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Parshat Pinchas

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Tamuz 23-24

Rabbi Yehuda Halpert

Assistant Rabbi David Schlusberg

Shabbat day: 86', Mostly Sunny

Shabbat Times

Friday, July 26	
Mincha/Maariv:	7:15 PM
Candle Lighting:	8:00 PM
Shabbat, July 27	
Shacharit:	9:00 AM
Kriyat Shema:	9:25 AM
Mincha /Shalosh Seudot:	7:50 PM
Shkiya:	8:17 PM
Maariv:	8:59 PM
Havdalah:	9:04 PM
Next Friday, August 2	
Mincha/Maariv:	7:15 PM
Candle Lighting:	7:54 PM



Weather Report: Friday night 69', Clear

Mazal Tov to Emma and Ami Kirschner on the birth of a baby boy! The bris will take place, IY"Y on Monday, July 29, 2019 at 7:15 AM at the Young Israel of Queens Valley!

Welcome to Sara Malka, Avi and Aharon Petrushka who recently moved into Walraven!

Message from Ben - Hard to believe that the shul year is coming to an end, and that in just a few days, an exciting new team will be taking over the day-to-day and behind-the-scenes shul operations. Thank you very much to Yael Wine, Eliana & Eli Baum, Deena & Henry Bernstein, Shira Russell-Giller, Eli Fenyes, Yishai Kadry, Yosef Chai Klein, Avi Sonnenblick, Steven Lowinger and Stephan Gilbert for making up our awesome team! The incoming Board has many great ideas and plans, and I step aside knowing that the shul is in great hands! On a personal note, it has been a true honour to serve this community humbly over the last two years, and I would like to give hakarat hatov to the entire membership base for giving me the memorable and beautiful opportunity to do so. It's hard to believe that Yael and I joined the Ahavat Shalom community just a few years ago, newly married and with no idea of the incredible relationships that were yet to come. Ahavat Shalom very quickly became our second home, and will always hold an important place in our hearts. We look forward to helping continue to grow our incredible community for years to come.

Gemara Chabura - Ian Mark is back to continue the Gemara chabura. Thank you Rabbi Schlusberg for stepping in!

Torah @ Shul - Rabbi Schlusberg will be speaking at 6:30 PM on Shabbat afternoon as part of the Teaneck 3 Weeks of Shiurim entitled "Three Lessons for the Three Weeks." Shortly thereafter, he will be giving a shiur at seudat shlishit entitled: "Time Out: When to Keep Shabbos When You're on the Moon."

Rabbi Halpert's Availability

Rabbi Yehuda Halpert will be here: 8:3, 8:10.

He can be reached via email at RabbiYehudaHalpert@gmail.com, or phone at 201-836-3828. In the event of an emergency, Rabbi Halpert can also be reached at 212-909-6951.

Rabbi Schlusberg's Contact Info

Rabbi Schlusberg can be reached at (201) 543-9308 or daveschluss@gmail.com

Yeshivat Noam Youth Groups

There will be no Yeshivat Noam groups until after the summer. Have a wonderful Shabbat!

Chesed Committee

If you or anyone you know has moved in recently or knows somebody moving in, please let Shira Russell-Giller know! Check out ahavatshalomteaneck.com/movingin for more information.

Seventh Annual Community-Wide Yoetzet Halacha Event
"MIND THE GAP"
Shifting Our Mindset to Meet Life's Realities

TOVA WARBURG SINENSKY
Yoetzet Halacha, intimacy & healthy relationships educator and Talmud teacher at Yeshivat Frisch.

DR. LEAH KNAPP
Clinical Psychologist specializing in relationships and lectures widely on topics related to individual growth and relationships.

DR. ELANA GOTTFRIED
Clinical Psychologist specializing in the treatment of trauma, addiction, severe mood disorders, and women's health.

MONDAY, AUGUST 5th at 8pm
at Congregation Rinat Yisrael
Click [HERE](#) to Register

STEERING COMMITTEE:
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Fertility Resources - A member of our shul has compiled a list of resources for those going through the fertility process. Over the next week or so, the list of resources will be made available on the shul website!

Chesed and Education Opportunity - Our very own Dina Shaw, a Registered Nurse, has graciously offered to teach Lamaze classes for anyone who cannot afford childbirth classes. For information or assistance, reach out to Dina at (845) 826-5295 or dina5295@gmail.com.

THIS SUNDAY: First Time Home Buying Mastermind - Make sure you stop by Ahavat Shalom's Home Buying Mastermind where you will learn how to prepare for purchasing a home and how to avoid the common pitfalls of the Home Buying process! Featuring Malkie Benson, David Joyandeh and our very own Yishai Kadry! The event will take place on Sunday, July 28 at 10:00 AM at 206 The Plaza. Breakfast will be served and babysitting available upon request.

