



CONGREGATION TORAS CHAIM

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July 11-12, 2014 ■ 13 Tammuz, 5774 ■ Shabbos Parshas Pinchas
Candlelighting: 8:20P (Not Before 7:09P) ■ Shabbos Ends 9:27P

1) Kiddush this Shabbos is sponsored by Ari & Naomi Goldberg and Michoel & Yael Bodenheimer on the occasion of their father, Eli Goldberg, completing his move to Dallas. Welcome to the community! 2) Kiddush & Shalosh Seudos is also sponsored this Shabbos by the CTC Executive Board in honor of the engagement of Chava Miriam Rich to Dovid Bacharach. May they merit to build a Bayis Ne'eman B'Yisroel. Please contact Rabbi Yaakov Rich at 972-835-6016 if you are interested in sponsoring kiddush or shalosh seudos in the future.

■ SHABBOS SCHEDULE

Friday Night, July 11th

- » Mincha/Kabbalos Shabbos/Maariv-7:00P
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Shabbos Day, July 12th

- » Shacharis-8:30A
- » Junior Congregation for boys-Canceled
- » Chumash Shiur (for men & women)-7:05P
- » Mincha-8:05P
- » Shabbos Ends-9:27P

■ WEEKDAY SCHEDULE

- » Shacharis Sunday-8:00A
- » **Mincha-6:00P / Maariv-9:00P (Sunday-Thursday)**
- » Mesilas Yesharim (Path of the Just)-every night at 9:15P

■ REFUAH SHELAIMA

MEN

- » Chaim Yaakov ben Soroh (Bob Day)
- » Eliyahu Lipman bas Leah (Father of Suri Rosenblatt)
- » Yoseif Yitzchok ben Yehudis Chaya (Brother in Law of Yoseif Meir Rich)
- » Mattisyahu Chaim ben Ettl (HaRav Mattisyahu Solomon)

WOMEN

- » Rus Miriam bas Soroh (Friend of Michael Friedman)
- » Chana Rivka bas Soroh (Chana Rivka Hersh)
- » Yenta Leah bas Shayna (Mother of Lori Jarmel)
- » Chava Fruma bas Bryna (Mother in Law of Sandy Kadish)
- » Ella bas Naomi (Cousin of Naomi Goldberg)

■ WHAT'S NU AT CTC

- » **Welcome:** We are so happy to finally be able to welcome Eli Goldberg as a permanent member of the CTC Family. Eli completed his move from New Jersey this past week.
- » **Please join us for a L'Chaim** as we celebrate the engagement of our daughter Chava Miriam to Dovid Bacharach on Sunday, July 13 from 7:30 PM - 9:30 PM at our home, 7119 Bremerton Ct., Dallas, TX 75252. Adults only please. Mazel Tov! Yaakov & Susan Rich
- » **Moving Sale**
 - Where: 7331 Kirkham Drive
 - When: This Sunday starting 10 AM
 - What:
 - Refrigerator with ice-maker and front dispenser in great condition*
 - Washer and dryer, also in excellent condition*
 - Dishwasher, ditto (fleishig)*
 - Sauder bookcases
 - Sauder shelving units
 - Bed frames
 - Mattresses
 - Beautiful dining room set with six chairs
 - Solid wood nightstands with drawers
 - End-tables
 - And more!
- *Appliances have only been used for five years. Everything must go!
- » **Shemira Project:** This is a grassroots program that pairs IDF combat soldiers with Jews around the world who do acts of kind-

ness, prayer or Torah learning to increase the soldier's spiritual merit and protection. Sign up at <http://shmiraproject.com/>

■ GRATITUDE AND FORTITUDE

As enemy missiles continue to rain on Jewish communities in Eretz Yisroel, and many are intercepted by the Iron Dome anti-missile system, it is incumbent on all Jews to feel hakaras hatov, "recognition of the good," toward the United States of America, which has funded the system over the years of its development. We are reminded, at a time like this, how America has made a major contribution to the defense of Israel, for which we must be deeply grateful.

