



Shabbat Announcements

Parshat Pinchas

July 15, 2017 21 Tammuz, 5777

TORAH ARTSCROLL 876 HERTZ 686		Rabbi Jonathan Sacks on Pinchas	
HAFTORAH ARTSCROLL 1190 HERTZ 699		<p>Hidden beneath the surface of Parshat Pinchas the sages uncovered a story of great poignancy. Moses, having seen his sister and brother die, knew that his own time on earth was coming to a close. He prayed to God to appoint a successor: "May the Lord, God of the spirits of all mankind, appoint a man over this community to go out and come in before them, one who will lead them out and bring them in, so the Lord's people will not be like sheep without a shepherd." There is, though, an obvious question. Why does this episode appear here? It should surely have been positioned seven chapters earlier, either at the point at which God told Moses and Aaron that they would die without entering the land, or shortly thereafter when we read of the death of Aaron. The sages sensed two clues to the story beneath the story. The first is that it appears immediately after the episode in which the daughters of Tzelophehad sought and were granted their father's share in the land. It was this that triggered Moses' request. A Midrash explains: What was Moses' reason for making this request after declaring the order of inheritance? Just this, that when the daughters of Tzelophehad inherited from their father, Moses reasoned: the time is right for me to make my own request. If daughters inherit, it is surely right that my sons should</p>	<p>inherit my glory. The second clue lies in God's words to Moses immediately before he made the request for the appointment of a successor: Then the Lord said to Moses, "Go up this mountain of Abarim and see the land I have given the Israelites. After you have seen it, you too will be gathered to your people, as your brother Aaron was..." The italicized words are seemingly redundant. God was telling Moses he would soon die. Why did He need to add, "as your brother Aaron"? On this the Midrash says: this teaches us that Moses wanted to die the way Aaron did. The Ktav Sofer explains: Aaron had the privilege of knowing that his children would follow in his footsteps. Elazar, his son, was appointed as High Priest in his lifetime. To this day cohanim are direct descendants of Aaron. Moses likewise longed to see one of his sons, Gershom or Eliezer, take his place as leader of the people. It was not to be. That is the story beneath the story.</p> <p>It had an aftermath. In the book of Judges we read of a man named Micah who established an idolatrous cult in the territory of Ephraim and hired a Levite to officiate in the shrine. Some men from the tribe of Dan, moving north to find more suitable land for themselves, came upon Micah's house and seized both the idolatrous artefacts and the Levite, whom they persuaded to become their priest, saying, "Come with us, and be our father and priest. Isn't it better that you serve a tribe and clan in Israel as priest rather than just one man's household?" Only at the end of the story are we told the name of the</p>
Times			
Mincha	7:00 pm	<p>KIDDUSH IS SPONSORED BY GREAT NECK SYNAGOGUE</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">SEUDAH SHLISHIT IS SPONSORED BY BETH & MARC GOTTLIEB IN MEMORY OF HIS MOTHER RACHEL GOTTLIEB, HIS GRANDMOTHER FANNY GOTTLIEB & HIS GRANDFATHERS SHLOMO SCHWATZMAN AND HERMAN GOTTLIEB z"l</p> <p style="text-align: center;">BY ROBYN & STEVEN BLUMNER IN MEMORY OF HIS MOTHER LEAH LIBA BAT SIMCHA DOVID z"l</p> <p style="text-align: center;">AND BY MICHELLE & NORMAN RUTTA IN MEMORY OF HIS FATHER ABRAHAM RUTTA z"l.</p>
Candle Lighting	8:07 pm		
Hashkama	8:00 am		
Youth Minyan	8:30 am		
Parsha Shiur	8:30 am		
Main	9:00 am		
Beit Midrash	9:15 am		
Gemara Shiur	7:00 pm		
Mincha	8:00 pm		
Shabbos Ends	9:14 pm		
Sun. July 16	7:30/8:30 am	<p>BIMA FLOWERS ARE SPONSORED BY ALBERT HALIMI FOR A REFUAH SHELEIMAH FOR FAMILY MEMBERS</p>	
Mon. & Thurs.	6:35/7:45 am		
Tue., Wed. & Fri.	6:45/7:45 am		
Mincha	8:05 pm		
Latest Times for Shema/Shemoneh Esrei			
July 15	9:18/10:32 am		
July 22	9:21/10:34 am		
Next Shabbat Matot-Massei			
Candle Lighting	8:02 pm		
Mincha	7:00 pm		

had physically separated from his wife. He had done so because the nature of his role was such that he had to been in a state of purity the whole time because at any moment he might have to speak or be spoken to by God. They were, in short, complaining that he was neglecting his own family.

