

25:11 Pinchas the son of Eleazar

פינחס בן אלעזר

The yud 'יוד' in the name Pinchas is written small in the Torah scroll.

Why is this ?

The 'yud' means a Jew – יהודי
and so a small 'yud' represents an ordinary Jew.

Pinchas is not mentioned before in the Torah but when no one in Israel did anything, when all the leaders stood by and did nothing, this ordinary Jew showed true leadership – ראש גדול

He was rewarded by so much:

25:12-13 ...Behold I give to him My covenant of peace; and it shall be to him and to his seed after him, a covenant of everlasting priesthood.

And why was this ?

Because his action

25:13 ... made atonement for the children of Israel יכפר על בני ישראל

and so saved Israel from punishment for the sin of inaction.