

Parshat Pinchas
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Fun, Frum & Friendly



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Shabbas

Pre-Game Farbrengen:	8:00pm
Candle Lighting:	8:13pm
Mincha:	8:10pm
Sunset:	8:31pm
Shacharis:	8:30am
Jr Minyan - R' Binyomin Stone	9:45am
Shabbos Groups:	9:45am
Mincha:	8:00pm
Maariv:	9:13pm
Shabbos ends:	9:22pm

Next Week

Shacharis (Sunday):	8:30am
Shacharis (Monday – Friday):	6:45am
Mincha at Kollel:	1:45pm
Mincha & Maariv:	8:15pm
Nightfall/Shema after:	9:17-9:20pm
Arvei Pesachim (Monday):	8:30pm
Maariv at Kollel:	9:15pm

Coming Up...

- Navi Class on Shabbas @ 7:30pm
- Summer Learning @ 4:30pm on Shabbat starting this Shabbas
At the Cantor Home, 422 Silver Hill Road
- YI Board Meeting - 7/15

Kiddush is sponsored by Duke McCarthy. All praise, glory, honor and blessings to the most high God in Heaven Above. May the name of Hashem be blessed and honored. May He bless Young Israel with their new shul and bless all Israel and Jerusalem and all Jews throughout the world, especially Young Israel and their families in Cherry Hill, NJ. Amen.

Sponsorship opportunities:

- Kiddush: \$120
- Seudas Shlishi: \$85
- Yartzeit Board: \$250
- Eitz Chaim: \$120

Membership

- \$1,525 Regular Family
 - \$775 Single / Retired Family / Young Family (under 30 years)**
 - \$400 Young Single (under 30)
 - \$500 First year at YI—Family
 - \$250 First year at YI—Single
 - \$500 Associate Membership
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purchasing on YI's website.

Pinchas, son of Elazar, grandson of Aaron HaCohen, took the law seemingly into his own hands. He became distraught over the activities of many of the Israelites who were consorting with the women of Moab. Hashem sent a plague which killed thousands and did not look like it was going to end; however the people did not seem to see the connection. They continued to cohabit with the Moabite women and many began turning to their deity. Pinchas took his spear, while Zimri, Prince of Simeon, was in the act of intimacy with the Moabite, and plunged it through them both, killing them. Immediately, the plague ended. Pinchas was rewarded by Hashem with becoming a Cohen.

Nice story, but what implications does this have for us today? Today, we have an increasingly alarming rate of intermarriage with Goyim. Not only does this have the potential of producing non Jewish Children, thus lowering our people's potential numbers, it also introduces foreign deities into our nation.

The parallel is astounding. We marry outside of our people and we see less Jews being born. We marry outside of our religion and we see conversions out of our faith leading to still more decline in numbers. Everyone either knows someone or has lived this tragedy in their own families. We do not have a Pinchas to spear those who make these decisions. However, every parent, brother, sister, grandparent, and friend who has witnessed these relationships has felt the spear of Pinchas pierce their own heart over these decisions.

Shunning these individuals, cutting them off has mostly solidified their decisions and has not slowed the process of intermarriage. Perhaps another strategy: We can let them know how hurt and utterly shocked and disappointed we are with their decisions without shunning them. We cannot be a beacon of light to the nations, if we turn off our light to our loved ones. Promoting the beauty of our faith to our family and friends who are on the brink of, or have married outside the faith while you let them know you love them but are tremendously dismayed by their decision(s) may very well be the path back. Let the path be a well-lit one.

This week's Dvar Torah was written by Moshe Raskind. Participate in the Community Divrei Torah Project by contacting isaacbenmass@gmail.com to sign up.