A third explanation has to do with the nature of leadership itself. Bureaucratic authority – authority in virtue of office – can be passed down from parent to child. Monarchy is like that. So is aristocracy. So are some forms of religious leadership, like the priesthood. But charismatic authority – in virtue of personal qualities – is never automatically handed on across the generations. Moses was a prophet, and prophecy depends almost entirely on personal qualities. That, incidentally, is why, though kingship and priesthood in Judaism were male prerogatives, prophecy was not. There were prophetesses as well as prophets. In this respect Moses was not unusual. Few charismatic leaders have children who are also charismatic leaders. A fourth explanation offered by the sages was quite different. On principle, God did not want the crown of Torah to pass from parent to child in dynastic succession. Kingship and priesthood did. But the crown of Torah, they said, belongs to anyone who chooses to take hold of it and bear its responsibilities. "Moses commanded us the Torah as an inheritance of the congregation of Jacob," meaning that it belongs to all of us, not just an elite. The Talmud elaborates: Be careful [not to neglect] the children of the poor, because from them Torah goes forth...Why is it not usual for scholars to give birth to sons who are scholars? R. Joseph said: so that it should not be said that the Torah is their inheritance. R. Shisha, son of R. Idi said: so that they should not be arrogant towards the community. Mar Zutra said: because they act highhandedly against the community. R. Ashi said: because they call people asses. Rabina said: because they do not first utter a blessing over the Torah. In other words, the "crown of Torah" was deliberately not hereditary because it might become the prerogative of the rich. Or because children of great scholars might take their inheritance for granted. Or because it could lead to arrogance and contempt for others. Or because learning itself might become a mere intellectual pursuit rather than a spiritual exercise ("they do not first utter a blessing over the Torah").

However, there is a fifth factor worthy of consideration. Some of the greatest figures in Jewish history did not succeed with all their children. Abraham fathered Ishmael. Isaac and Rebecca gave birth to Esau. All twelve of Jacob's children stayed within the fold, but three of them – Reuben, Shimon and Levi – disappointed their father. Of Shimon and Levi he said, "Let my soul not enter their plot; let my spirit not unite with their meeting" (Gen. 49:6). On the face of it, he was dissociating himself from them. Nonetheless, the three great leaders of the Israelites throughout the exodus – Moses, Aaron and Miriam – were all children of Levi.

Solomon gave birth to Rehoboam, whose disastrous leadership divided the kingdom. Hezekiah, one of Judah's greatest kings, was the father of Menasheh, one of the worst. Not all parents succeed with all their children all the time. How could it be otherwise? We each possess freedom. We are each, to some extent, who we chose to become. Neither genes nor upbringing can guarantee that we become the person our parents want us to be. Nor is it right that parents should over-impose their will on children who have reached the age of maturity. Often this is for the best. Abraham did not become an idolater like his father Terach. Menasheh, the archetypal evil king, was grandfather to Josiah, one of the best. These are important facts. Judaism places parenthood, education and the home at the heart of its values. One of our first duties is to ensure that our children know about and come to love our religious heritage. But sometimes we fail. Children may go their own way, which is not ours. If this happens to us we should not be paralyzed with guilt. Not everyone succeeded with all their children, not even Abraham or Moses or David or Solomon. Not even God himself. "I have raised children and brought them up but they have rebelled against Me" (Is. 1:2).

Two things rescued the story of Moses and his children from tragedy. The book of Chronicles (1 Chron. 23:16, 24:20) refers to Gershom's son not as Jonathan but as Shevual or Shuvael, which the rabbis translated as "return to God". In other words, Jonathan eventually repented of his idolatry and became again a faithful Jew. However far a child has drifted, he or she may in the course of time come back. The other is hinted at in the genealogy in Numbers 3. It begins with the words, "These are the children of Aaron and Moses," but goes on to list only Aaron's children. On this the rabbis say that because Moses taught Aaron's children they were regarded as his own. In general, "disciples" are called "children". We may not all have children. Even if we do, we may, despite our best endeavors, find them at least temporarily following a different path. But we can all leave something behind us that will live on. Some do so by following Moses' example: teaching, facilitating or encouraging the next generation. Some do so in line with the rabbinic statement that "the real offspring of the righteous are good deeds."

When our children follow our path we should be grateful. When they go beyond us, we should give special thanks to God. And when they choose another way, we must be patient, knowing that the greatest Jew of all time had the same experience with one of his grandchildren. And we must never give up hope. Moses' grandson returned. In almost the last words of the last of the prophets, Malachi foresaw a time when God "will turn the hearts of the fathers to their children, and the hearts of the children to their fathers." The estranged will be reunited in faith and love.



