



שבת פרשת פינחס
SHABBAT PARSHAT PINCHAS
 24 TAMUZ/JULY 7

Haftorah is Jeremiah 1:1-2:3, דברי ירמי (beginning the שלש דפורענותא - "Three Haftorot of Punishment"). We bless the month of Av. Do not say א-ל מלא or אב הרחמים, but say צדקתך צדק. Pirkei Avot Chapter 1.

FRIDAY NIGHT
EARLIEST CANDLES - 6:57 PM
MINCHA - 7:05 PM
CANDLE LIGHTING - 8:13 PM
TZAIT - 9:16 PM

SATURDAY
CHUMASH SHIUR - 8:00 AM
HASHKAMA - 8:20 AM
SHACHARIT MAIN - 9:00 AM
LAST KRIAT SHEMA - 9:16 AM
GEMARA SHIUR - 7:00 PM
MINCHA - 8:00 PM
SHKIA - 8:31 PM
MAARIV/HAVDALAH - 9:16 PM

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Molad for Av is Friday, July 13, 6:49 AM & 8 Chalokim.
 ראש חדש אב יהיה ביום שישי הבא עלינו ועל כל ישראל לטובה

נא לא לדבר בשעת התפילה
 PLEASE NO CONVERSATION DURING SERVICES



WEEKDAY DAVENING INFORMATION

	Sunday (7/8)	Monday (7/9)	Tuesday (7/10)	Wednesday (7/11)	Thursday (7/12)	Friday (7/13)
Earliest Talit	4:21 AM	4:22 AM	4:23 AM	4:24 AM	4:25 AM	4:26 AM
Shacharit	8:15 AM	6:15 AM	6:25 AM	6:25 AM	6:15 AM	6:00 AM
Gedolah	1:39 PM	1:39 PM	1:39 PM	1:39 PM	1:39 PM	1:39 PM
Mincha - Maariv	8:15 PM	8:15 PM	8:15 PM	8:15 PM	8:15 PM	7:05 PM
Shkia	8:31 PM	8:30 PM	8:30 PM	8:29 PM	8:29 PM	
Tzait	9:16 PM	9:15 PM	9:15 PM	9:14 PM	9:14 PM	

Tot Shabbat Summer Program kicks off this Shabbat, and then runs each Shabbat from July 21 through August 18, at 10:45 AM, under the guidance of Sara Santacruz and Kira Wigod. Children will enjoy free play, story time, Shabbat songs and a snack in an interactive and fun environment! All kids 5 and under are welcome to join our mommy and me style program! For more info email: totshabbataa@gmail.com.



Perek on the Lawn this Shabbat will be at Marleny & Alex Salazar's home, 13-66 Comerford Pl., 6:15 PM, led by our very own Hospital for Special Surgery Chaplain Margo Heda. Children welcome, and parve ice cream will be available.



Kiddush Information

- ☆ If you are around when the Rabbi says “על המהירה”, your assistance in clean up would be appreciated.
- ☆ Kiddush setup for this Shabbat: Rein, Sokoloff, Wigod
- ☆ Kiddush setup for next Shabbat: Chessin-Carp, Schwitzer, Zeron
- ☆ To sponsor a Kiddush (\$1000/\$613/\$318 plus scotch) send an email to gplotnick@aol.com.

Adult Education



- ☆ CHUMASH CLASS - Shabbat morning before Shacharit.
- ☆ GEMARA SHIUR - One hour before Mincha, through the first Shabbat in November.
- ☆ DAYTIME TORAH VOYAGES - Thursdays at 2:00 PM.
- ☆ FUNDAMENTALS OF JEWISH THOUGHT - After Kiddush.
- ☆ PEREK ON THE LAWN, Pirrei Avot Periodic Shiur.

Gita Cooperwasser ע"ה

Youth Program

- ☆ Youth groups are on hiatus until September!



Perek on the Lawn

- ☆ July 14
- ☆ Aug 4 - Garfunkels', 12-56 Lyle Ter.
- ☆ Aug 25
- ☆ Volunteer to host by emailing Larry at lardavbern@gmail.com.