At the same time, we must remember that Im Hashem lo yishmor ir, shov shokad shomer - "If Hashem will not guard the city, for naught does the guard stand vigilant" (Tehillim, 127) - and that it is therefore to Hashem that we must focus our entreaties with special intensity at this critical time.

Our prayers should include entreaties for the wellbeing of our fellow Jews under attack, as well as for those who are risking their lives to defend them and defeat those who wish us harm.

As has been the practice in many shuls over past years, in response to the call of the Moetzes Gedolei HaTorah, the recitation of Tehillim (Psalms) 83, 130 and 142 after Shacharis, followed by the tefila of Acheinu, is recommended.

Torah-study on behalf of our beleaguered brethren is also deeply appropriate, and should be intensified.

May our teshuvah, tefilla and tzeddaka prove worthy merits for future days of peace and security.

■ SEEING THE SYMPHONY: RABBI LABEL LAM

And Moshe spoke to HASHEM, saying: "Let HASHEM, the G-d of the spirits of all flesh, set a man over the congregation, who may go out before them, and who may come in before them, and who may lead them out, and who may bring them in; that the congregation of HASHEM not be as sheep which have no shepherd." And HASHEM said unto Moshe: "Take for yourself Yehoshua the son of Nun, a man of spirit, and press your hand upon him; and set him before Elazar the priest, and before all of the congregation; and give him a charge in their sight. And you shall place your glory honor upon him so that all the congregation of the children of Israel should accept... And Moshe did as HASHEM commanded him; and he took Yehoshua, and set him before Elazar the priest, and before all of the congregation, and he placed his hands upon him, and charged him, as the HASHEM spoke by the hand of Moshe. (Bamidbar 27:16-23)

Why was Yehoshua chosen to replace Moshe? Was he the biggest scholar in the generation? What makes someone worthy of leadership? What was his special merit?

Recently I heard the following story about Reb Elchonon Wasserman ztl. He came to the United States from Europe before the 2nd World War to collect money to support his Yeshiva in Baronovitch. He was staying in Williamsburg, Brooklyn. Someone told him about a successful Jewish clothing manufacturer in Manhattan that had many hundreds of workers but refused to give charity. Reb Elchonon took up the challenge of going to visit this businessman.

When he arrived at the workplace he was given a less than warm reception. The boss finally welcomed him into his office and

anticipating the request for money, he curtly questioned him about why he had come. Reb Elchonon stood in full stature (he was a tall man) and showed him where a button on his jacket had become loose. The man was stunned and relieved and so immediately he called over one of his workers from the coat manufacturing division and following instructions, they secured all the buttons on the Rabbi's coat. Reb Elchonon graciously thanked them and he left.

A short while later it dawned on this businessman the oddity of that visit. He called for Reb Elchonon and asked him, "Did you really come all the way from Williamsburg just get a few buttons sewn on your jacket?" Reb Elchonon responded frankly, "No! I came from Baronovitch!" "Are you telling me", the manufacturer wondered, "that you came all the way from Europe just to have buttons secured on your coat?" Reb Elchonon answered question firmly, "Are you telling me that your soul made the long journey through the many heavenly layers down to this world, a much longer distance, only to sew buttons on coats?" The words penetrated the man's heart and sent Reb Elchonon back with a handsome donation.

What happened here? Was it just that Reb Elchonon, in his brilliance, had managed to push the right buttons or maybe there's another explanation as well. The Talmud in Brochos makes the following almost paradoxical statement; "It is greater to service (assist) a Talmud Scholar more than even learning from him!" Why is that so?

Wouldn't it be better to learn the writings of a great scholar rather than to help him with his bags?! The Talmud Scholar is a living symphony of Torah priorities and human sensitivities. Studying a few notes of music Mozart would not be one part as transformational as experiencing the music itself. At the giving of the Torah we are told that "the nation saw the- Kolos" sounds. The one who assists the scholar sees in action what others only hear or understand intellectually. There is a world to be gained from that proximity that cannot be gotten from scholarship alone.

Reb Aaron Kotler ztl. said that a person needs a "Zechus Torah", a merit of Torah, to be able to give to Torah. Perhaps, even that small action earned the coat manufacturer a "Zechus Torah" and that gave him the merit to participate in supporting Torah.