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Fast of 17th Tammuz - Tuesday July 11th
Fast Begins 4:21 am Fast Ends: 9:08 pm
Shacharit: 6:20/7:45 am
Mincha: 8:00 pm

**SALLY & SEYMOUR OLSHIN
ADULT EDUCATION PROGRAM
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Guest Speaker:

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Early in Genesis, following the stories of Adam and Eve and Kain and Abel, we read the brief and mysterious tale of B'nei Elohim [the sons of Elohim] "taking" B'not ha-Adam [the daughters of man]. 20th-century Torah scholar Umberto Cassuto has called this tiny eight-verse story in Chapter 6 of Genesis "one of the obscurest in the Torah."

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GREAT NECK SYNAGOGUE

JULY CHESED COLLECTION



Who among us does not have old and unwanted shoes, eyeglasses or cell phones sitting in a closet or a drawer at home? Although enjoyed and treasured in their day, now these items sit awaiting their seemingly inevitable final reckoning with the Great Neck sanitation department. It doesn't have to be that way. You can give these items a new lease on life and, more importantly, help those in need when doing so.

All you need to do is drop off those items this week at one of the two convenient drop-off locations listed below. Here's how your items will help:

Shoes Your gently used shoes will go to Souls4Soles, a terrific charity dedicated to fighting poverty in the U.S. and around the world. First, the shoes are sorted by condition, including by a facility dedicated to employing workers with disabilities. Shoes in new or nearly-new condition are distributed to those in need, sometimes in response to natural disasters, or sometimes to those suffering chronic poverty, such as to orphanages in Third World countries. Shoes below that grade are provided to micro-enterprises in Third World countries, thereby helping some of the world's most poor people to start and sustain businesses to bring their families out of poverty. Read more about it at <http://soles4souls.org/>

Eyeglasses and Sunglasses Your glasses or sunglasses will go to New Eyes, an outstanding charity based in New Jersey dedicated to providing free prescription glasses for those in need. Your donations will be sorted by volunteers, who will measure the prescription strength of the lenses, and who will also remove any small amounts of precious metals that can be combined and sold to pay for glasses for the needy here in the U.S. After sorting, the glasses will then be shipped to medical missions and other distribution networks across the Third World. The needy recipients will sometimes travel and wait in line for hours for what can be a life-changing restoration of vision. Read more at <http://www.new-eyes.org>

Cell phones Your used cell phone can help provide cost-free communications to the brave members of our military. Cell phones for Soldiers was founded in 2004 by a 12 and 13-year old brother and sister from Massachusetts and has since provided almost 200 million minutes of talk time allowing troops to have priceless conversations with their loved ones back home. Your old cell phone will be sold to a recycling company and the money raised is then used to pay for calling cards or other devices for members of the military. You can donate your old cell phones even if you don't have the charger, battery or other accessories. You can read more about the program at <http://www.cellphonesforsoldiers.com/>

We hope that you will take a few moments in your day to go through your closets and drawers to find and donate these items. This is also a wonderful opportunity to teach your children the life-changing value of small acts of chessed. Please drop your items off any time Sunday through Friday.

1. **88 Old Pond Road** (Please leave by the garage.) Contact, if needed: **Steve Blumner 516-639-8941**
2. **11 William Penn** (Please leave by the garage.) Contact, if needed: **Jonny Ambalo 347-971-8178**

MEN'S CLUB BASEBALL GAME

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BASEBALL



WEDNESDAY
AUGUST 16, 2017

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MEN'S CLUB FISHING TRIP

Great Neck Synagogue Men's Club

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Sunday August 20th 4:15-8:30 PM

Dinner Included

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Non Members \$70 PP \$40 children 6-12

First 5 Children Free W/Adult one per Family



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IF YOU KNOW OF SOMEONE WHO IS MOVING INTO THE GREAT NECK AREA PLEASE LET THE OFFICE KNOW.

MEMORIAL PLAQUES

If you are interested in ordering a memorial plaque in time for Rosh Hashana, please contact the synagogue office by **July 10th.**

WOMEN'S TEFILA

Please join the Women's Tefila on Shabbat afternoon **July 15th at 7:00 pm.**

SUMMER LEARNING LECTURES

Tuesday, July 18th at 7:00 pm Sandra E. Rapoport - "The Sons of Elohim and the Daughters of Man: God Takes on Noah's World."

Tuesday, July 25th at 8:30 pm Rabbi Baruch Simon - "The Simcha & Siyum of the Nine Days."

Those interested in sponsoring the Summer Program, please contact Rabbi Lichter - ilichter@gns.org.

