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LEARNING TO BREATHE...TOGETHER

1. Pinchas stabbed both of them, the Israelite and the woman through the belly. (Parshat Balak)

God spoke to Moses...“Pinchas displayed before Israel his *kanah* for Me. I grant him My pact of *shalom*.” (Parshat Pinchas)

2. קָנָה – be jealous, zealous
קִנְיָהּ – zeal, jealousy
3. “Why are you here, Elijah?” He replied, “I am full of zeal (קָנָה קִנְיָהּ) for Adonai” (I Kings 19:9-10)
4. Pinchas is Elijah. (Yalkut Shimoni)

“Israel cannot withstand your zealotry. You were jealous at Shittim and now you were zealous at Mount Carmel. You spilled blood there and you spilled blood here, in your zeal for God. (Midrash)

5. The daughters of Zelophehad, son of Hopher son of Gilead son of... The names of the daughters were Mahlah, Noah, Hoglah, Milcah, and Tirzah. They stood before Moses, before Eleazar the priest, and before the princes... (Numbers 27:1-2)

They approached/drew near (*karav*)... (Numbers 27:1)

“Give us land by right of inheritance (תְּרִשָּׁה)...” (Numbers 27:4)

6. “They approached/drew near...” In that generation the women built up the fences which the men broke down...(the calf, the scouts)... The women, however, drew near to ask for an inheritance in the Land. (Midrash Rabbah 21:10)

7. “Let Adonai, Source of the breath (*ruach*) of all flesh... (Numbers 27:16)

God answered Moses, “Take for yourself Joshua son of Nun, a man who has breath (*ruach*) in him... (Numbers 27:18)

8. “someone who shall go out before them and come in before them, take them out and bring them in...” (Numbers 27:17)