Mind the Gap: Shifting Our Mindset to Meet Life's Realities featuring Yoetzet Halacha Tova Warburg Sinensky, Dr. Elana Gottfried, and Dr. Leah Knapp. Monday August 5th at 8:00 pm at Rinat. Registration and sponsorship opportunities please visit <https://www.rinat.org/form/yoetzet-halacha-event-2019>.

Chesed Opportunity - The 8th Annual Teaneck Children's Clothing Drive! Children's CLOTHING DROP OFF Dates: Sunday, July 21 from 9am-1 pm & Monday, July 22, 9 am- 4 pm. We accept current style children's clothing, as well as children's and adults coats and shoes- all in great condition only please. We are also looking for VOLUNTEERS to help us sort anytime July 21-23. Everyone is invited to come shop for free once the clothing has been sorted. To shop, email us for a volunteer or shopping sign up. Shopping days are **July 24-30**. For more info and sign up sheets, please contact childrensclothingdrive@gmail.com

2018-2019 Member Ticker:

111 Member
Households!

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We welcome your input! Please send your newsletter announcements by Wednesday of each week to ensure they make it in!

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Semicha Today

In *Parshas Pinchas* we read about the institution of *semicha*. Moshe *Rabbeinu* was instructed by *Hakadosh Boruch Hu* to place his hand on his student, Yehoshua *bin* Nun, in the presence of *Klal Yisroel* and to ordain him. The *Gemorah* understands that the placing of the hand was merely a *horaas sho'ah* which only applied to Moshe *Rabbeinu* and does not apply in later generations. The institution of *semicha*, however, is a *din l'doros*. One cannot be a member of the *Sanhedrin* unless he has proper *semicha*. The *S'ridei Aish* points out that just as Moshe *Rabbeinu's* conferring *semicha* on Yehoshua *bin* Nun had to be done in a public fashion, so too in the future generations *semicha* is always supposed to be conferred in a public fashion. The Ramah (in *Shulchan Aruch*) quotes from the Abarbanel that the *semicha* that we have today is only an imitation *semicha* since the *din* requires that *semicha* should be *ish m'pi ish ad Moshe Rabbeinu* and has to be conferred in *Eretz Yisroel*, and this chain of *masorah* was broken about 1500 years ago.

In the mid 1500's the *rabbonim* who lived in Tzfat gathered together in order to confer *semicha* on Rav Yosef Caro and several other *rabbonim*. This was based on the suggestion made by the Rambam that perhaps there is an alternate route for conferring *semicha*: either one who is himself has *semicha* can confer the *semicha* on another *talmid chacham* and that will be *ish m'pi ish ad Moshe Rabbeinu*; or if all of the *rabbonim* in *Eretz Yisroel* gather together perhaps that is another way of conferring *semicha*. The *mikubolim* of Tzfat in the sixteenth century were motivated to attempt to reinstitute the *semicha* because they were hoping to live to see the coming of *moshiach*.

The *Gemorah* interprets the *possuk* at the end of Malachi to mean that Eliyahu *Hanovi* will come and appear before the Sanhedrin, who will reconvene in the location that they last met before they were disbanded, to announce the coming of *moshiach* the next day. This is the reason why the *mikubolim* chose to live in Tzfat at that time as opposed to Jerusalem because the last location where the Sanhedrin met was clearly in the Galil - Tiveria, Tzipori, Usha, S'farom, etc.

If no one today has bona fide *semicha*, as the Ramah quoted from the Abarbanel, then you cannot have any *Sanhedrin*. How, then, can the prophecy of Malachi be fulfilled? Eliyahu *Hanovi* will not be able to appear in front of the Sanhedrin! For this reason, the *rabbonim* in Tzfat reinstated *semicha* in the hope that someday there would be seventy-one properly ordained *rabbonim* who would be able to constitute a *Sanhedrin* and be able to facilitate the coming of Eliyahu *Hanovi* to announce the coming of *Moshiach*.

The end of the story was that fewer than ten *rabbonim* received *semicha* and the entire plan fizzled out. Even though today the *semicha* is only imitation *semicha*, nonetheless, Rabbi Meir Shapiro of the Lubliner Yeshiva instituted that the imitation *semicha* be conferred in a public fashion. He originated the concept of a *Chag Ha'semicha* which our Yeshiva still follows.

Semicha in the days of the *ta'noim* had to be conferred by a *beis din* of three who did so as representatives all of *Klal Yisroel*. The Rambam writes in his commentary on *Mishnayos Bechoros* that it is for this reason that *semicha* had to be conferred only in *Eretz Yisroel* because the concept of *Klal Yisroel* only applies to those Jews who live in *Eretz Yisroel*. This is probably the reason why *semicha* must be conferred in a public fashion because the *halacha* considers it as if all of *Klal Yisroel* is conferring the *semicha*.

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