Ahavat Achim Future Events

- ☆ Aug. 4 - Suedah Shlishit is sponsored in memory of Ilana Schwitzer's father, Aharon Rahabi Halevi ע"ה.
- ☆ Aug. 11 - Suedah Shlishit sponsored in honor of a Siyum on Mesechet Zevachim
- ☆ Aug. 12 - Torah dedication in memory of Nate's mother, Malka Schwitzer ע"ה.
- ☆ March 9 - Yachad/Yavneh Shabbaton

Community Events

- ☆ July 9 – **The Tefillah Tightrope: Something Old, Something New**, by Rebbetzin Peshie Neuberger, second of a three-part women-only Tefillah series. YIFL, Monday night, at 8:00 PM.
- ☆ July 16 – **Tefillah & Tehillim: How Talking to G-d Speaks to Us**, by Leah Silver, third lecture of a three-part women-only Tefillah series. YIFL, Monday night, at 8:00 PM.
- ☆ Three-Weeks Food Drive, starting June 29, for the **Food Pantry at Jewish Family and Children's Services of Northern New Jersey (JFCS)**. Pick up a blue reusable grocery bag from the Darchei Noam coat room, and return full bags by July 21 to Faigy Gilder, 10-01 Bellair Ave. For info on items most needed, or other questions, email Faigy at faigygilder@gmail.com.

Tot Shabbat: Summer Edition

For kids 5 and under
Starting at 10:45 AM

STORYTIME, SHABBAT SONGS, FREE PLAY AND A SNACK WITH BRACHOT

Info: totshabbataa@gmail.com
At Congregation Ahavat Achim in Fair Lawn, NJ



Don't sit on the stairs or block handrails, as it makes it dangerous for those traversing the steps. PARENTS, make sure your children are not congregating on or by the stairs!

From the desk of
the President

Points To Ponder

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Answers to Points To Ponder

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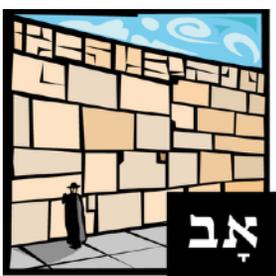
Shirley Vann has dedicated this week's Covenant & Conversation (used with permission of the Office of Rabbi Sacks) in memory of her beloved mother Necha bat Yitzchok ע"ה.



IN AV WE REMEMBER . . .



NAME	HEBREW DATE	CANDLE EVENING OF	DEDICATOR	RELATIONSHIP
Ella Horwitz	9	July 20	Hanna Lewinson	Mother
Joseph Teitelbaum	11	July 22	Joyce Sperling	Father
Ella Cahn	13	July 24	Audrey Bickel	Great Aunt
Sidney Smedresman	13	July 24	Steve Smedresman	Uncle
Abraham Graber	19	July 30	David Graber	Father
Rose Pinchas	20	July 31	Naomi Graber	Mother
Andrew Staub	20	July 31	Gloria Epstein	Father
Sidney Sperling	22	August 2	Arnold Sperling	Father
Helene Bonnie Amrani	22	August 2	Neil Amrani	Mother
Aharon Ben Yosef	23	August 3	Ilana Schwitzer	Father
Gertrude Cooperwasser	23	August 3	Seymour Wigod	Aunt
Frieda Jaffe	24	August 4	Sophie Infield	Friend
Celia Levine	25	August 5	Naomi Levine	Mother in Law
Celia Levine	25	August 5	Kenny Levine	Grandmother
Claire Diamond	25	August 5	Lisa Eis	Mother
Malka Schwitzer	28	August 8	Nate Schwitzer	Mother
Hetti Jacobs	29	August 9	Stacey Finkelstein	Grandmother
Dave Molever	29	August 9	Lori Garfunkel	Grandfather



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Donate a Sefer, etc.

The shul has Siddurim & Machzorim (\$36) and Chumashim (\$54) available to be donated. Please contact Jeff Safier at robysafier@gmail.com for details.

Yahrzeit Plaques

Memorialize a loved one with a plaque for \$300 for members and \$450 for non-members. We will also endeavor to send you written notice of an upcoming yahrzeit, mention your loved one's name during the public Yizkor and list the yahrzeit in the Bulletin once a year. For more information, email Larry at lardavbern@gmail.com.

Scrip

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Mishebayrach

If you've made a Mishebayrach you've pledged to give Tzedakah on behalf of those for whom you asked Hashem's blessing. Contributions to the shul are appropriate and can be made via Paypal to treasurer@ahavatachim.org, or via MasterCard, Visa or Discover by sending info to Steve Winchester (contact him at treasurer@ahavatachim.org). If by check indicate on its face "Aliyah Donation."

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Sisterhood & Men's Club

Please contact Elliot Greene at egreene@acm.org to join the Men's Club. To join Sisterhood, please contact Shelly at sewinchester58@gmail.com or Renee at reneeafreund@yahoo.com.

Honoraria

Contributions to acquire honoraria in memory or honor of a loved one are welcome. The available Honoraria list will be provided upon request by contacting Steven Plotnick at seplotnick@gmail.com.