Our sages tell us that Yehoshua was the one who would set up the tables for the Moshe's lectures. He was the designated helper that put him constant contact with Moshe. He had the ongoing merit of seeing the symphony.

■ PARSHA Q&A: PINCHAS

1. Why was Pinchas not originally a kohen? 25:13 - Kehuna (priesthood) was given to Aharon and his sons (not grandsons), and to any of their descendants born after they were anointed. Pinchas, Aharon's grandson, was born prior to the anointing.
2. Why was Moav spared the fate of Midian? 25:18 - For the sake of Ruth, a future descendant of Moav.
3. What does the yud and hey added to the family names testify? 26:5 - That the families were truly children of their tribe.
4. Korach and his congregation became a "sign." What do they

signify? 26:10 - That kehuna was given forever to Aharon and his sons, and that no one should ever dispute this.

5. Why did Korach's children survive? 26:11 - Because they repented.
6. Name six families in this Parsha whose names are changed. 26:13,16,24,38,39,42 - Zerach, Ozni, Yashuv, Achiram, Shfufam, Shucham.
7. Who was Yaakov's only living granddaughter at the time of the census? 26:46 - Serach bat Asher
8. How many years did it take to conquer the Land? How many to divide the Land? 26:53 - Seven years. Seven years.
9. Two brothers leave Egypt and die in the midbar. One brother has three sons. The other brother has only one son. When these four cousins enter the Land, how many portions will the one son get? 26:55 - Two portions. That is, the four cousins merit four portions among them. These four portions are then split among them as if their fathers were inheriting them; i.e., two portions to one father and two portions to the other father.
10. What do Yocheved, Ard and Na'aman all have in common? 26:24,56 - They came down to Mitzrayim in their mothers' wombs.
11. Why did the decree to die in the desert not apply to the women? 26:64 - In the incident of the meraglim, only the men wished to return to Egypt. The women wanted to enter Eretz Yisrael.
12. What trait did Tzlofchad's daughters exhibit that their ancestor Yosef also exhibited? 27:1 - Love for Eretz Yisrael.
13. Why does the Torah change the order of Tzlofchad's daughters' names? 27:1 - To teach that they were equal in greatness.
14. Tzlofchad died for what transgression? 27:3 - Rabbi Akiva says that Tzlofchad gathered sticks on Shabbat. Rabbi Shimon says that Tzlofchad was one who tried to enter Eretz Yisrael after the sin of the meraglim.
15. Why did Moshe use the phrase "G-d of the spirits of all flesh"? 27:16 - He was asking G-d, who knows the multitude of dispositions among the Jewish People, to appoint a leader who can deal with each person on that person's level.
16. Moshe "put some of his glory" upon Yehoshua. What does this mean? 27:20 - That Yehoshua's face beamed like the moon.
17. Where were the daily offerings slaughtered? 28:3 - At a spot opposite the sun. The morning offering was slaughtered on the west side of the slaughtering area and the afternoon offering on the east side.
18. Goats are brought as musaf sin-offerings. For what sin do they atone? 28:15 - For unnoticed ritual impurity of the Sanctuary or its vessels.
19. Why is Shavuot called Yom Habikkurim? 28:26 - The Shavuot double-bread offering was the first wheat-offering made from the new crop.
20. What do the 70 bulls offered on Succot symbolize? 29:18 - The seventy nations.

Good Shabbos

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■ WEEKLY CLASSES (see website for more detail)

- » Morning Gemara Makkos for men (M-Fr, 6-6:35A)
- » Daf HaYomi for men (Sunday-Thursday 8-9P)
- » Shabbos Chassidus Chaburah for men (10 mins before Chumash shiur)
- » Chumash for men & women (Shabbos one hr before mincha)
- » Hilchos Taaruvos for men (Sunday 6:30-8:00A)
- » Marriage Made in Heaven for men (Monday 7:15-8:00P)
- » Marriage Made in Heaven for women (Tuesday 7:15-8:00P)

All classes at 7103 Mumford Ct., except where indicated