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Todd, Diane, Leah and Aryeh Salovey in memory of our Father, Grandfather and teacher **Ronald Salovey, Azriel ben Yitzchok Leib Halevi**. May his neshama have an aliya. Our whole family says thank you to the **Rabbi** and to all our **wonderful friends** who brought us food, and visited during shiva. You brought us so much comfort.

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Brian and Merle Datnow to celebrate our 50th wedding anniversary and to honor our children **Stacey and Aaron, Paul and Julie, Jami and Adam**, and our **eight grandchildren**.

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Becky and Jack Krinsky in loving memory of **Becky's** mother, **Bela Braverman, Bela bas Rav Yitzchak**. May her neshama have an aliya.

MINYON SCHEDULE

7/6 Daf Yomi*.....cancelled
7/6 Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat.....6:45 p.m.
7/6 Candles by.....7:10 p.m.
Hashkama Minyon.....7:50 a.m.
Talmud in Depth.....8:00 a.m.
Shabbat Morning.....9:00 a.m.
Shema-Latest Time.....9:20 a.m.
Daf Yomi.....cancelled
Contemporary Issues.....cancelled
Shabbat Mincha.....7:35 p.m.
Shabbat ends.....8:43 p.m.

* **Cancelled in Rabbi's Absence**

THIS COMING WEEK

Sunday Shacharit.....8:30 a.m.
Sunday - Thursday Mincha/Ma'ariv.....7:45 p.m.
Mon. & Thur Shacharit.....6:30 a.m.
Tue., Wed. & Fri. Shacharit.....6:45 a.m.

CLASS SCHEDULE

Sunday
Talmud in Depth.....7:45 a.m.
Daf Yomi*.....cancelled
Monday - Thursday
Talmud I*.....cancelled
Monday - Friday
Talmud in Depth.....7:30 a.m.
Monday
Daf Yomi*.....cancelled
Pirkei Avos*.....cancelled
Tuesday
Daf Yomi*.....cancelled
Women's Class/Mesillat Yescharim*.....cancelled
Wednesday
Women's Class/Pirkei Avot*.....cancelled
Daf Yomi*.....cancelled
Prophets/Mishlei*.....cancelled
Thursday
Daf Yomi*.....cancelled
Parsha*.....cancelled

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In Memory of Linda Neiman

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This Week's Torah Reading

**The Torah Reading begins on page 612 in the Hirsch and page 876 in the Stone.
The Haftorah begins on page 902 in the Hirsch and page 1190 in the Stone.**

WE FIND IN this week's parsha the second half of the story of Pinchas, his act of zealotry against Zimri and Cosbi, and the subsequent reward he receives from G-d. Our sages comment that Pinchas was indeed justified in his deed because he saw Zimri performing, not only a prohibited action, but one that was causing great harm to the Jewish people. The halacha is as follows: If one sees a Jewish man cohabiting with a non-Jewish woman, a zealot is permitted to kill him. However, our sages say even though this is the halacha we in fact do not render the halacha this way in practice. Our sages explain: It is only the one who is seized with passion and anger at the sight of the desecration of the name of G-d who is permitted to carry out this law. If one questions the halacha and seek counsel on the practical observance then, say our sages, this proves the individual is not a zealot. Therefore the law does not apply to him. It is not zealotry being celebrated in this parsha. Rather it is Pinchas, who used this trait with Divine enlightenment, who is being lauded.

ONE WONDERS HOW is it possible the Torah could sanction such an action, and how G-d could give Pinchas the blessing of peace. This certainly was not an act of peace. He was not following in the footsteps of Aharon, who was the quintessential lover and follower of peace. It has been explained that there are two ways to achieve peace. Sometimes it is necessary to use the path of appeasement, kindness, and sweet words; other times it is necessary to obliterate the problem in order to restore peace to the given situation. Aharon exemplified the former with an ability to instill peace among people with softness and kindness, whereas Pinchas exemplified the art of understanding when it is necessary to use a firm hand in order to ensure that there will be shalom. For this reason G-d rewarded him with the covenant of peace and everlasting priesthood. So the people would understand, as harsh as it might seem, Pinchas had, in fact, acted with the sanction of Heaven.

IT IS AT the end of this incident that G-d commands Moshe to destroy the Midianites. This is a repayment for having misled the Jewish people, plotting against them with Peor, and for sending Cosbi (the daughter of a Midianite prince) to entice the Jewish people. This plot, which was instigated by Bilaam, caused the death of 24,000 Jews through plague.

AFTER THE PLAGUE Hashem commands Moshe to take a new census. Rashi explains this can be compared to a shepherd whose flock was attacked by wolves and many of his sheep were killed. After he chases away the wolves, the shepherd looks over his flock to assess the damage and count how many sheep are left alive.

