

# J.L.C. Connections

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Parshas Pinchas  
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## Friday, July 3

8:00am Shacharis / breakfast / shiur

7:10pm Early Mincha / Maariv

8:46pm Candlelighting

8:50pm Mincha / Maariv

## Shabbos, July 4

8:45am Shacharis

*Kiddush is available for sponsorship*

7:40pm Pirke Avos

8:40pm Mincha / Shalosh Seudos

9:54pm Maariv

## Sunday, July 5

9:15am *Parsha Class*

(R. Nisenbaum)

10:00am "The 613 Mitzvos"

(R. Stoll)

## Monday, July 6

8:00pm *Q & A* (R. Nisenbaum)

## Tuesday, July 7

8:00pm Tanna d'vei Eliyahu

(R. Stoll)

## Wednesday, July 8

8:00pm Nach Still Speaks –

MISHLEI (R. Stoll)

## Thursday, July 9

8:00pm Sefer HaChinuch: R. Stoll

10:15pm Parsha Class

(R. Nisenbaum)

## Torah Podcast

Listen to Rabbi Nisenbaum's "Torah Podcast" at Spotify, Apple Podcasts, iHeartRadio, and more, or download at [www.maverickpodcasting.com](http://www.maverickpodcasting.com)

## Weekday Minyanim

7:00am Shacharis (M-F)

8:00am Shacharis (Sun)

10:00pm Maariv (Sun-Th)

## Class Connection

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## Parsha: Pinchas

Following the advice of Bala'am, the Midianites sent their daughters to entice the Jewish men to sin. One Midianite princess named Kozbi, even seduced a prince from the tribe of Shimon, Zimri ben Salu. He defied Moshe's warnings and flagrantly sinned with her. This created a terrible desecration of G-d's name, and G-d's anger was kindled against the nation.

When Pinchas, a grandson of Aharon the High Priest, saw what had happened, he acted zealously. He recalled a law he had learned from Moshe, that in specific instances, the law might be taken into one's hands even without a trial in court. Pinchas killed both Kozbi

and Zimri. This action appeased G-d's anger. G-d rewarded Pinchas with His eternal covenant of peace.

This reward may seem out of character with Pinchas' deed, but upon a closer look, this is not so. The Torah takes pains to point out the source of Pinchas' actions, that they were not merely the violent outburst of some wild fanatic. Pinchas was a descendant, in both body and spirit, of his grandfather Ahron, the great lover and pursuer of peace. He even conferred with Moshe before acting, proving that it was not a rash decision. His motivation was one based on love and concern for the Jewish people, to pacify G-d's anger.

Not everyone could have been excused for such behavior. Only someone on the caliber of Pinchas, with his sincere motivation and impeccable character, was allowed to show such zealotry for the sake of G-d's name. G-d's reward to Pinchas of the blessing of eternal peace is proof of His satisfaction with Pinchas.

There may sometimes be a necessity for a violent reaction to different situations. However, this must not be the rule. The commentaries suggest that it was for this reason that, following this incident Joshua was chosen to succeed Moshe after his death, and not Pinchas.

Moshe took another census of the people before his death. He explained how the

land would be divided among the people, a portion for each son. Although the daughters' needs were taken care of before the son's inheritance, only the sons received a portion in the Promised Land. The daughters of Zelafchad complained to Moshe that their father had not left over any sons, and they, too, wanted a portion of the land. The Talmud explains that the daughters of Zelafchad were motivated out of a love for the Promised Land, and not because they felt it was an injustice. This was also an example of zealotry for sincere purposes. G-d instructed Moshe that when a father would leave no sons, the daughters would receive his inheritance.

## Fri July 3<sup>rd</sup> – Legal Holiday

8:00am Shacharis followed by breakfast and shiur: "Three Weeks and Two Thousand Years"

## Mazel Tov

to Rabbi & Mrs. Stoll on the birth of a grandson

## Insights: Pinchas

**Hashem ...should appoint a leader for the nation that the nation if Hashem should not be like a flock without a shepherd ... (Num 27:6)**

The hallmark of a true Jewish leader is the responsibility he feels for the entire community, even at great personal sacrifice. Mesivta Tiferes Yerushalayim is located in New York's Lower East Side. As the neighborhood began changing most of the Jews moved away and the area became predominantly Chinese. Many of the yeshiva's supporters recommended that the yeshiva move to a more Jewish neighborhood. Although Rav Moshe agreed to open a branch of the yeshiva in Staten Island, he refused to sell the building and move the yeshiva. He said that as long as there were Jews living in the area, a local yeshiva would be necessary for their children, and the yeshiva had a responsibility to serve them.

## Did You Know?

The Seventeenth of Tamuz begins the three-week period of mourning for the loss of the Temple. One may not listen to either live or recorded music. Incidental music, such as background music to a commercial, is not prohibited. Similarly, it is permitted to take music lessons, especially if it is for one's livelihood. One may not take a haircut or shave during the three weeks, however if there is concern about a loss of money, such as losing employment, one may shave. If possible, one should be more stringent during the last nine days preceding Tisha B'Av. One may not purchase or wear any new expensive clothing during the Three Weeks. Simple clothing, such as a new shirt or pajamas, etc, are permissible to wear or purchase until the Nine Days.

**Thought for the Week:** Sometimes because we cannot be great we belittle.  
(A Candle By Day)