

KOL MEBASSER

Rabbi's Message



I sometimes wonder if my grandfather ever felt a little like Tselofehad in the mid 1960s and 1970s. With the older kids off at college, he was the lone remaining male figure in a very female house that overflowed with his second wife and six young girls. While the analogy is not perfect because he had one son among his total brood of nine, I often think of my mother's family when Parashat Pinehas rolls around.

Like Tselofehad's daughters, my mother and her sisters stepped around some of the patriarchal expectations of society because there simply weren't a lot of men around to do things for them. Each grew up thinking for themselves, and they are a strong bunch who have led meaningful, interesting lives of their own choosing.

Their matriarch for the last 50 years was Alice, who married my grandfather only nine months after he lost my grandmother to breast cancer. Whatever one might say about her legitimate faults, I can only admire someone who would sign up for such a thing. She had two girls of her own, and had recently lost their father in the *USS Thresher*, the deadliest submarine sinking in history until today. Marrying my grandfather meant taking on seven new children – five of whom were still at home, and the eldest of whom was only 9 years her junior. It was no easy task to go from "interloper" to "Mom," and yet she took this on

when she could have chosen an easier pathway to restarting her life.

What touching symbolism that God would take her back to Him the week that the story of Tselofehad's daughters appears in the Torah! This even reflects the text itself, where the next passage addresses the anticipated death of Moshe Rabbenu. For the matron of a large family, it was a fitting point for her to ascend her own Har Ha'arabim and contemplate a future that would be carried forth by others.

"Alice," "Grandma Alice," and finally "Grandma" – the progression of the names that I called her reflects a bumpy pathway from distance to intimacy in our relationship. While our early connection was constrained by old stories that I neither knew nor understood, the Grandma that I will remember best is the one from our phone calls over the past decade.

I only spoke to her once every few months, but her elephantine memory would retain it all. We could resume past conversations effortlessly in the manner of old friends, and although her world and mine were quite different, she easily developed the cultural and factual language necessary to keep a stake in the game. She was widely read and had a universal wisdom that I found comforting and inspiring, even as I saw that she would never back down when she thought she was right, no matter how convincing the counter-evidence.

She was a special lady. *Yehe zikhra barukh!*

Parashat Pinehas First Week of Rebuke

Torah: Num. 25:10–30:1, 168 Pesukim
Hertz 686–698; Stone 876–899
Haftara: Jer. 1:1–2:3 (Haftarat Matot)
Hertz 710–713; Stone 1192–1193
Tefillot: Morid Hatal, Hakhrazat Ab (Fri)

KJ Schedule

Ereb Shabbat

Friday, July 29th

Shaharit 6:25 am
Shabbat Candle Lighting ... 7:38 pm
Minha 6:30 pm

Yom Shabbat

Saturday, July 30th

Shaharit / Morning Prayer 8:30 am
Keri'at HaTorah 10:15 am
Musaf 11:30 am

Women's Tehillim 5:30 pm
Minha 7:00 pm
Se'uda Shelisheet 7:45 pm
Arbit 8:25 pm
Habdala 8:40 pm

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KJ Schedule (continued)

Weekdays / Sunday, July 31st

Shaharit..... 7:30 am

Monday to Friday, August 1st to 5th

Shaharit 6:25 am

Ereb Shabbat / Friday, August 5th

Shaharit 6:25 am

Shabbat Candle Lighting **7:31 pm**

Minha 6:30 pm

In Memoriam

We remember yearzeit anniversaries from July 30, 2016 to August 6, 2016. It is customary to light a memorial candle, donate tzedaka & attend Shabbat services.

24 Tammuz / Shabbat, July 30th

Aaron David *Aharon David ben Avraham Haim*

Elias Joseph *Eliyahu ben Yitzhak*

25 Tammuz / Sunday, July 31st

Haskel Dabby *Haskel ben Yoseph*

26 Tammuz / Monday, August 1st

Flossie David Solomon *Farha bat Roza*

David Hattanian *David ben Itzhak*

28 Tammuz / Wednesday, August 3rd

Ezra Said Goury *Ezra Said ben Simcha*

29 Tammuz / Thursday, August 4th

Selim Ashair Hanoon *Selim ben Ashair*

1 Ab / Friday, August 5th

Aron Philip Blank *Aharon Shraga ben Avraham*

Ezra Ezrapour *Ezra ben Avraham Hayim*

Yohanan Shamashian *Yohanan ben Yehezkel*

2 Ab / Shabbat, August 6th

Shlomo Dallal

Shimon Sarraf

Upcoming Fast Day: Tisha B'Ab / 9th of Ab

from Motsa'e Shabbat, August 13th to nightfall on Sunday, August 14th

RABBI MELHADO'S NEW CLASS

YOU'VE GOT THE "RITE" STUFF, BABY

PRAYERS OF THE HIGH HOLY DAYS

Our daily prayers are a beautiful ceremony on their own, but for 40 days a year we really bump them up to the next level for the High Holy Days.

This deepens the spiritual force of our tefilla, but it is a lot to handle for worshipers who only see these special texts once a year.

Want to know the meaning of the prayers? Have questions? Join Rabbi Melhado for a 5-session mini series on Wednesday evenings in September!

Aug 31: Structure of the Daily Tefillot

Sep 07: The Sephardic Selihot

Sep 14: Rosh Hashana

Sep 21: Yom Kippur

Sep 28: Comparison to Ashkenazim

Refua Shelema

Abe Abraham

Moselle Amron

Sally Amron

Haskell Avrahami

Sylvia Cohen

Mordechai Cohen

Esther Duke

Sassoon Ezra

Lev Hakak

Yoel Iny

Tilda Levy

Doris Moshi

Florice Newberry

Maurice Ovadi

Gracie Tizabi

Katie bat Farha

Miriam bat Yetta

Condolences

We offer our deepest condolences to the family of Reuven Itzhaki, z"l, especially to his wife, Evelyn; his son, Rafael; his daughter, Edna; and his grandchildren. May Hashem comfort them together with all the mourners of Tzion.

Women's Tehillim Group

5:45 pm Saturday before Minha

Join your fellow Kahal Joseph sisters for community, **coffee & snacks** and reciting the Book of Psalms. All women are welcome to participate.