



The sorts of tidbits

my father, Rav Meir Zlotowitz zt"l, made sure his family was up to date on *from the mundane, to the profound, to the 'thanks for reminding me!'*



Parashas Korach 5783
June 23rd • 4 Tamuz

Reminders

Eretz Yisrael remains one *parashah* ahead and will *lein* Parashas Chukas this week.

The final opportunity for Kiddush Levana is late Sunday night, July 2nd at 3:37 AM EDT.

Pirkei Avos: Chapter 4.

Daf Yomi - Friday: Bavli: Gittin 38 • Yerushalmi: Demai 55 • Mishnah Yomis: Yoma 8:8-9. The Siyum on Yoma is today, mazal tov! Next is Mishnayos Maseches Succah • Oraysa: Rosh Hashanah 10a-10b

Make sure to call your parents, in-laws, grandparents and Rabbi to wish them a good Shabbos. If you didn't speak to your kids today, make sure to connect with them as well!

Next on the Calendar

The fast of Shiva Asar B'Tamuz is Thursday, July 6th and marks the beginning of the Y'mei Bein Hametzarim, the Three Weeks.

Parshah in a Paragraph

Korach: Korach, Dasan, Aviram and 250 men rebel against Moshe's authority in Aharon's appointment as Kohen Gadol • Moshe challenges them to bring *ketores* along with Aharon Hakohen • The *ketores* is brought in firepans, and Hashem's glory appears • Hashem threatens to eradicate the nation • Moshe saves the nation • The ground opens, swallowing Korach and his men • A fire engulfs the men offering the *ketores* • The firepans are used for covering the *Mizbei'ach* • "Do not be like Korach and his men" • The people complain that Moshe killed Hashem's people • A plague breaks out • Aharon saves the people by offering *ketores* • The test of the staffs • Aharon's flowered staff is placed near the Aron as a remembrance • The people gain fear of the sanctuary • Duties of Kohanim and Levi'im • Benefits for Kohanim and

Levi'im • Levi'im must also give *ma'aser* to the Kohanim.

Haftarah: Korach and his followers failed to recognize the hierarchy of leaders as directed by Hashem. The *haftarah* (Shmuel Alef 11:14-12:22) relates the episode of Shmuel reaffirming the Kingship of Shaul Hamelech.

613 Taryag Weekly

Korach • 95 Pesukim • 5 Obligations • 4 Prohibitions

1) An "honor guard" of the Kohanim and Levi'im should be present in the Beis Hamikdash. 2) A Kohen may not engage in the service designated for a Levi, and vice versa. 3) A Yisrael may not engage in the service of a Kohen. 4) Do not terminate the honor guard. 5) Redeem the firstborn of a Yisrael through a Kohen. 6) Do not redeem a kosher firstborn animal. 7) The Levi'im shall be the gatekeepers and shall sing and play music in the Mikdash. 8) Give *Ma'aser Rishon* to a Levi. 9) A Levi shall give *Terumas Ma'aser* to the Kohen.

Mitzvah Highlight: The Chinuch explains that a task assigned to a group of people may be neglected due to a diffusion of responsibility. Therefore, the Kohanim and Levi'im are each assigned specific roles.

For the Shabbos Table

Rashi (Bamidbar 16:7) explains that although Korach was in fact a wise man he was blinded by a misunderstanding. Korach foresaw a great line of descendants who would come forth from him, including Shmuel Hanavi, whom the Torah equates with Moshe and Aharon. This led Korach to believe that he too was as great as they. Rav Moshe Feinstein zt"l observes that the

Torah traces the ancestry of Shmuel's father, Elkanah to Miriam Haneviah which indicates that Shmuel existed on account of Miriam. If so, why was Korach so confident that the greatness of Shmuel derived from his *zechus*?

Rav Moshe explains that this is fact was the error that blinded Korach. Korach in his haughtiness believed that his illustrious grandson was a credit to his *tzidkus* when in reality it was in Miriam's merit. This is the tool of the *yetzer hara*; to lead one to believe in a "*ruach shtus*" - a minor foolish belief (see Sotah 5b) which ultimately leads him down a dangerous road.

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When you have nothing to say, say nothing.

-Rabbi Meir Zlotowitz z"l

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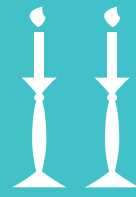


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Parashas Korach | June 23-24

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Atlanta	10:03	8:51	10:04	9:18	8:51	8:33	7:21
Baltimore	9:48	8:36	9:24	8:32	8:36	8:18	7:03
Boston	9:37	8:25	8:57	7:59	8:24	8:06	6:49
Catskills	9:49	8:37	9:12	8:16	8:36	8:18	7:01
Chicago	9:41	8:29	9:04	8:07	8:29	8:09	6:54
Cleveland	10:16	9:04	9:41	8:45	9:04	8:46	7:29
Detroit	10:24	9:12	9:45	8:47	9:12	8:54	7:37
Lakewood	9:41	8:29	9:13	8:20	8:29	8:11	6:55
Los Angeles	9:20	8:08	9:19	8:33	8:07	7:49	6:37
Miami	9:27	8:15	9:57	9:17	8:15	7:57	6:49
Monsey	9:44	8:32	9:11	8:16	8:32	8:14	6:57
Montreal	9:59	8:47	9:01	7:55	8:46	8:28	7:08
New York	9:43	8:31	9:12	8:17	8:30	8:12	6:56
Orlando	9:38	8:26	9:58	9:17	8:26	8:08	6:59
Passaic	9:44	8:32	9:12	8:17	8:31	8:13	6:57
Philadelphia	9:45	8:33	9:18	8:24	8:33	8:15	6:59
Toronto	10:15	9:03	9:28	8:27	9:03	8:45	7:26
Yerushalayim	9:05	7:47	9:08	8:24	7:47	7:13	6:18

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