NEXT G-D SPEAKS to Moshe saying: divide the land as an inheritance among the



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tribes. To larger tribes he is to give larger portions and to the smaller tribes, smaller portions. Each tribe received a hereditary portion in accordance with this tally. This is when the general rule of land being inherited by sons was laid down to the Jewish people. The Torah describes the petition presented by the daughters of Tzelophehad, whom many identify as the daughters of the stick gatherer, killed in the desert. Tzelophehad's daughters told Moshe that their father had died in the desert, though he was not from the party of Korach and his followers. Their father's name and his family would be at a disadvantage because he had no sons, and they therefore requested a portion of land from their father's brothers. Moshe Rabbeinu, unsure of the required response, sought an answer from G-d.

CHAZAL EXPLAINS THAT the law had slipped Moshe's mind as punishment for his rather bold statement that he could deal with all the difficult cases that could not be handled by the lower courts. The Ramban believes Moshe's forgetfulness was hidden in Chazal's statement that all fifty gates of understanding were granted to Moshe except for one. This fiftieth level of understanding was not attained by Moshe and explains why some portions of the Torah were only written down after Moshe came and asked specific questions to Hashem. Commentaries tell us that Tzelophehad's daughters explained that their father had died for gathering sticks on Shabbos, and that his intention in desecrating Shabbos was for the sake of Heaven. He wanted the people to understand there are consequences to their actions. Moshe Rabbeinu was unable to know this or judge whether or not their father had acted for the sake of Heaven. He therefore passed on his case to Hashem, who examines the hearts and intentions of all men. It was through this request of Tzelophehad's daughters that Hashem commanded that they, and all women in fact, were eligible for inheritance in the absence of sons.

AFTER THIS INCIDENT Moshe Rabbeinu was told to climb to the top of the mountain, to the east of the Dead Sea where he would be able to see the land that would be given to the Jewish people. Moshe was told that here he would be gathered to his people just as Aharon was, as a punishment for his actions with the rock. The parsha goes on to describe how Yehoshua was chosen to replace Moshe Rabbeinu.

THE FINAL SECTIONS of this week's parsha deal with the daily sacrifice, the additional sacrifice for Shabbos, the New Moon offering, and the Passover, Shavuot, Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur and Sukkos offerings. It is in this section of the Torah that all of the holidays of the year are described vis a vis their karbonos, sacrifices.

We are in great need of volunteers to check the Eruv

If you would like to be part of the team checking the Eruv, please contact Catharine in the shul office at catharine@adatyeshurun.org or call (858) 535-1196 Opt 1.

IMPORTANT EMAIL DIFFICULTIES

In the last week Gmail (and other email providers) started to treat emails from the shul (mostly those emails sent to the entire congregation at one time) as spam, or blocked them completely.

If you have not received emails from the shul in the past week and in particular if you have Gmail, please check your spam folder. You may need to check your settings and make sure the shul email addresses are set as safe senders, or contact your email provider and request that they stop blocking and/or spamming all emails from any email with @adatyeshurun.org

Unfortunately it is the recipient's email provider that is blocking the emails so we cannot do anything from our end to correct this issue.

Please make sure to set the following shul email address as Safe Senders:

rjfromlj@adatyeshurun.org
annette@adatyeshurun.org
catharine@adatyeshurun.org
info@adatyeshurun.org

I've sent out the following emails to the congregation in the past week; please check your spam folder if you did not receive them:

- Annual Membership Dues Increase Information Letter
- Annual Membership Dues Invoices & Annual Security Fee Invoices
- A Notice that the Rabbi will be away from 7/4-7/12 returning to the office on 7/13 and that all of his classes, Bar and Bat Mitzvah lessons and all individual adult learning appointments, will be cancelled during his absence.

WE NEED KIDDUSH SPONSORS

Please will you sponsor or co-sponsor a Kiddush? We are in need of sponsors and/or co-sponsors for the following Kiddushim:

July 14th, 21st and 28th
 August 4th, 11th, 18th and 25th

Sponsors are \$295 and Co-sponsors are \$175. Email Annette Olson at info@adatyeshurun.org or call her at 858-535-1196 to reserve your date.

WE THANK OUR SECURITY VOLUNTEERS

Friday Evening	
6:45 p.m.	TBD
7:15 p.m.	TBD
Shabbat Morning	
9:00 a.m.	TBD
9:30 a.m.	TBD
10:00 a.m.	Dave Hastings
10:30 a.m.	Liora Green
11:00 a.m.	TBD
11:30 a.m.	Craig Glasser