



Parshas Korach 5786

FRIDAY NIGHT, JUNE 19

- » Mincha/Kabalas Shabbos/Maariv 7:00 PM
- » Candles 8:20 PM
- » Sunset 8:38 PM

SHABBOS DAY, JUNE 20

- » **Shacharis 8:30 AM followed by Kiddush.**
- » 15-min Pirkei Avos Shiur for Women and Kedushas Levi Chabura for Men following Kiddush.
- » Women & Children Shalosh Seudos at Rich Home 6 PM.
- » **Gemara Avoda Zara** with Rabbi Yaakov Rich in shul 7:15 PM.
- » Mincha followed by Shalosh Seudos in shul for men 8:10 PM
- » Sunset 8:39 PM
- » Maariv 9:21 PM
- » Shabbos Ends (50 min) 9:29 PM
- » Rabbeinu Tam (72 min) 9:51 PM

A WISE MAN WOULD SAY: "DREAMS DON'T WORK UNLESS YOU DO."

REFUAH SHELAIMA

Men

- » Yosef Lieb ben Golda Leah (Lisa Rothstein's Uncle)
- » Daniel Ze'ev ben Miriam (Brother of Josh Rothstein)

Women

- » Hinda bas Pessie (Harriet Goldman)
- » Ester bas Sarah (Aunt of Yoseif Goldenberg)
- » Layah Leilech bas Shulamis (Friend of Shira Martin)
- » Devorah bas Heni (Friend of Aviva Bass)
- » Shoshana Gittel bas Chaya Leah (Sister of Naomi Goldberg)

KIDDUSH SPONSORSHIP

- » Kiddush this Shabbos is sponsored by Josh & Lisa Rothstein in memory of Yisrael Ezra ben Peretz.

CTC SCHEDULE OF SHIURIM/TEFILLAH (Week of June 21, 2026)

- » Gemara Zevachim, Mon - Fri, 6:00-6:30 AM
- » **Shacharis, 6:30 AM followed by 5-min Mishna shiur**
- » Amud HaYomi Chullin: Sunday - Friday, 12 -1 PM, On Zoom with Rabbi Yaakov Rich. Email Rabbi Rich for the link.

- » Mincha 7:55 PM
- » Becoming a Ba'al Bitachon 8:10 PM (Mon - Thur)
- » Maariv 8:40 PM
- » **Two Great Marriage Chaburos:** For Men, Sundays following Mincha; For Women, Sundays, 9 PM on a conference call. Contact Rebbetzin Susan Rich for the phone number and access code.

TIDBITS

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Eretz Yisrael remains one parashah ahead of Chutz La'aretz (Parashas Chukas) until next Shabbos when we will lein a double Parashah, the Parashiyos of Chukas-Balak, June 27th,

Kiddush Levana may be said as of Thursday night, June 18th. The final opportunity is on Sunday night, June 28th.

The fast of Shiva Asar B'Tamuz is on Thursday, July 2nd 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.

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.

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



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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 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?