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Shabbat Shalom

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Welcome to our Synagogue

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Parashat Pinhas פְּרַשַׁת פִּנְחָס
Shabbat July 27 2019 יז תמוז תשע"ט / 24 Tammuz 5779
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Shabbat Prayer Times

מנחה Mincha	6:45 p.m.
נרות הדלקת נרות Early Candle Lighting	7:40 p.m.
שחרית מנין החייד"א (ותיקין) Shaharit Ha'Hida Vatikin	4:55 a.m.
שחרית (Main Synagogue/Barechu:9:35) Shaharit	8:30 a.m.
Rabbi's Shiur - Mesilat Yesharim	6:50 p.m.
תהלים Tehilim	7:35 p.m.
מנחה Mincha	8:05 p.m.
שבת טוב שבוטע Shabbat Ends	9:37 p.m.

Erev Shabbat Friday August 2nd 2019
Mincha 6:45 p.m. (Early Candle Lighting 7:40 p.m.)

Weekday Services at Medrash Torah Vehayim

<i>שחרית Shaharit Sunday</i>	
ותיקין Vatikin	5:15 a.m.
מקדימים Makdimim	8:00 a.m.
קבועים Kebuim	9:00 a.m.
<i>שחרית Shaharit Weekdays</i>	
ותיקין Vatikin	5:15 a.m.
מקדימים Makdimim	6:45 a.m.
קבועים Kebuim	8:15 a.m.
אשרי מנחה Mincha Ashre	7:00 p.m.
ערבית Arbit	7:35 p.m.

Shabat Zemanim- Netz- נץ- 6:01 a.m. Keriat Shema- שקיעה- 9:06 a.m. Shekia- שקיעה- 8:47 p.m.

Mazal Tov

To Dr. and Mrs. James and Nathalie Toby in honour of the naming of their **Baby Girl**.
Proud grandparents: Mr. and Mrs. Samuel and Algeria Toby and Mr. and Mrs. Henry and Chantal Ohayon
Proud great grandparents: Mr. and Mrs. Jack and Suzanne Benchimol and Mrs. Messody Ohayon.

To Mr. and Mrs. Zev and Enny Herskowitz on the birth of a **Baby Boy**.
Proud grandparents: Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy and Simona Kadoch and Mr. and Mrs. Arnold and Rose Wender.
Proud great grandparents: Mrs. Enny Kadoch.

Kiddush

This Shabbat Kiddush is sponsored by: **Dr. and Mrs. James and Nathalie Toby** in honour of the naming of their baby girl.
Everyone is welcome.

Seuda Shelishit

Please join us for Shabbat Seuda Shelishit after Mincha services.
Everyone is welcome.

Nahalot

Bella Bentolila ז"ל, 24 Tammuz / Saturday July 27
Jacob Toledano ז"ל, 28 Tammuz / Wednesday July 31
Salomon Benmaman ז"ל, 29 Tammuz / Thursday August 1



Synagogue News:

Nahalot for next week

Esther Gulersen ז"ל, 2 Av / Saturday August 3
David Ohayon ז"ל, 4 Av / Monday August 5
Elias Benatar ז"ל, 5 Av / Tuesday August 6
Esther Benatar ז"ל, 7 Av / Thursday August 8
Esther Afriat ז"ל, 8 Av / Friday August 9

Rosh Hodesh

Rosh Hodesh Av, will be on Friday August 2nd.

Shloshim

Next Wednesday July 31 2019 we will be observing the shloshim of Mr. Henri Aaron Dahan ז"ל father to Simon Dahan . May his Neshama rest eternally in Gan Eden, Amen. The Mishmara will take place this Wednesday July 31, 2019 at the Kelila Centre. Mishmara at Minha at 7:30 p.m. followed by Arbit.

Ladies Tehilim Group

Women are invited to join Tehilim group every Tuesdays at 10:00a.m. and every Shabbat at 6:00pm Lower Level Restaurant.

Mikveh

We hope to have the Mikveh running to serve the community as soon as possible.

Save this Date

Sefer Torah Dedication in memory of Jack Buzaglo ז"ל , September 8th, 2019.

