.

In Parshat Pinchas we encounter an incident so shocking and yet so decisive, that it resulted in the spiritual and physical salvation of the Jewish people. Pinchas, despite his lineage as the grandson of Aaron the High Priest, was a minor member of the Levite tribe. But when he came across the sight of a public official flagrantly breaching God’s law by publicly engaging in a lewd act with a princess of Midian, at a time when an epidemic was raging through through the nation killing thousands, Pinchas leapt into action and assassinated him. Curiously, rather than being arrested for murder, he was lauded and praised. God went as far as to inform Moses that it was as a direct result of Pinchas’ act that He had halted the plague, and He was therefore granting Pinchas the “covenant of peace.”

The commentaries all puzzle over this “covenant of peace” idea. After all, of the many ways one might describe Pinchas’ zealous act, ‘peaceful’ would certainly not be the first adjective which springs to mind. But that is exactly the point. Decisive action leads to peace, and not just ordinary peace, but a “covenant of peace” – endorsed by God Himself.

If Israel annexes Judea and Samaria – land that has belonged to native Israelites for over three thousand years, notwithstanding all the other nations who may have occupied it since then – it will be nothing less than an act of Pinchas, a decisive final act that will ensure that we all benefit from God’s promise of a “covenant of peace”.

Praying for your safety and health, and for only good news, with God’s help. and Shabbat Shalom!

Rabbi Pini Dunner



Sisterhood Corner

July

Our next Ladies Night In will take place on July 13th at 7:30pm.

Tune in to discuss The Art of Zoom.

As the Three Weeks begin we wish you a meaningful fast.

Shiva Asar B'Tamuz.

It is a time of introspection and forgiveness. May God answer all of our prayers!

Shabbat Shalom,
Cecile & Ruthie
Sisterhood Co-Presidents

CLASS SCHEDULE WEEK OF JULY 12-18

THE ZOOM CODE FOR ALL CLASSES IS 310 276 7650

The log-in link is <https://zoom.us/j/3102767650>

DATE	TIME	TOPIC
Sunday July 12	8:30pm	Tzurva MeRabanah with Chazzan Nati Baram
Monday July 13	6:00pm	Address from NSA Robert O'Brien**
Monday July 13	7:30pm	Ladies Night In**
Tuesday July 14	12:00pm	Tanach Shiur with Chazzan Nati Baram
Wednesday July 15	11:00am	Parsha Shiur with Rabbi Dunner
Wednesday July 15	1:00pm	Pirkei Avot with Rabbi Pini Dunner
Thursday July 16	12:00pm	Shiur with Chazzan Nati Baram
Friday July 17	6:30pm	Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat
Saturday July 18	9:15pm	Havdalah

** Zoom Details available onn Flyers on Page 3 & 4

PIRKEI AVOT
WITH
RABBI
DUNNER



Shiur with
Chazzan
Nati Baram



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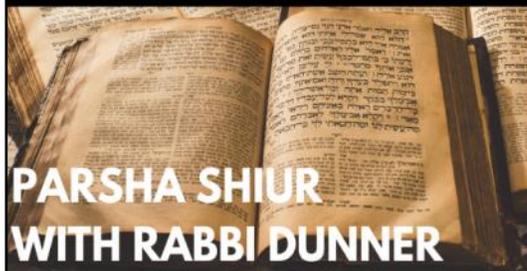
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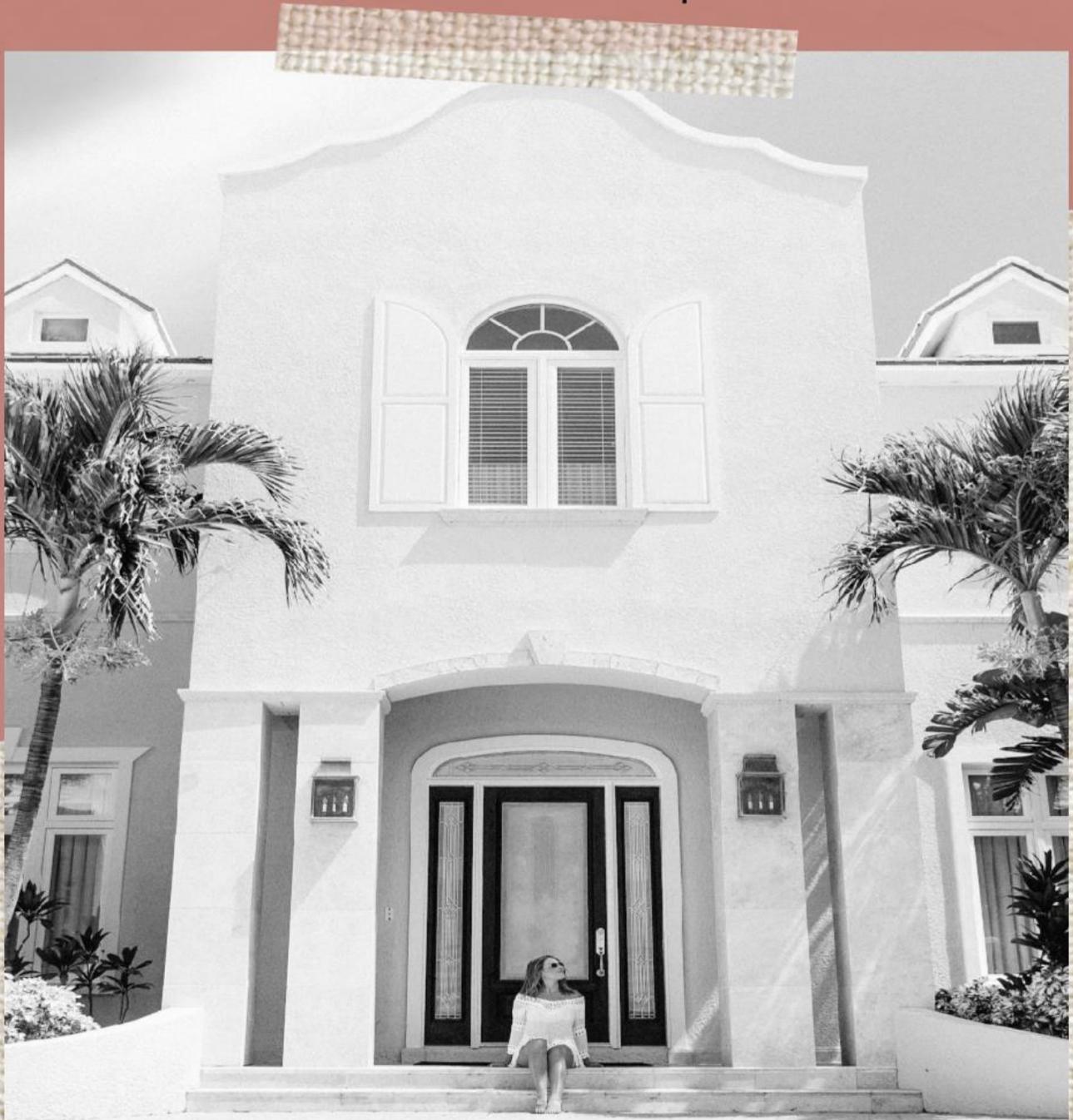
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**THE YINBH SISTERHOOD
PRESENTS...
LADIES NIGHT IN**

