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Weekly Announcements

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Parshat Pinchas ~ Shabbat Mevarchim ~ Rosh Chodesh Av July 13th

July 7th, 2018 ~ 24 Tammuz 5778

Erev Shabbat Schedule

Earliest Candle Lighting	6:50 PM
Mincha	6:45 PM
Early Candle Lighting	7:00 PM
Latest Candle Lighting	7:59 PM

Shabbat Schedule

Hashkama Minyan	7:30 AM
Main Minyan	9:00 AM
Mincha	7:55 PM
Maariv	8:45 PM
Shabbat Ends	8:55 PM

Sunday July 8th – Friday July 13th
Shacharit 7:00 AM & 8:00 AM

Monday July 9th – Friday July 13th
Additional Shacharit 8:45 AM

Sunday July 8th – Thursday July 12th
Mincha / Maariv 8:05 PM

Friday July 13th ~ Rosh Chodesh Av
Marks the Beginning of the 9 Days

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

Rena Turoff, Gary Bomzer,
Elaine S. Birnbaum,
Stanley Rosenblatt,
Sherri Esformes

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO:

Helen & Dr Lawrence
Ciment

THIS WEEK'S GUEST SPEAKERS

Shabbat Morning
Rabbi Eli Reisel

Shalosh Seudat
Rabbi Evan Hoffman

This Week's Announcements are Being Sponsored by

Lorraine & Isaac Weiss

In Beloved Memory of
Isaac's Father

**Harav Meshulom Dov
ben Reb Yaakov Yoel
Weiss z"l**

Who's Yahrtzeit will be this
Sunday the 25th of Tammuz

Mazal Tov

Natalie & Jason Koslowe

On the Birth of a Baby Boy!

Mazal Tov to
Grandparents

Julie & Seymour Feld
&

Great Grandmother
Marley Koslowe

Bunny Sand

On the Marriage of Her
Granddaughter

**Talia Rosenbloom to
Ari Roffel**
&

The Engagement of Her
Grandson

**Dr Eytan Rosenbloom to
Rebecca Perlman**

Children of
**Karen (Sand) & Michael
Rosenbloom**

Youth

Groups Announcements

9:15 Pre- Groups with
Morah Esti

9:30 Regular Groups Begin
with Youth Leaders

Congratulations to This Past Week's

Diamond Daveners

Eva Newman
Michael Newman

Middot Award

Sam Ciment
Hanna Remer

Song of the Week

Tiny Tots Groups will be
Learning These Songs for
Parshat Pinchas
"Five Daughters Went Out
One Day" &
"Oh No Pinchas, What Did
You do"

**SPECIAL SURPRISE
TREAT THIS WEEK!!!**



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Parshat Pinchas

By: Ari Ciment

PINCHAS AND THE LESSON OF RUNNING TO PEACE OR RUNNING AWAY FROM PEACE?

הלל אומר : הוי מתלמידיו של אהרן : אהב שְלוֹם וְרוֹדֵף שְלוֹם, אהב אֶת אהרן. Hillel would say: Be of the disciples of Aaron--a lover of peace, a pursuer of peace, one who loves the creatures and draws them close to Torah. (AVOS 1:12)

לָכוּ, אָמַר : הֲנִי נִתֵּן לוֹ אֶת-בְּרִיתִי, שְלוֹם- Wherefore say: Behold, I give unto him My covenant of peace (Bamidbar 25:12)

When publicly brought a Midianite woman, בְּן-סִלּוּא, over to his companions, פִּינְחָס בֶּן-פִּינְחָס took a spear, followed זִמְרִי and בְּזָבִי, and then stabbed them through the belly. The context of this seemingly gruesome killing was that Zimri was rebellious (Sanhedrin 82a) and his outward licentiousness had endangered all of Israel at that time. But imagine the “headlines” in 1464 BCE: would it have read “Pinchas heroically slays 2” or would it have read “Pinchas violently slays 2”? Even if you think the headlines would have deemed it “heroic”, it seems unimaginable that Pinchas would be granted “the covenant of peace” which indeed he receives in the beginning of this week’s parsha!?

QUESTIONS: 1) What’s the significance of reminding us that Pinchas was the grandson of Aharon? 2) Why does פִּינְחָס get the covenant of peace?

ANSWER: Rabbi Yakov Frand said in the name of Kesav Sofer that the connection of Pinchas to Aharon is to remind us that Pinchas was well aware of his grandfather’s creed אהב שְלוֹם וְרוֹדֵף שְלוֹם (see above statement from AVOS) and still did what he did... He explains that if רודף שְלוֹם meant “run after peace” then it would be written אחר רודף אהב שְלוֹם. And if רודף שְלוֹם meant “go for peace”, then אהב שְלוֹם would be redundant. Instead, the Kesav Sofer explains that sometimes we have to love peace and sometimes you have to run peace out of town!

פִּינְחָס thus perhaps received the covenant of peace because he knew exactly when to invoke peace and when to chase it away- he was a רודף שְלוֹם when he needed to avoid peace just as he sought peace when it was worthwhile! “Pinchas heroically slays 2” because Pinchas heroically understood that preserving the peace at that juncture would actually be deleterious to our nation.

Takeaway Messages: Aharon’s creed of אהב שְלוֹם וְרוֹדֵף שְלוֹם may not mean “preserve peace at all cost”. Sometimes pursuing the ultimate peace is best achieved by not only avoiding a peaceful yet poor alternative but to actually chase that poor alternative away- רודף שְלוֹם. Pinchas thus gives meaningful value to peace as he delineates exactly when it should or should not be applied- he is thus granted the covenant of peace. May it be G-d’s will that Israel and our USA likewise know when to seek peace and when to chase peace away, but all for the sake of a truer lasting peace.

LESSON OF PINCHAS: SOMETIMES RUNNING PEACE

AWAY CAN BE THE KEY TO TRUE PEACE.