



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!'

Klal Govoah
In Memory of Rav Meir Zlotowitz zt"l

Parashas Korach 5785
June 28th • 2 Tamuz

Reminders

The first opportunity for Kiddush Levana is on Motzaei Shabbos, June 28th. The final opportunity is on Wednesday night, July 9th.

Pirkei Avos: Perek 4

Daf Yomi - Shabbos: Bavli: Avodah Zara 10 • Yerushalmi: Pesachim 30 • Mishnah Yomis: Avos 5:18-19 • Oraysa (coming week): Taanis 30b - Moed Katan 3a (Mazel Tov on the Siyum of Maseches Taanis!) • Kitzur Shulchan Aruch: 161:9-17

Make sure to call your parents, in-laws, grandparents and Rebbe 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 on Sunday, July 13th 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 • 195 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 Sefer HaChinuch 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 were.

Rav Elyashiv zt"l points out that Elkanah, Shmuel's father, was a powerful force in inspiring a multitude of Jews to visit the Mishkan in Shilo, after it had fallen out of favor for many years. He inspired people, in part, by taking a different route and camping in public at each stop on his travels to Shilo. He would make sure to meet many people

along his journey and generate their interest in traveling to Shilo as well.

To this end, both Korach and his descendant, Elkanah, shared a powerful skill - to be a source of inspiration to a tzibbur. Yet Korach used this talent to incite the masses to undermine Hashem's will, while Elkanah used his talent to sanctify Hashem's Name among the nation. Korach was foolish enough to think that Shmuel's greatness - which also saw a great effectiveness in leadership and outreach to the nation - was in the merit of his corrupting efforts, while, in fact, it was the result of Elkanah's heroic actions who utilized his skills properly. One must always ask himself: Are my innate talents properly focused on advancing *Kiddush Shem Shamayim*?

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Atlanta	10:04	8:52	10:05	9:19	8:52	8:34	7:22
Baltimore	9:49	8:37	9:26	8:34	8:37	8:19	7:03
Boston	9:37	8:25	8:58	8:01	8:25	8:07	6:49
Catskills	9:49	8:37	9:14	8:17	8:37	8:19	7:02
Chicago	9:41	8:29	9:06	8:09	8:29	8:09	6:54
Cleveland	10:16	9:04	9:42	8:46	9:04	8:46	7:29
Detroit	10:24	9:12	9:46	8:49	9:12	8:54	7:37
Lakewood	9:42	8:30	9:15	8:21	8:30	8:12	6:56
Las Vegas	9:13	8:01	9:04	8:16	8:01	7:43	6:30
Los Angeles	9:20	8:08	9:20	8:34	8:08	7:50	6:38
Miami	9:28	8:16	9:58	9:18	8:16	7:58	6:50
Monsey	9:44	8:32	9:12	8:17	8:32	8:14	6:58
Montreal	9:59	8:47	9:02	7:57	8:47	8:29	7:09
New York	9:43	8:31	9:13	8:18	8:31	8:13	6:57
Orlando	9:39	8:27	9:59	9:18	8:27	8:09	6:59
Passaic	9:44	8:32	9:13	8:18	8:32	8:14	6:57
Philadelphia	9:45	8:33	9:19	8:26	8:33	8:15	6:59
Toronto	10:15	9:03	9:29	8:29	9:03	8:45	7:26
Yerushalayim	9:05	7:48	9:09	8:25	7:48	7:13	6:19

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