Monday July 13th at 7:30pm
This week's topic: The Art of Zoom



ZOOM ID: 312 838 2298

ZOOM LINK: [HTTPS://ZOOM.US/J/3128382298](https://zoom.us/j/3128382298)

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DON'T MISS THIS UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY!

Monday 13th July 2020 • 6pm LA • 9pm NY

<https://zoom.us/j/81877806345>



Ambassador Robert C. O'Brien serves as the National Security Advisor for President Donald J. Trump. O'Brien previously served as the Special Presidential Envoy for Hostage Affairs at the U.S. Department of State, and as Co-Chairman of the U.S. Department of State Public-Private Partnership for Justice Reform in Afghanistan under both Secretaries Rice and Clinton. In 2005, Mr. O'Brien was nominated by President George W. Bush and confirmed by the U.S. Senate to serve as a U.S. Representative to the 60th session of the United Nations General Assembly where he worked with Ambassador John Bolton. Earlier in his career, O'Brien served as a Senior Legal Officer for the UN Security Council commission that decided claims against Iraq arising out of the first Gulf War. O'Brien was a Major in the U.S. Army Reserve. In January 2014, Ambassador O'Brien visited Beverly Hills Synagogue at the invitation of Rabbi Dunner, and Ambassador O'Brien and Rabbi Dunner remain close friends and are in contact regularly.



A THREE WEEKS ISRAEL JOURNEY



DAILY THOUGHTS

INSPIRING ONLINE CONTENT FOR SHIVA ASAR B'TAMMUZ, THE THREE WEEKS AND TISHA B'AV



ON LOCATION AND IN OUR HEARTS

DAILY THOUGHTS DURING THE THREE WEEKS FILMED AT KEY SITES ACROSS ISRAEL

	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY		
THE CAUSE OF THE DESTRUCTION							
WEEK 1	20 Tammuz July 12 Hebron Hills Vineyard <i>The Sin of the Spies</i> RABBI DOV LIPMAN EVE HAROW	21 Tammuz July 13 Nebi Samuel <i>Bloodshed</i> RABBI MENACHEM LEIBTAG EVE HAROW	22 Tammuz July 14 Hinom Valley <i>Idol-Worship</i> RABBI DAVID AARON RABBI BARNEA SELAVAN	23 Tammuz July 15 Herodian Quarter <i>Baseless Hatred</i> RABBI BINNY FREEDMAN RABBI BARNEA SELAVAN	24 Tammuz July 16 City of David: Area G <i>Rejecting Rebuke</i> RABBI MOSHE TARAGIN RABBI KEN SPIRO		
	WHAT WE NEED TO FIX						
	WEEK 2	27 Tammuz July 19 Yavneh <i>Torah from the Depths</i> DR. Yael ZIEGLER RABBI BARNEA SELAVAN	28 Tammuz July 20 Har Grizim and Har Eival <i>Jewish Responsibility</i> RABBI YISHAI FLEISHER EVE HAROW	29 Tammuz July 21 The Ophel and Shiloh <i>Relationships</i> RABBI YOSEF ZVI RIMON EVE HAROW RABBI KEN SPIRO	1 Av July 22 Ketef Hinom Graves <i>Unrequited Love</i> RABBI DORON PEREZ RABBI BARNEA SELAVAN	2 Av July 23 Kever Rachel <i>Never Giving Up</i> RABBI JEREMY GIMPEL EVE HAROW	
		WHAT WE YEARN FOR					
		WEEK 3	5 Av July 26 Jerusalem Archeology <i>Appreciating What We Lost</i> RABBANIT RACHELLE FRAENKEL RABBI KEN SPIRO	6 Av July 27 Madaba Map and Sussya <i>The Centrality of Jerusalem</i> RABBI SHALOM ROSNER EVE HAROW RABBI KEN SPIRO	7 Av July 28 Batei Machse Square <i>Bringing The Redemption</i> RABBI YEHOShUA FASS RABBI KEN SPIRO	8 Av July 29 Temple Mount Lookout Point <i>The Legacy of Rabbi Akiva</i> RABBANIT SHANI TARAGIN RABBI BARNEA SELAVAN	9 Av July 30 Full Tisha B'Av Program

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