

# Congregation Etz Chaim



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## Parasha Pinchas

July 4, 2026 / 19<sup>th</sup> Tammuz

Shabbos lik ner 8:06 PM

### Shabbos Day

Shacharis 9:01 AM

Latest Shema 8:57 AM

Latest Tefilla 10:14 AM

Mincha 8:05 PM

Shabbos ends 9:15/9:35 PM

### Shabbos Day at Young Israel

Mincha 8:06 PM

Ma'ariv 9:11 PM

Havdalah 9:16 PM

### Weekday at YI

Mincha/Ma'ariv 8:04 PM

### Shabbos Day at Chabad

Mincha 8:00 PM

Maariv 9:16 PM

### Weekdays at Chabad

Mincha/Maariv 8:05 PM

## TORAH LEARNING

Rabbi Hartman's class is off for 2 wks.

Zoom ID: 903 917 1656

Password: 170 smain

**SHMIRAS HALASHON** class is Monday at 9:15 a.m.

Please contact Janis Monat: [jbmonat@aol.com](mailto:jbmonat@aol.com) for the link.

## DAF YOMI WEEKDAY ZOOM SCHEDULE

Via Zoom: Mon - Th 7:00 pm and Tu & Th 7:30 a.m.

Meeting ID: 822 979 966

Password: 727190

## DAF YOMI LIVE SCHEDULE:

Shabbos mornings at shul, 8:00 a.m., one hour before shacharis;

Sunday mornings at shul, 7:00 a.m., one hour before shacharis.

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## ETZ CHAIM BOARD MEETING

Our next monthly **board meeting** will be Sunday, **July 12** at 5:00 p.m. via Zoom. We welcome Chaim Stramer as the shul's new president, the continuing board members in their positions: George Monat as treasurer, Janis Monat as recording secretary, and Robert Dell, Chuni Rappoport, and Michale Ferber as "at large". Please RSVP to Janis at [jbmonat@aol.com](mailto:jbmonat@aol.com) for the **link** if needed. Thank you for all who attended the in-person congregational meeting.

## RABBI MENDY ROSENFELD

Rabbi Rosenfeld will be giving his Sunday evening parasha talk at 7:00 p.m. It's the same link as last time. If needed please contact Chaim Stramer, [Stramer@aol.com](mailto:Stramer@aol.com).

## REFUAH SHELAIMA

Our prayers are for the healing of the wounded soldiers of the IDF, those who have been hurt in terrorist attacks, the Israeli survivors from 10/7/23 **and this Iran/Lebanon/Gaza War**. We pray for the healing of our congregation members: Heidi Goldblatt, Rachel Chana bas Menucha; Robert Dell, Chana Reuven ben Leah; Tzila Pass, Tzila Chava bas Rachel; Marve Rudenstein, Menachem Yitzchak ben Raitza; and Burton Cusner. May they all heal soon and completely!

## ETZ CHAIM BOOK CLUB

We are reading the historical fiction book, **The Teacher of Lost Orphans**, by M.Z. Daskal and the author will be joining us for the book discussion! Via Zoom it will take place on **Monday, July 20 at 7:00 p.m.** The books were purchased by Larry and Susan Cable **to honor the memory of their daughter, Michelle Cable, Michal Freidal a"h bas Eliezer**, whose yartzeit will be the day of the book talk, **the 6<sup>th</sup> of Av**. May her memory be for a blessing. Contact Merilee with any thoughts or questions at [melmaeir@gmail.com](mailto:melmaeir@gmail.com). All are welcome to join our book club.

## THOUGHTS on PINCHAS ch. 25:10-30:1

By Janis Monat

Parasha Pinchas holds the **250<sup>th</sup> year of shabboses** since our Declaration of Independence was signed. After Pinchas's actions stopped Hashem's plague from further killing Jewish men and idolatrous Midianite women he was awarded a **brit, a covenant**, for peace. Interestingly the Hebrew word for the **United States** has the word, "**brit**" in it, "**Artzot Habrit**", **Lands of the Covenant**.

The word, "**Artzot/Lands**", is in our parasha several times. The 5 daughters of Tzelafchad relate to Moshe that their late father did not have sons and they desired to continue living on the place assigned to their tribe, Menashe, in the **Land of Israel**, ch. 27:1-5. Hashem grants them their wish.

**Another impacting event** is when Hashem instructs Moshe to, "Climb to the top of Mt. Ha'avarim and see the **Land** that I have given to the Children of Israel. You shall see it and you shall be gathered unto your people, as your brother Araon was..." ch. 27:12-14

In Moshe's humble and caring way, upon hearing his death pronouncement, he asked Hashem for a leader that would understand the Jewish people's unique personality traits and have insight and compassion for them. Rashi's interpretation of this from ch. 27:16, "You know the soul of each and every individual. You know that no two are alike. Appoint for them a leader who can relate to each and every one in accordance with his individual spirit." Someone almost G-d like...and that person was Yehoshua!

The midrash Tanchuma Pinchas 10 teaches that B'nai Yisrael will get someone who will be the leader of a whole nation but appreciate and accept each person for who they are, no matter how different they may be.

Moshe was also realistic about the qualities of a leader who needed to be able to deal with foreign armies when bringing the Jewish people into Eretz Yisrael. Ch. 27:17, "May Hashem appoint a man who shall go out before them and come in before them, who shall take them out and bring them in, and let the people of G-d not be like sheep that have no shepherd." The leader should **lead** the Jewish nation in battle and not remain in the back lines, leaving the risks to others.

Once again, Yehoshua, fit that description.

The word **war** in Hebrew is "**milchamah**". The Hebrew word for **milk**, is "**lechem**". In order to enter and take our Promised **land of milk** and honey, we had to be in **war** with others.

To our fellow Jewish immigrants escaping the pogroms of Russia, 1880's - 1920's, The Statue of Liberty invited them and other immigrants with the words, "*Give me your tired, your poor, Your huddled masses yearning to breathe free, The wretched refuse of your teeming shore.*" Written by Emma Lazarus in her 1883 sonnet "The New Colossus", America and Israel have been the home for a majority of the Jewish people after the Holocaust. Both countries have afforded the Jewish people religious freedom and safety.

Going further back in US history to August, 1790, President George Washington visited Newport, Rhode Island, fresh off the state's ratification of the Constitution. Moses Seixas, warden of the Hebrew Congregation, the oldest shul in the United States, welcomed him with words from the congregation.

Nathan Diament, Executive Director of the OU Advocacy Center tells us, "George Washington's reply the next day was composed of a deliberate choice of words. He did not write that Jews would be "tolerated" in this country, as if their place here depended on someone else's goodwill. He wrote that the United States gives "to bigotry no sanction, to persecution no assistance," that liberty of conscience was a right inherent to every citizen.

He closed with a blessing that the Children of the Stock of Abraham would sit "in safety under his own vine and fig tree," with none to make them afraid. (The **Touro Synagogue** in Newport, Rhode Island, is the oldest standing synagogue building in the US. Dedicated in 1763, it was built by a Sephardic community that was officially organized in 1658. It is the only synagogue building to survive from the colonial era.)

We must notice the choices we make in our lives. Freedom is our responsibility and our choice.

A wonderful shabbos, wishing the USA a Happy Birthday!