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Parshas Pinchas
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Candlelighting: 8:36 pm

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Friday, July 22

7:00am Shacharis
7:05pm Mincha / Maariv (Early)
8:36pm Candlelighting
8:40pm Mincha / Maariv

Shabbos, July 23

8:45am Shacharis
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7:30pm Pirke Avos
8:30pm Mincha / Shalosh Seudos /
Maariv

Sunday, July 24

8:00am Shacharis
9:15am **Parsha Class**
(R. Nisenbaum)
10:00am **"The 613 Mitzvos"**
(R. Stoll)

Monday, July 25

7:00am Shacharis
8:00pm **Q & A (R. Nisenbaum)**

Tuesday, July 26

7:00am Shacharis
8:00pm **Pirkei d'Rebbi Elazar**
(R. Stoll)

Wednesday, July 27

7:00am Shacharis
8:00pm **Nach Still Speaks –**
Tehillim (R. Stoll)

Thursday, July 28

7:00am Shacharis
10:15pm **Parsha Class**
(R. Nisenbaum)

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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 descendent, 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.

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Insights: Pinchas

...Pinchas...turned back My anger from upon the children of Israel, ...behold I will give him My covenant of peace... (Numbers 25:11) There was a major dispute between Rav Yonasan Eybshitz and Rav Yaakov Emden in the 1700's regarding certain kemayos (amulets) that Rav Yonasan had written. Although both rabbis were recognized leaders whose intentions were pure, the dispute escalated among their students. A disciple of Rav Emden wrote a pamphlet attacking Rav Eybshitz. A colleague praised Rav Emden's efforts and blessed him that he should always be a fighter. A leading rabbi overheard the two and chastised them. "Sometimes it may be necessary to take a sharp position against others, but that must not be the goal. Pinchas was a zealot, but G-d blessed him with the blessing of peace. The goal must be a true desire for peace, not for continued strife."

Did You Know?

The Ya'aleh V'yavo prayer is recited on Rosh Chodesh, both in prayers and in Birchas Hamazon (Grace after Meals). If the prayer was omitted during the Amidah, if the person has not yet completed he Amidah he should return to Retzei and recite the prayer. Once he has completed the Amidah, it must be repeated again during Shacharis and Mincha. During Ma'ariv, however, it need not be repeated, even on the second night of Rosh Chodesh. The reason is because in times of the Temple, the Court would not sanctify the new moon at night, and Rosh Chodesh never really began until day, During Birchas Hamazon too, if one forgot Ya'aleh V'yavo it need not be repeated, since there is no obligation to eat a festive meal on Rosh Chodesh as there is on Shabbos and other holidays.

Thought for the Week: We must learn to suspect our suspicions? (A Candle By Day)