Mitzvah Cards

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The Nine Days

(Adapted from the Ezras Torah Luach)

In addition to the rules for the Three Weeks (below), from Rosh Chodesh Av until after Tisha B'Av we refrain from washing ourselves with warm or hot water. Only those who are feeble, extremely sensitive, or who must do so for medical reasons, may wash with warm or hot water. We do not launder clothing until after Tisha B'Av. We do not wear clothing that was laundered before Rosh Chodesh, except on Shabbat. We do not drink wine or eat meat of any kind, with the exception of the feeble, sickly, or ill, who may eat poultry. We may eat meat and drink wine on Shabbat or while attending a Seudat Mitzvah, such as a Brit or the completion of a Tractate of Talmud.

The Three Weeks

(Adapted From the Ezras Torah Luach)

The period between the Seventeenth of Tamuz until after Tisha B'Av is called "בין המצרים" — "between the straits" (based upon the verse in Lamentations 1:3) because of the multiple tragedies that have occurred to the Jewish people throughout the ages during these three weeks. Among the worst of the tragedies are the destruction of both Holy Temples, the end of Jewish Sovereignty for almost 2,000 years, and the exile from Eretz Yisroel. The custom is for us to manifest some signs of mourning during this period. Therefore, we do not make weddings or take haircuts during these three weeks. We do not make the Bracha שהחיינו (so as to avoid the Bracha שהחיינו we do not eat a new fruit [unless that fruit would be unobtainable afterward] or purchase an expensive article of clothing that would require the Bracha שהחיינו, during these three weeks [the custom is to make the Bracha on Shabbat].



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Contact Arnie at aspier@verizon.net for membership details. For Shabbat hospitality contact Melanie at mkwestel@gmail.com.

Bikkur Cholim/Chesed Committee

If someone needs a visit/assistance, contact Sara at saralevine06@gmail.com or Mary Lisa at kenkatter541@gmail.com.

Personal Announcements

Various life cycle events related to members are announced in the bulletin (e.g., births, bar and bat mitzvahs, weddings and deaths, as well as travel to/from Israel to study). We also welcome new members. Other personal announcements are not appropriate except as part of the bulletin's dedication (a \$36 cost - \$54 with photo).

Numbers & Info

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☆ MIKVAH – 201-796-0350. At Shomrei Torah, 9 PM–10:30 PM, Motzei Shabbat from 1¼ hours after Shabbat ends for 1½ hours. Kaylim Mikvah: Sun. 10 AM–3 PM

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Shul Calendar

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LIFE-CHANGING IDEAS IN THE PARSHA WITH RABBI SACKS



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The Lost Masterpiece

Pinchas 2018 / 5778

A true story that took place in 1995: It concerns the legacy of an unusual man with an unusual name: Mr Ernest Onians, a farmer in East Anglia whose main business was as a supplier of pigswill. Known as an eccentric, his hobby was collecting paintings. He used to go around local auctions and whenever a painting came on sale, especially if it was old, he would make a bid for it. Eventually he collected more than five hundred canvases. There were too many to hang them all on the walls of his relatively modest home, Baylham Mill in Suffolk. So he simply piled them up, keeping some in his chicken sheds.

His children did not share his passion. They knew he was odd. He used to dress scruffily. Afraid of being burgled, he rigged up his own home-made alarm system, using klaxons powered by old car batteries, and always slept with a loaded shotgun under his bed. When he died, his children put the paintings on sale by Sotheby's, the London auction house. Before any major sale of artworks Sotheby's puts out a catalogue so that interested buyers can see in advance what will be on offer.

A great art expert, Sir Denis Mahon (1910-2011), was looking through the catalogue one day when his eye was caught by one painting in particular. The photograph in the catalogue, no larger than a postage stamp, showed a rabble of rampaging people setting fire to a large building and making off with loot. Onians had bought it at a country house sale in the 1940s for a mere £12. The catalogue listed the painting as the Sack of Carthage, painted by a relatively little known artist of the seventeenth century, Pietro Testa. It estimated that it would fetch £15,000.

Mahon was struck by one incongruous detail. One of the looters was making off with a seven branched candelabrum. What, Mahon wondered, was a menorah doing in Carthage? Clearly the painting was not depicting that event. Instead it was portrait of the Destruction of the Second Temple by the Romans. But if what he was looking at was not the Sack of Carthage, then the artist was probably not Pietro Testa.

Mahon remembered that the great seventeenth century artist Nicholas Poussin had painted two portraits of the destruction of the second temple. One was hanging in the art museum in Vienna. The other, painted in 1626 for Cardinal Barberini, had disappeared from public view sometime in the eighteenth century. No one knew what had happened to it. With a shock Mahon realised that he was looking at the missing Poussin.

