

Nosh & Learn with Mindy, Parshat *Pinchas*, TBH-BE, 7/9/2020

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, אֲשֶׁר קִדְּשָׁנוּ
בְּמִצְוֹתָיו, וְצִוָּנוּ לְעֲסוֹק בְּדִבְרֵי תוֹרָה.

*Baruch atah, Adonai Eloheinu, Melech haolam, asher kid'shanu b'mitzvotav
v'tzivanu laasok b'divrei Torah.*

Blessed are You, Adonai our God, Sovereign of all, who hallows us with mitzvot, commanding us to engage with words of Torah.

Pinchas, Numbers 25:10 – 30:1

Numbers 26:35-56

Among these shall the land be apportioned as shares, according to the listed names: with larger groups increase the share, with smaller groups reduce the share. Each is to be assigned its share according to its enrollment. The land, moreover, is to be apportioned by lot; and the allotment shall be made according to the listings of their ancestral tribes. Each portion shall be assigned by lot, whether for larger or smaller groups.

Numbers 29:39

All these you shall offer to the LORD at the stated times, in addition to your votive and freewill offerings, be they burnt offerings, meal offerings, libations, or offerings of well-being.

Kohelet 3:1

A season is set for everything, a time for every experience under heaven.

Footnotes to Kohelet 3:1, Bruce Heitler

This beautiful passage highlights the importance of circumstances as a fundamental element of human perception. A figure is only apprehended when it is distinguished from a background. Perception does not grasp anything without a context. Every rule must be applied in certain circumstances, and if the

circumstances change, the rule itself takes on a different meaning. For example, I might say that it is better to heal than to kill. Yet in the case of a severely wounded animal, the appropriate thing may be to kill.

Three Little Birds, Bob Marley

Rise up this mornin'
Smiled with the risin' sun
Three little birds
Pitch by my doorstep
Singin' sweet songs
Of melodies pure and true
Sayin', this is my message to you

Singin' don't worry about a thing, worry about a thing, oh
Every little thing gonna be alright, don't worry
Singin' don't worry about a thing, I won't worry
'Cause every little thing gonna be alright

Have a Shabbat Shalom!