Exciting Changes to our Shabbat Services

We are happy to announce that teenagers and young adults, ages 13-25 will now be able to lead Friday night services and recite Parashiyot/Haftarot on Saturdays in our congregation. To do so, one must:
Give at least 3 weeks advance notice to the Parnas (Avi Azuelos) or Shaliah Tzibur (Marc Kadoch) to check for availability.
be tested prior to the Shabbat in question.

As wonderful as this new initiative is, we maintain that the Bet Keneset and our Tefila continue to be conducted with a sense of professionalism, respectability and competence as they have always been. For that reason, we will ensure that our young kids will be ready and prepared before stepping up to the *teva*.

We hope that these new changes will encourage the kids to be more participative in the weekly service and increase attendance. If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to the Parnas or Shaliah Tzibur.

Mesilat Yesharim, Rabbi Kadoch Shiur continues this week

The weekly summer Shabbat class resumes this Shabbat @6:50 p.m.
Rabbi Kadoch will continue the classic Jewish book of study, Mesilat Yesharim.

Cemetery Plots

The SKC is pleased to announce the availability of Pardes Shalom cemetery plots to our members.
In order to accommodate the limited availability of these plots, we ask all interested members to contact:
Sol Benchetrit <solbench@hotmail.com>

Security Committee

The SKC is searching for volunteers to serve on a Security Committee, we ask all interested contact Joseph Mamane at 905-669-7654 Ext 200 or email at joseph.mamane@kehilacentre.com.

Torah Learning Opportunities at the SKC

Daily - Halacha - between Minha and Arbit.

Sundays - Gemara Masechet Megila with Rabbi Kadoch - 7:15am-8am, Lower Level Synagogue, Coffee will be served.

Tuesdays - Tuesday Night Live on the Parasha with Tomer Malca, 8PM, Medrash, beer and wings, men only.

Wednesdays - Halacha in Hebrew with Rabbi Yitzhak Hakouk, 9PM, Lower Level Synagogue, Refreshments to be served.

Thursdays - Halacha with Rabbi Kadoch for men - following Arbit.

Shabbat - Noam Elimelech on the Parasha with Rabbi David Kadoch, 8:15am - 8:45am, Lower Level Synagogue, coffee and hot chocolate, men only

Shabbat - Mesilat Yesharim Mussar with Rabbi Kadoch - 45 minutes before Tehilim, men and women.

Shiurim Online: If you wish to access any of the Torah classes given during the week by Rabbi Kadoch, Tomer Malca or Rabbi Dabush, you can listen to them at anytime by accessing them on our website: bit.ly/skctorah

Pinehas 5779 - Zeal

היתה לו ולרעו אחריו ברית כהנת עולם, תחת אשר קנא לאלוקיו ויכפר על בני ישראל (כו:ג)

And it shall be for him and his descendants, a covenant of priesthood because he acted zealously for his God and atoned for the Children of Israel" (26:13)

When we tell the story of Pinehas, who saw a prince of Israel sinning publicly with a Midianite woman and killed them, we often focus on the heroic action of the honor killing itself. We admire the courage Pinehas had to do; what he did and how he did so selflessly. He intended to defend the honour of Hashem's name even if it cost him his own life! The reward he was given, the Kehuna, the priesthood that had been given to Aharon and his sons after Pinehas was born so that he was a Yisrael by birth, now became his. But as the pasuk teaches, it was not for valiantly defending Hashem's name. The key in this verse is the last part. In his zealous action to defend Hashem's name, Pinehas managed to do it in a way that achieved atonement for the Jews who had seen Zimri's act and not protested.

The covenant of peace was not earned by the violent act, because that act was supplementary to Zimri's main goal - protecting the Jews from destruction. He understood that they had not protested for the honour of Hashem or for the honour of the Bene Yisrael - a mark we must not take lightly. By attaching the name Yisrael to ourselves, we are recalling the higher purpose to which we aspire, and the higher levels of behavior expected from us. Pinehas, with his act, reminded us of who we are meant to be and in this way, he saved us. Because he achieved atonement for us once, he was granted the ability to continue this role for generations.