At the auction, he bid for the picture. When a figure of the eminence of Sir Dennis bid for a painting the other potential buyers knew that he must know something they did not, so they too put in bids. Eventually Sir Dennis bought the painting for £155,000. A few years later he sold it for its true worth, £4.5 million, to Lord Rothschild who donated it to the Israel Museum in Jerusalem where it hangs today in the memory of Sir Isaiah Berlin.

I know this story only because, at Lord Rothschild's request, I together with the then director of the national gallery, Neil MacGregor, gave a lecture on the painting while it was shown briefly in London before being taken to its new and permanent home. I tell the story because it is so graphic an example of the fact that we can lose a priceless legacy simply because, not loving it, we do not come to appreciate its true value. From this we can infer a corollary: we inherit what we truly love.

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This surely is the moral of the story of the daughters of Zelophehad in this week's parsha. Recall the story: Zelophehad, of the tribe of Manasseh, had died in the wilderness before the allocation of the land. He left five daughters but no sons. The daughters came before Moses, arguing that it would be unjust for his family to be denied their share in the land simply because he had daughters but not sons. Moses brought their case before God, who told him: “What Zelophehad's daughters are saying is right. You must certainly give them property as an inheritance among their father's relatives and give their father's inheritance to them” (Num. 27:7). And so it came to pass.

The sages spoke of Zelophehad's daughters in the highest praise. They were, they said, very wise and chose the right time to present their request. They knew how to interpret Scripture, and they were perfectly virtuous.¹ Even more consequentially, their love of the land of Israel was in striking contrast to that of the men. The spies had come back with a negative report about the land, and the people had said, "Let us appoint a [new] leader and return to Egypt" (Num. 14:4). But Zelophehad's daughters wanted to have a share in the land, which they were duly granted.²

This led to the famous comment of Rabbi Ephraim Luntschitz of Prague (1550-1619) on the episode of the spies. Focussing on God's words, "Send for yourself men to spy out the land of Canaan" (Num. 14:2), Luntschitz argued that God was not commanding Moses but permitting him to send men. God was saying, "From My perspective, seeing the future, it would have been better to send women, because they love and cherish the land and would never come to speak negatively about it. However, since you are convinced that these men are worthy and do indeed value the land, I give you permission to go ahead and send them."³

The result was catastrophic. Ten of the men came back with a negative report. The people were demoralised, and the result was that they lost the chance to enter the land in their lifetime. They lost their chance to enjoy their inheritance in the land promised to their ancestors. The daughters of Zelophehad, by contrast, did inherit the land – because they loved it. What we love, we inherit. What we fail to love, we lose.

I cannot help but think that in some strange way the stories of the daughters of Zelophehad and the auction of the missing Poussin illustrate the state of Jewish identity today. For many of my contemporaries Judaism was like the story of Ernest Onian's penchant for paintings. Judaism was something their parents had but not something that was meaningful to them. Like Onians' children they were willing to let go of it, unaware that it was a legacy of immense value. When we don't fully appreciate the value of something, we can lose a treasure without ever knowing it is a treasure.

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Judaism, of course, is not a painting. It's an identity. And you can't sell an identity. But you can lose it. And many Jews are losing theirs. Our ancestors have

¹ Baba Batra 110b.

² Sifre, Numbers, 133.

³ Kli Yakar to Num. 13:2.

given us the gift of a past. We owe them the gift of a future faithful to that past. At least we should not relinquish it simply because we don't know how valuable it is.

The life-changing idea here is surely simple yet profound: if we truly wish to hand on our legacy to our children, we must teach them to love it. The most important element of any education is not learning facts or skills but learning what to love. What we love, we inherit. What we fail to love, we lose.

Shabbat Shalom



LIFE-CHANGING IDEA #37

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LIFE-CHANGING IDEAS IN SEFER BAMIDBAR

- **BAMIDBAR:** Remember your destination. This will help you to distinguish between an opportunity to be seized and a temptation to be resisted.
- **NASO:** You are as important as you make other people feel.
- **BEHA'ALOTECHA:** We tend to become what our friends are. So choose friends who are what you aspire to be.
- **SHELACH LECHA:** Never let negative emotions distort your perceptions. To see the world as it is, not as you are afraid it might be, let faith banish fear.
- **KORACH:** If you seek to learn, grow, pursue truth and find freedom, seek places that welcome argument and respect dissenting views.
- **CHUKAT:** Life lives in the tension between our physical smallness and our spiritual greatness. Life is short, but when we lift our eyes to heaven, we walk tall.
- **BALAK:** By being what only we are, we contribute to humanity what only we can give.
- **PINCHAS:** If we truly wish to hand on our legacy to our children, we must teach them to love it.



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