



Dvar Torah by Rabbi Geiger: Parshas Pinchas

As Pinchas and the Jewish people survey the aftermath of his heroic deed of slaying the two individuals responsible for bringing about a terrible plague that ravaged through the nation, his motives and valor are called into question. Hashem lays all doubt to rest and rewards Pinchas with "My covenant of Peace." The Talmud (Zevachim 101b) debates the meaning of and resultant change in this covenant. While one side argues that Pinchas was always a kohen, being the grandson of Aharon, others (Rav Ashi, for example) explain that Pinchas, due to a technicality related to his being born too early, was not. As such, Pinchas must earn the right to the kehuna, something his siblings and cousins would not have to do. It seems unfair, somewhat akin to two ice cream aficionados at their grandparents, one sibling having sweets as a "birthright" the other having to earn the same treat. Why would Pinchas have to earn his mantle? Why did Hashem create the technicality in the first place which necessitated Pinchas to earn that which (birth)rightfully could/should have been his?

Let us propose one (of many) possible explanation. Torah Temimah suggests a personal reason requiring Pinchas to earn the kehuna. Pinchas was a controversial figure. Kanaus, zealotry, contrary to popular belief is certainly not encouraged and may not be ideal. Kanaus however, requires total purity of motive. The Talmud tells us the kohanim anger easily. Pinchas's behavior was scrutinized by the Jewish people. In fact, rumblings of his ulterior motives began to ripple throughout the nation (see Rashi). People began to ascribe his actions to his personal foibles rather than his noble motivations. For Pinchas to be a kanai, it would have been difficult to be a kohen. Pinchas had to act before becoming a kohen.

Although grandchildren in an ice cream parlor is hardly the time or scenario for encouraging our children to grow into and develop their personal strengths, we should not allow ourselves to be lulled into the prevailing belief in Western society that equality demands sameness. In truth, two individuals can be equal in value and worth yet have very different tools at their disposal. Men and women, for example, need not be forced to give up their individual character and strengths in order to achieve equality. In reality, Pinchas teaches us, we need to focus on our personal strengths and weaknesses in order to truly achieve. By doing so, we may also rest assured that our Father in Heaven gives us the challenges, encouragement and wherewithal to live spiritually inspired and connected lives.

Announcements

SEED: We are having SEED this year, if you would like to sponsor please contact Rabbi Summers or Rabbi Geiger.

Matching Funds: We have a Summer 2017 Matching Funds Campaign going on now. Please consider contributing.

NCSY GIVE WEST: Anshe Emes welcomes the participants and chaperones of this year's NCSY GIVE WEST, an all-girls program in the United States that focuses on volunteering in Jewish and secular organizations. Thanks to the recommendation from Rabbi and Rebbetzin Geiger, this group of amazing young women will join us for davening Shabbos morning and have their Shabbos meal here as well. We are honored to play a small role in their "BEST. SUMMER. EVER."

9 Av: Is just around the corner and we have a wonderful lineup of speakers. We will have Rabbi Goldberg and Rabbi Stulberger, as well as the 2 Chofetz Chaim videos and the yizkereim video. Additionally Rabbis Geiger and Summers will also be speaking. To sponsor any of 9 Av, please speak to either Rabbi.

Keilim Mikvah: The mikvah has been closed, but will hopefully reopen this Sunday, July 16. We'd like to thank Myron Escovitz and Rafi Mavashev who helped get it ready to open.

Shabbos Zmanim Erev Shabbos

Pre-Plag (6:37) Mincha: 6:24 pm
Candle Lighting: 7:46 pm
Mincha/Maariv: 7:50 pm

Shabbos Day

Shachris, Hashkama: 7:00 am
Shachris: 8:45 am
Mussar Shiur: 6:55 pm
Mincha: 7:40 pm
Mussar Masterpieces Shiur: 8:45 pm
Maariv/Shabbos Ends: 8:55 pm

Sponsorships

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Shiurim

Shabbos:

8:00 am In-depth sefer Yehoshua Shiur by MARK MAGID

11:30 am Rotating topic shiur by MARK MAGID

Sundays:

6:00-6:45 am Tefila shiur by RABBI PINCHAS RABINOVICZ

8:35-9:35 am Gemora Makos shiur by RABBI NACHMAN MORGAN

Wednesdays:

11:00 am Haftorah shiur for women by Mrs. HOLLANDER

Zmanim for the Week

| | Shachris | Mincha/ Maariv |
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| Sun 7/16 | 6:45/7:30 am | 7:45 pm |
| Mon 7/17 | 5:45/6:30 am | 7:45 pm |
| Tue 7/18 | 5:45/6:45 am | 7:45 pm |
| Wed 7/19 | 5:45/6:45 am | 7:45 pm |
| Thu 7/20 | 5:45/6:30 am | 7:45 pm |
| Fri 7/21 | 5:45/6:45 am | 7:45 pm |

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