In fact, the Baal HaTurim quotes a Sifri which points out the syntax that it doesn't say, "to atone," but "and he atones." This tells us that Pinehas stands and atones for Israel until the end of time. This would be in line with the statement of Hazal that Pinehas is Eliyahu, the prophet who went to Heaven in a fiery chariot and has been known to appear in times of trouble to protect the Jewish People. When Eliyahu Hanavi told Hashem that the Jewish People had abandoned Him, Hashem told Eliyahu that his time as prophet was up and he should appoint Elisha in his stead. Eliyahu does attend every berit mila and seder, and he testifies to the many Jews who keep these mitzvot even if they seem otherwise unaffiliated. The role of a Jewish leader is to protect and defend the Children of Israel. Since Pinehas did this with such zeal, he was given the gift of being a Kohen so that he and his children would be able to continue in this most important role for all time.

Perasha Insights

By Rabbi Eli Mansour

Parashat Pinhas: Serving G-d Under All Conditions

Parashat Pinhas is, in the vast majority of years, read during the period of the Three Weeks, when we begin observing certain restrictions in solemn commemoration of the destruction of the Bet Ha'mikdash.

Rav Abraham Yehoshua Heschel of Apta (1748-1825), in his work Oheb Yisrael, suggests a connection between this Parasha and the three-week period we observe during this time of year. The latter portion of the Parasha, he notes, lists the special occasions when a Musaf ("additional") sacrifice was to be offered in the Bet Ha'mik-

dash. Specifically, this sacrifice is offered on Shabbat, Rosh Hodesh, the seven days of Pesach, the day of Shabuot, the two days of Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur, the seven days of Sukkot, and Shemini Aseret - a total of 21 days. These 21 days, the Apta Rebbe taught, correspond to the 21 days of the Three Weeks when we mourn the destruction of the Bet Ha'mikdash. Appropriately, then, Parashat Pinhas is virtually always read towards the beginning of the Three Weeks.

One approach we might take to explain this correspondence is that it teaches us a crucial lesson about our Torah observance - that it is required under all circumstances, both in joyous times, and in difficult times. The 21 festive Yamim Tobim are compared to the 21 days of solemn reflection on our national tragedies to remind us that we are to faithfully serve Hashem under all conditions, that even in life's more difficult periods, we must be strong and resolute, and retain our devotion to G-d. We wear Tefillin both on our arms and on our heads. The Tefillin Shel Rosh, worn on the top of the head, resembles a crown, and signifies pride, confidence and prestige. By contrast, the Tefillin Shel Yad is worn on the weaker hand (on the left hand if one is right-handed, on the right hand if one is left-handed), and thus represents frailty and vulnerability. We are required to wear both the Tefillin Shel Rosh and the Tefillin Shel Yad to remind ourselves that we must remain committed to Hashem at all times - both in times of strength, when we are successful, and in times of weakness, when we find ourselves beset by troubles and hardship.

When G-d revealed Himself to Moshe for the first time at the burning bush,, and commanded him to return to Egypt and inform Beneh Yisrael that their redemption was imminent, He instructed Moshe to tell the people that "Eh-yeh Asher Eh-yeh" (literally, "I shall be that I shall be") sent him to speak to them (Shemot 3:14). The Midrash, as Rashi cites, explains this to mean, "I shall be with them now, and I shall be with them in future crises." The Name "Eh-yeh" has the numerical value of 21, such that the phrase "Eh-yeh Asher Eh-yeh" may refer to the two periods of 21 days - the 21 festive occasions, and the 21 days of mourning for the Bet Ha'mikdash. On the eve of the Exodus from Egypt, one of our nation's most glorious moments, G-d was informing the people that life is not always going to be joyous and festive. Nobody has a perfectly smooth life, without moments of disappointment, hardship and pain. We all go through different "21-day periods" - periods of joy and success, and periods of hardship. We are told that Hashem is with us throughout it all, that He is always helping us, and that we, in turn, must be devoted to Him throughout it all, both in happy occasions and in difficult times.

In the "Baruch She'amar" prayer which we recite each morning, we proclaim, "Baruch Gozer U'mekayem," which is commonly understood to mean, "Blessed is He who decrees and fulfills His decrees." But this passage has also been explained to mean, "Blessed is He who decrees and sustains." When G-d issues a "decree" that a person must face a certain challenge, He "sustains" that person, providing him with the strength, fortitude and resilience he needs to overcome it. G-d never gives us a test we cannot pass. When He places us in a difficult situation, He gives us the emotional strength to prevail.

We must not break when conditions are difficult, because Hashem believes in us and "sustains" us throughout it all. And so even in hard times, we must remain steadfastly committed and devoted to Him, no less than we are during periods of joy and prosperity.



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