

CONGREGATION TORAS CHAIM WISHES YOU A WONDERFUL

Shabbos Parshas Korach

FRIDAY NIGHT, JULY 5TH

- » Candles 8:21 PM
- » Mincha/Kabalas Shabbos/Maariv 7:00 PM

SHABBOS DAY, JULY 6TH

- » Shacharis followed by Kiddush 8:30 AM
- » 15-min Pirkei Avos Shiur for Women following Kiddush
- » Women & Children S"Y 6:00 - 7:30 PM
- » Abudraham on Tefilla for Men & Women with Rabbi Avraham Chaim Bloomenstiel 7:25 PM
- » Mincha 8:10 PM
- » Sunset 8:39 PM
- » Talmud Shiur: Gemara Avoda Zara following Mincha
- » Maariv 9:21 PM
- » Shabbos Ends (50 min) 9:29 PM
- » Rabbeinu Tam (72 min) 9:51 PM

A WISE MAN WOULD SAY: "ONLY SPEAK WHEN YOUR WORDS ARE BETTER THAN YOUR SILENCE."

REFUAH SHELAIMA

Men

- » Hillel ben Simcha (Jeff Lubin)
- » Daniel Ze'ev ben Miriam (Brother of Josh Rothstein)
- » Yitzchak ben Yocheved (BIL of Moshe Bush)

Women

- » Sipke Grune bas Lillian (Mother of Jeff Luftig)
- » Tali bas Aviva (Daughter of Aviva Bass)
- » Shoshana Gittel bas Chaya Leah (Sister of Naomi Goldberg)
- » Naama bas Devorah Miriam (Granddaughter of Rabbi & Rebbetzin Rich)
- » Rena Esther bas Yaffa Gita (Friend of Yael Bodenheimer)
- » Chana bas Hendel (Friend Of Yael Bodenheimer)

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- » the members of the Guarantee Kiddush Club: Bloomenstiel, Borrayo, Lurie, Marcelino, Martin, Eliyahu Rich, Rabbi and Rebbetzin Rich and Rothstein families

CTC SCHEDULE OF SHIURIM/TEFILLAH (Week of July 7, 2024)

Men

- » Gemara Zevachim, Mon - Fri, 6:00 - 6:30 AM

» Shacharis, 6:30 AM

- » Amud HaYomi Sanhedrin: Sunday - Friday, 12 - 1 PM, On Zoom with Rabbi Yaakov Rich. Email Rabbi Rich for the link.
- » Marriage Chabura for men, Sun, 7:55 - 8:25 PM
- » Mesillas Yesharim, Mon - Thur 7:55 - 8:25 PM
- » **Mincha/Halacha/Maariv, Sun - Wed, 8:25-9:00 PM**
- » Gemara Bava Basra, Sunday - Wednesday, following Maariv for 30 minutes
- » **CTC Beis Medrash in conjunction with Dallas Kollel, Thursdays following 8:15 PM Mincha for one hour, followed by Maariv and refreshments.**

Women

- » Parsha Shiur for Women with Rabbi Michael Bodenheimer, Sundays, 8:00 - 8:30 PM

THANK YOU: We want to recognize several people who made our July 4th BBQ the great success it was. Josh & Lisa Rothstein for sponsoring the event in memory of Lisa's father, Yisrael Ezra Ben Peretz, a"h. Jonathon Marcelino for donating the grill and the steaks. But achron, achron chaviv (the one mentioned last is the most beloved), thank you to Luis Borrayo for his tireless, hard work in setting up the misters, lights and music in the backyard and his constant attention, love and care to our shul. We appreciate you and what you for CTC.

REBUILDING PROJECT by Marshall Lestz.

(We are excited to share this column with you each Shabbos in the spirit of helping to repair our relationships and thereby contribute to rebuilding the Beis HaMikdash.)

THE TO-DO LIST TWIST

Here's a quick, practical thought that may help us increase our gratitude and widen our spiritual perspective. If you ever write yourself a daily to-do list, try making this minor adjustment. Instead of writing at the top of the page, "To-do list," write: "Thank G-d I am ABLE To-Do list." We shift our focus from all the stuff we "HAVE" to do, to all the things that, thank G-d, we're physically and mentally ABLE to do. Our list is exactly the same, but our attitude is completely different.

"Thank G-d I can do these things that need to be done-- I CAN drive carpool. I CAN do another spreadsheet. I CAN write a thank you note, cook dinner, or call the power company about my disputed bill... Thank G-d I have the physical, mental, and emotional wherewithal to do these things!"

G-d willing, this will make an immediate positive impact on the way we perform our daily hum-drum tasks. And if it doesn't, let's give it a few days

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and see what happens. At the very least, if we're able to simply take a moment and remember that our to-do list is also a "Grati-to-do" list, that alone will be a meaningful step in building our relationship with Hashem.

Have an elevated day everybody.
Keep on Building!

TIDBITS

Parashas Korach • July 5th • Rosh Chodesh Tamuz 5784

This Shabbos is the first day of Rosh Chodesh Tammuz (30th of Sivan). Yaaleh Veyavo is included in Shemoneh Esrei and Bircas Hamazon. Hallel is added after Shemoneh Esrei of Shacharis. Two Sifrei Torah are taken out; maftir for Rosh Chodesh is leined (Bamidbar 28:9-15) from the second sefer, followed by the haftarah for Rosh Chodesh (Yeshaya 66:1-24). Av Harachamim is omitted. Shabbos Rosh Chodesh's "Ata Yatzarta" replaces the standard Mussaf of Shabbos. Borchi Nafshi is said at the end of davening. Tzidkas'cha is omitted at Mincha.

The first opportunity for Kiddush Levanah is Tuesday night, July 9th. The final opportunity in the USA is Motzaei Shabbos Parashas Balak, July 20th.

As the precarious situation in Eretz Yisrael unfortunately continues, each person should increase reciting tehilim and performing other mitzvos as a zechus for the many Acheinu Beis Yisrael in travail and captivity as well as for the soldiers in battle.

The fast of Shiva Asar B'Tamuz is on Tuesday, July 23rd and marks the beginning of the Y'mei Bein Hametzarim, the Three Weeks.

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.

Rosh Chodesh: The special maftir (Bamidbar 28:9-15) discusses the added korbanos of Shabbos and Rosh Chodesh. The haftarah (Yeshaya 66:1-24) contains words of hope and consolation for Klal Yisrael. It concludes with the pasuk stating that in the future Klal Yisrael will gather in the Bais Hamikdash on every Rosh Chodesh to serve Hashem. Some add pesukim from the haftarah of Machar Chodesh as well, as Sunday too is Rosh Chodesh.

Parashas 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 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.

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 would do this in part by taking a different route and encamping 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 lone source of inspiration. 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?