UNVEILING FOR GIL ARONOWITZ Z"L

Jay Aronowitz & family would like the community to know that the unveiling for Gil Aronowitz z"l will be at Mt. Hebron Cemetery in Queens at 10:30 am on **Thursday July 27th.**

MODEST DRESS

Please be cognizant that despite the warmer weather and summer schedule, we ask that when you come to Great Neck Synagogue, that you are dressed in modest attire. This affords all of us the opportunity to honor the sanctity of the synagogue. Thank you.

CHESED CHAIRS NEEDED

Volunteers needed to chair the GNS August Chesed School Supply collection to benefit Oneg Shabbos.

Email mtwersky@gns.org or contact Sharon Goldwyn sgdesignermom@aol.com or [917.287.7334](tel:917.287.7334).

MEN'S CLUB UPCOMING EVENTS

August 16th - Mets vs. Yankees @ Citi Field: 7:10 pm
Purchase tickets at the GNS office.

August 20th - 7th Annual Fishing Trip: 4:15-8:30 pm with dinner included. Tickets for members are \$60 per person and \$70 for non-members. Children ages 6-12 are \$40. Contact Mark Friedman or synagogue office.

DO A MITZVAH AND GIVE THE GIFT OF LIFE

My sister is at Stage 5 Chronic Kidney Disease and in need of a kidney donor with Type O blood. If you are a willing donor, please contact Karenwydra@gmail.com or Karen Wydra at 917-299-5107.

UPCOMING EVENTS AT GREAT NECK SYNAGOGUE

July 18: Summer Series: Sandra Rapoport
July 19: Chaverim Center
July 25: Summer Series: Rabbi Baruch Simon

MAZAL TOVS & COMMUNITY NEWS

Mazal Tov to Laura & Scott Danoff on the birth of a granddaughter, born to their children **Danielle & Dr. Jonathan Danoff.**

Mazal Tov to Mark & Beth Gersten on the birth of a granddaughter, born to his children **Rabbi Avigdor & Tamar Gersten** in Baltimore.

Mazal Tov to Carol & Stephen Karbowitz on the Bar Mitzvah of their grandson, JJ Varnai in Israel and on the birth of a grandson, born to their children **Rachel & Josh Spindel.**

MEOROT INFORMATION SESSION

Please join the Meorot Leadership Team of Rabbi Bradley Hercman and Dr. Rebeka Gutkind for a detailed information session. The event will take place on **Thursday, July 13 at 8pm** at the lovely home of Ruthie & David Goykadosh, 83 Beach Rd. This event is for prospective families only and a RSVP is requested by emailing info@meorotqn.org.

HUNGER INITIATIVE/PASS IT FORWARD

Hunger Initiative/Pass it Forward is looking for volunteers to join our Leadership team. The rewards of providing food to our needy brothers and sisters on Long Island and in Queens are endless. Please join our team to help plan our Rosh Hashanah program. The time commitment is minimal, the benefit is incalculable! Contact Cindy Hodkin koshercookinggn@gmail.com or 516.317.9632.
Cindy Hodkin; Nechama Liss Levinson; Michelle Berman

Carol Kaufman would like to thank Rabbis Polakoff & Lichter, Chazzan Kron and the entire community for their outpouring of support following the passing of her dear brother Alan Morgenstern z"l.

Y A H R Z E I T

Saturday, 21 Tammuz

Rabbi Stuart Grant for Ada Auerbach
Steven Blumner for Malka Bat Yehiel
Steven Blumner for Lillian Blumner
Marc Gottlieb for Fannie Gottlieb
Richard Lillian for Llewellyn Lillian
Ira Rosenberg for Gloria Rosenberg
Devorah Wang for Fay Saltzman

Sunday, 22 Tammuz

Arlette Shaya for Vita Dayan

Monday, 23 Tammuz

Lauren Hyman for Murray Cohen
Pauline Levy for Carrie Joseph
Lorraine Domnitch for Rosalind Mordkofsky
Karen Wolff for Ida Tessler

Tuesday, 24 Tammuz

Sharon Twersky for Hannah Leff
Norman Rutta for Abraham Rutta

Wednesday, 25 Tammuz

Marc Gottlieb for Rachel Gottlieb
Marc Gottlieb for Shlomo Schwartzman

Thursday, 26 Tammuz

Janet Jashani for Abraham ben Elyahoo
Robert Mendelson for Walter Mendelson
Amy Goldberg-Reiss for Florence Reifle
Phyllis Jadidian for Hyman Shapiro

Friday, 27 Tammuz

Eliot Heisler for Sharon Heisler
Deborah Hollander for Sharon Heisler
Joseph Sokol for Sharon Heisler
Martin Sokol for Sharon Heisler
Leo Mindick for Joseph Mindick
Leo Mindick for Shimshon Mindick
Nathaniel Weisel for Mortimer Weisel