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Parasha Pinchas

21st of Tammuz

July 27, 2024

Erev Shabbos

Mincha/lik ner 7:51 PM

Shabbos Day

Shacharis 9:00 AM

Latest Shema 9:12 AM

Latest Tefilla 10:25 AM

Mincha 8:08 PM

Ma'ariv 8:56/9:20 PM

Shabbos Day at YI

Mincha 7:51 PM

Ma'ariv 8:57 PM

Shabbos Day at Chabad

Mincha 7:40 PM

Ma'ariv 8:57 PM

SUNDAY ETZ CHAIM

Shacharis 8:00 AM

Mincha 7:45 PM

Weekday Mincha/Ma'ariv

Young Israel 7:44 PM

Chabad 7:45/8:35 PM

TORAH LEARNING

Rabbi Hartman's class is **ON HOLD FOR THIS SUNDAY.**

The link Zoom ID: 903 917 1656

Password: 170 smain

SHAMIRAS HALASHON meets Mo/Th 9:15 a.m.

The link is sent to participants. If interested please contact Janis Monat: jbmonat@aol.com

DAF YOMI WEEKDAY ZOOM SCHEDULE

Via Zoom: Mon - Th 7:30 pm and Tu & Th 7:30 am

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.

Contact Melvyn Huff

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Etz Chaim has weekday morning minyans:

Monday and Thursday at 6:35 a.m. and

Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday at 6:45

am.

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BOOK CLUB

Our next book is ***If All the Seas Were Ink: A Memoir*** by Ilana Kurshan. This book is being read and discussed in memory of Michelle Cable, Michal Fraidel bas Eliezer and Shulamis, on her 10th yartzeit. Copies have been generously donated by her parents, Larry and Susan Cable. Please contact Merilee Maier at melmaeir@gmail.com to arrange picking the book. We'll be meeting via Zoom on **Sunday Aug. 11 at 7 p.m.** Please RSVP to Merilee Maier melmaeir@gmail.com & the link will be sent out shortly before the book review.

BOARD MEETING

Etz Chaim's next **board meeting** is **Wednesday, August 14 at 6:00 p.m.** via Zoom. Please contact Janis Monat jbmonat@aol.com for the link.

PRAYERS FOR ISRAEL

We pray for a return of all the hostages, the healing of the injured IDF soldiers and Israeli citizens maimed on 10/7 and since. May there be safety with a peaceful Israel, and a full victory over our enemies and antisemitism.

Am Yisrael Chai 

REFUAH SHELAIMA

We continue to pray for the health of Alan Pass, Asher Anshel ben Miriam; a friend's son, Ahron Yitzchak ben Berina ; Heidi Goldblatt, Rachel Chana bas Menucha; Robert Dell, Chana Reuven ben Leah; George Monat's sister-in-law, Shayna Baila bas Rachel; the mother of a son's friend, Tzipporah Zlata bas Bluma Yehudis; a colleague of a congregant, Eyal ben Chaya; Miriam Aidel bas Sara Malka, the 2-year-old niece of Yoni's chavrusa, R' Hershel Yaffe, who has been diagnosed with cancer/leukemia, Aaron Weinberg, Aharon Yitzchak ben Bruira; and Merilee Maier, Malka Menucha bat Hinda. A FULL AND COMPLETE HEALING!

Parasha Pinchas

Ch. 25:10-30:1

By Janis Monat

As Hashem heard the cry of the Jewish slaves in Egypt **Hashem heard the cry of the American people, "No....not Biden vs. Trump again!"** In an 8 day period two most unlikely scenarios unfolded: former President Donald Trump became an (unfulfilled) assassination target and President Joe Biden stepped down from the Democratic race for re-election.

And Hashem heard the cry that there should be **"No.... Jewish men having sex with Midianite women and praying to their idols."** He thus cast Aaron's grandson, Pinchas, as the change agent. He speared Zimri, son of Salu, chieftain of the tribe of Simeon, and Cozbi, daughter of Zur, tribal leader of Midian as they consummated. This was the vehicle that ended the 24,000 deaths in a G-d devised plague to stop the Jewish men from further breaking the two fundamental commandments: not engaging in *interfaith* marriage and not praying to idols. Mishnah Kiddushin 1:1 speaks of 3 ways a woman is acquired in marriage: "by money, by document, or by intercourse." The Israelites were doing the latter.

With Balak realizing he wasn't winning a military battle against the Jews nor successful in getting Bilaam to curse them he devised the aforementioned plan. Could he have known that in Genesis, Deuteronomy, and Joshua, the Israelites were commanded not to intermarry with other tribes who had belief in pagan gods? Interestingly probably not, but pretty close!

As Pinchas put a **stop** to the Israelite men's lasciviousness and idol worshiping so is the country of Israel trying to **rout out** a terrorist organization that murdered, raped, burned babies, abducted 250 Israelis and other unmentionable acts on October 7, 2023. The instigator, funder, mastermind of terror were and are the leaders of Iran.

As the CEO of the American Jewish Congress, Ted Deutch, commented after Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's 7-24-24 address to Congress, regarding the anti-Americanism and antisemitism going on outside in unrestrained brutality, "Burning American flags, desecrating a replica of the Liberty Bell, and scrawling ' Hamas is coming ' outside of Union Station in D.C. are messages not about peace. They're not about the hostages. They are about Hamas terrorism. They celebrate it and the civilized world condemns it!" Prime Minister Netanyahu emphasized, "This is not a clash of civilizations. It's a clash between barbarism and civilization. And for the forces of civilization to triumph, America and Israel must stand together. When we stand together, we win." On Thursday Vice President Kamala Harris said that the protestors were pro-Hamas acting "despicably."

P.M. Netanyahu warned us how antisemitic conspiracy theories can lead to persecution and attacks. He noted, "just as malicious lies were leveled at the Jewish people, now they're being leveled at the Jewish state. They are meant to delegitimize Israel, to demonize the Jewish state and to demonize Jews everywhere." He also condemned the wave of anti-Israel protests that have swept campuses and called for the world to fight the appalling rise in antisemitism with vigor and without exception.

A news commentator said Prime Minister Netanyahu's speech was refreshing in that she hadn't heard a supportive voice for Israel in a while, as so damned the Jewish country has been in the media for the past 6 + months.

As Elie Wiesel, z.l., said, "What hurts the victim most is not the cruelty of the oppressor but the silence of the bystander." Pinchas was taking action to defend the Jewish people, to keep their covenant with Hashem. Elie Wiesel added, "and it's our own silence that I find inexplicable." Mar 19, 2006. Pinchas stayed no longer silent. Israel is trying hard to stop the sheer evil of Iran and its murderous proxies. Like our Israeli soldiers Pinchas was, "undaunted, unafraid" and as Prime Minister Netanyahu said, "Our soldiers have risen like the lions of Judah and of Israel. Hamas glorifies death. We sanctify life."

On this shabbos **may Hashem hear our cries and prayers** for the Israeli soldiers, their families, the hostages, and all of Klal Yisrael to know peace and safety, soon in our time, no matter who the US President is!

A restful shabbos for all.