

This Shabbos

Parsha Chaburah by Dr. Ron Werrin: 7:55am

Rabbi's Mishlei Shiur: 8:15am

Kiddush this week is being sponsored by Eve and Dennis Rosen to commemorate the yahrzeit of Dennis' mother, Sarah bas Nissim.

Between Mincha and Maariv:

Shalosh Seudos with the Maharal. Rabbi Steinberg will share inspiration about Golus and Geulah from the Maharal's Sefer Netzach Yisroel.

Medical Halacha Shiur given by Dr Daniel Eisenberg.

Chaburah given by Levi Ocken on korbanos bizman hazeh.

YIML joins together with the greater community in saluting the hard work and achievements of Rabbi Elisar and Tovi Admon in the chinuch of our children and in promoting Torah and achdus in our community. There will be a Torah Academy sponsored Kiddush at LMS following davening this Shabbos.

Additional names for our compendium of volunteers:

Early Morning/Late Night Doorman: Drew Dorman

Sefer Binding and Repair and Holy Posters: Boruch Avis

Shalosh Seudos Set-Up: Yeshaya Chase

Board of Directors: Israel Pendrak

Succah Set-Up: Daniel Baltuch

Carpentry and Repairs: Tuvia Poe, Barry Weiss

In-House Lecturer: Tal Weinberger

Chaburah: Ari Weintraub

Seuda Clean - Up and Set-Up: Stan Sved

Misc. Supplies: Jim Strong

BBQ Supplies and Grilling: Stan Sved

Yasher Koach to all the volunteers!

The Chevra Mishnayos is learning Seder Kodshim. See shul bulletin board to sign up or email eisenber@pol.net with your name and the masechta (and chapters) you intend to learn.

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Parshas Pinchas

July 2-3

פרשת פינחס

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Shabbos Davening Times



Candle lighting: 8:15 pm

Earliest lighting: 7:00 pm

Mincha - Friday: 7:00 pm

Shacharis: 8:45 am

Sof Zman Krias Shema: 9:21 am

Mincha: 8:00 pm

Maariv: 9:18 pm

Next Shabbos :

Candle lighting: 8:13 pm

Earliest lighting: 6:59 pm

Mincha - Friday: 7:00 pm

We're still looking for \$50 and \$25 sponsors for last week's Volunteers' Kiddush, to be named in next week's bulletin.

Weekday Davening Times

Shacharis:	Sunday and Monday:	8:00 am
	Thursday:	6:40 am
	Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday:	6:50 am
Mincha/Maariv:	Sunday through Thursday:	8:20 pm

Weekday Shiurim

Daily Mussar Shiur:	15 min before Shacharis
Mishna Brura:	Monday and Wednesday after Maariv
Hilchos Tzedaka:	Monday 8:30pm
Nefesh HaChaim:	Thursday 10:15pm

Check with Dr Daniel Eisenberg to confirm.

Explanatory Tisha B'Av Kinnos – This Year's Format

As in past years, Rabbi Steinberg will be offering explanations of the Tisha B'Av Kinnos. This year, however, we will recite only select kinnos and spend more time explaining their themes and full meanings. After the kinnos are completed, Rabbi Steinberg will teach the laws of Aveilus (mourning) until Chatzos (midday – approx. 1:05 PM).

New Halacha-Iyun Shiur – Yoreh Deah!

We are pleased to announce that the Halacha Shiur with Rabbi Steinberg will be starting up again after the summer. The new limmud will be classic YOREH DEAH (Hilchos Basar v'Chalav/Taaruvos, etc.). This is an exciting opportunity and we hope that many people will sign up to join the shiur. Details and sign up information TBA soon.

Save the Date - "Kivrei Tzadikim" Trip with Rabbi Steinberg
Sunday, September 5th – first day of Selichos – men of the community are invited to visit the graves of many of the great Gaonim buried in Queens, NY. Rabbi Steinberg will speak about each of the figures, and the group will recite Tehillim and tefillos at their graves.

Thought of the Week

Pinchas is a tainted hero. Rashi records for us that the tribes of Israel, especially the tribe of Shimon, complained that someone who is a descendant of "one who fattened calves for paganism and dares kill a head of a tribe in Israel" should not be entitled to any honors. The Lord, so to speak, comes to his defense and grants him the gift of the priesthood - to him and his descendants - and also the supreme blessing of peace.

The Torah records his genealogy as being from Elazar and Aharon and not from the one who "fattened calves for idolatry." Yet, even this restoration of status and G_dly confirmation of the rectitude of Pinchas is also somewhat reserved.

In the word "shalom" that marks the covenant of peace granted to Pinchas by G_d, the letter "vav" in this word, as it is written in the Torah, is split and cracked. He is not granted the full blessing of peace but rather a diminished portion of it. Our rabbis taught us that this is because his heroics involved violence and the taking of human life, albeit in a just and holy cause.

Peace obtained through violence and the death of others, even if those deaths are unavoidably necessary and completely justified, is always somewhat tarnished, cracked and split. Pinchas is thus completely vindicated and rehabilitated by the Torah, but a lingering resentment against his act of boldness and zealotry remains.

Pinchas reappears later in Jewish history in the book of Shoftim/Judges. There he is the High Priest and according to some opinions, the leader of the Sanhedrin as well. The Talmud records for us the tragic story of Yiftach and his daughter - in which Yiftach vowed to sacrifice the first living creature that would confront him when he returned home after the successful war against Bnei Ammon, and was first greeted by his daughter.

The Talmud is of the opinion that Yiftach's vow could have been annulled legally by the court of Pinchas. But Pinchas insisted that Yiftach come to him to obtain such an annulment while Yiftach felt that this would be an affront to his position as the "shofeit" judge and temporal leader of Israel. So nothing was done, the vow remained, and the innocent life of Yiftach's daughter was snuffed out on the altar of pride. So Pinchas is slightly tarnished in this story as well.

The eventual complete redemption of Pinchas occurs when the Talmud equates him with the prophet Eliyahu. It is therefore Pinchas/Eliyahu who accompanies the Jewish people throughout the ages and the troubles. He is present at every brit milah and at every Pesach seder. He is the harbinger of our complete redemption, the one who will bind the generations together and is the symbol of hope and the glorious future of Israel and humankind.

It is as Eliyahu that Pinchas receives the undisputed heroic stature that the Lord grants to him in this week's parsha. May we see him speedily in our days.