

Parshat Pinchas

	Hertz	Cohen	Stone	Gutnick		Shabbat Begins	9.02pm
Sedra	686	932	876	1040		Shabbat ends	10.18pm
Haftarah	710	968	1192	1463		NB: haftarah Mattot	

THE FIVE DAUGHTERS OF TZELOPHCHAD

The story of the five daughters of Tzelophchad is but a small part of this week's reading, but it is nevertheless interesting.

One day they appeared at the door of the tent of Meeting where Moses, Eleazar the Priest, and all the Princes were gathered. Princes not in any regal sense, but Officers who administered the Province. They had a problem. Their father had died leaving only the sisters, for he had no son.

It was the tradition that the sons would inherit a father's wealth and the sisters came to ask that in those circumstances they should be entitled to the Estate.

This was a big problem for Moses alone to decide, and he sought the Lord's advice, which was that the daughters were right, and that Israel be told that if a man dies without sons, then the daughters shall inherit, and if there are no daughters, then to the man's brothers, and so on through the family.

This was a happily resolved dispute. I say happily because in the circumstances of its resolution did not involve filial acrimony.

Such acrimony which still bursts into the public arena from time to time is of course, well chronicled in the pages of our scriptures.

Cain murders Abel, the motive being jealousy.

When Isaac is born, Ishmael is made to leave the home of Abraham and Sarah, Sarah having favored her own child and although Abraham consents to this expulsion he is grieved by it and later expresses his preference for Ishmael.

Isaac shows a preference for Esau over Jacob, and Esau contemplates the murder of Jacob.

Sisters Leah and Rachel are jealous of each other and try to kill each other, and throughout their lives jealousy, deception and favoritism abounds.

Jacob and Joseph have their problems arising again from favoritism, and Joseph and his brothers is a story known by every bible student and theatre-goer.

Parental favoritism exists, it is a fact of family life, it is something which requires very careful child-management to avoid.

Better perhaps then to look towards the more healthy sibling relationships in our history. Moses related well with Miriam and Aaron. Not perfect, but nevertheless they set a very good example to us all, and after all time can become a healer as Jacob and Esau found out.

Sibling disputes are pretty awful, they affect so many people, families close and extended, would that they could all be resolved by the simple process followed by the daughters of Tzelophchad a patient wait outside the tent of meeting, an opportunity, and a few wise words.

Shabbat Shalom

Barrington Black

Announcements

A warm welcome to Chief Rabbi Sir Jonathan & Lady Sacks who are with us this Shabbat

Kiddush Sponsor

The Honorary Officers and Board of Management invite the congregation to Kiddush to celebrate the 97th birthday of Sidney Jaque, an Honorary Life President and much loved and respected member of our community

Breakfast Sponsor

Breakfasts this week are kindly sponsored by Kathleen Slade and John Slade to commemorate the Yahrzeit of Kathleen's husband and John's father, Edward Slade

Birthdays— Mazal Tov:

Elizabeth Khasidy	Tahlia Pinkerton
Gemma Mishon	Dalya Shear
Robert Sherman	Anya Newstead
Charles Khodari	Amanda Shayle
Anthony Shayle	Anna Ejdelbaum
Meyer Bengio	Karen Yadgaroff
Sarah Glyn	Janice Serlin
Eva Shore	Yvonne Sherrington
Harold Klug	Anthony Spitz
Diana Hart	Anthony Midgen
Gerald Moss	Jean Stellman

Refuah Shlemah

Sheilagh Ross	Sara bat Meryl
Simon Reiss	Simcha ben Chaya Gittel
Seymour Freed	Shmuel Zeev ben Sara Rivka
Gala Colover	Chana bat Yehudit
	Asher Mordecai ben Shifra
Nat Winsor	Noach ben Miriam
	Chayah
	Shira bat Leah
	Rivka bat Chava

Next Shabbat Mattot-Masei

17th — 18th July 2009

Commences 8.55pm Mincha & Maariv 7.15pm

Friday 10th July

7.30 am Shacharit followed by breakfast & Haftarah Shiur by Ervin Landau
7.15 pm Mincha, Kabbalat Shabbat & **D'var Torah by the Chief Rabbi**

Shabbat 11th July

8.45 am Shiur with Henry Knobil
9.15 am Shacharit
9.15 pm Mincha, Seudah Shlishit & **D'var Torah by the Chief Rabbi**
10.18 pm Maariv & Havdalah

Sunday 12th July

8.30 am Shacharit followed by breakfast and Thoughts for the Day by Alan Goldberg
Restarts September Cheder Aged 4—12 years. Contact Batsheva Burns for further information on 0796 88 555 96 or email cheder.marblearch@gmail.com.
Now is the time to register your child/grandchild for the new Cheder term.

Monday 13th July

7.30 am Shacharit followed by breakfast and D'var Torah by Michael Milston

Tuesday 14th July

7.30 am Shacharit followed by breakfast Shiur by Rabbi Yosef Vogel

Wednesday 15th

7.30 am Shacharit followed by breakfast and Parsha Shiur by Ervin Landau

Thursday 16th July

7.30 am Shacharit followed by breakfast and D'var Torah by Bernard Silver

Friday 17th July

7.30 am Shacharit followed by breakfast & Haftarah Shiur by Ervin Landau

**Mincha & Ma'ariv this week:
Sun 12th—Thurs 16th July 7.20pm**

Security Rota

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Rosh Hashanah Magazine/Brochure

This year's Shanah Tovah Magazine is being compiled, which with your help we hope will be an even bigger success than last year. Many members of the congregation use the Magazine to send New Year Greetings and as the brochure has become so important, please ensure that you are included in this worthwhile cause.

Please send or email your advert today to the Synagogue Office. Please send us your articles, photographs or letters that you wish to be considered for publication in the brochure. Closing Date 22nd July

Rosh Hashanah Magazine Children's & Pets names

Don't forget to include your children, grandchildren, great grandchildren, nieces and nephews names in our brochure and, of course, remember to include your pets.

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If you are celebrating a Simchah or commemorating a family Yahrzeit or if you are just feeling generous please consider contacting the office and sponsoring a Shabbat Morning Kiddush, the Morning Minyan breakfasts or the weekly Newsletter.

Haftarah

Would anyone wishing to read the Haftarah on Shabbat, eg on the anniversary of their Bar Mitzvah, to mark a special occasion or for any other reason, please contact the Honorary Officers as we wish to involve as many people as possible. Rabbi Rosenfeld will be happy to help you prepare the reading if you are a little rusty! Please contact him by phone or email

Yadgaroff Library

The Yadgaroff Library is open every day for those wishing to study or browse the fine selection of books.