



Young Israel of Greater Miami

June 16, 2018

3 Tamuz 5778

PARSHA KORACH



FRIDAY	
1st Mincha	6:32 PM
1st Candle Light	7:02 PM
Candle Light	7:53 PM
Mincha	7:58 PM
SHABBOS	
Shiur	7:20 PM
Mincha	7:50 PM
Ma'ariv & Havdalah	8:53 PM

CLASSES

WEEKDAYS

Gemara

Rabbi Lehrfield
7:25 AM to 7:55 AM

Halacha

Shimshon Mindick
12:30 PM to 2:00 PM

Parsha Hashavua

Rabbi Lehrfield

MON / TUES / WED

Mishna Berurah

Rabbi Yachnes

TUESDAY

Tanach

Rabbi Lehrfield
8:00 PM—9:00 PM

Hilchos Shabbos

Rabbi Eisenman
7:00 PM

THURSDAY

Chumash

Rabbi Lehrfield
8:00 PM—9:00 PM

Mussar Shiur

Rabbi Yachnes
9:00 PM—10:00 PM

HATZALAH

305-919-4900



D'VAR TORAH — BY RABBI DOVID LEHRFIELD

Korach had everything, wealth, wisdom and stature. Yet he doomed himself. He could not control his appetite for honor, Kavod. Please, let us learn from Korach what we should yearn for— not honor.

The Genuth family invites everyone to a kiddush following the main minyan in honor of Hyman's 90th Birthday

PARSHA SUMMARY: KORACH

SOURCE: CHABAD.ORG

Korach incites a mutiny challenging Moses' leadership and the granting of the kehunah (priesthood) to Aaron. He is accompanied by Moses' inveterate foes, Dathan and Abiram. Joining them are 250 distinguished members of the community, who offer the sacrosanct ketoret (incense) to prove their worthiness for the priesthood. The earth opens up and swallows the mutineers, and a fire consumes the ketoret-offerers.

A subsequent plague is stopped by Aaron's offering of ketoret. Aaron's staff miraculously blossoms and brings forth almonds, to prove that his designation as high priest is divinely ordained.

G-d commands that a terumah ("uplifting") from each crop of grain, wine and oil, as well as all firstborn sheep and cattle, and other specified gifts, be given to the kohanim (priests).

HAFTORAH SUMMARY: SAMUEL 11:14—12 :22

SOURCE: CHABAD.ORG

The prophet Samuel (a descendant of Korach, the protagonist of this week's Torah portion) gathers the Jews to firmly install Saul as king of Israel. During the course of his address to the Jews he called out, "Here I am; bear witness against me before G-d and before His anointed; whose ox did I take, or whose donkey did I take, or whom did I rob; or whom did I oppress, or from whose hand did I take a bribe..." This echoes Moses' statement in this week's Torah reading: "I have not taken a donkey from a single one of them, and I have not harmed a single one of them."

The nation gathers at Gilgal for a second coronation of King Saul—the first one having lacked a convincing consensus. They offer sacrifices and rejoice together. The prophet Samuel then delivers a talk: he asks the people to testify that he never committed crimes against the people, and they confirm. He discusses how G-d saved and aided them every step of the way and chastises them for wanting a flesh and blood king. He assures them that G-d will be with them if they follow in His ways, and of the consequences they will face if they do not follow G-d's word.

At times you might have negative reactions when trying to perform a good deed. You might feel rebellious and would rather not do the deed. Do not feel sad or nervous about this. The essence of doing good deeds is the effort, and we cannot expect it will always be easy to do the right thing.

REFUA SHELEMA

- ◆ Rochel Leah bas Faiga Zeisel
- ◆ Marlene Kalchman
- ◆ Aharon Dovid Levy
- ◆ Yochanan Baruch HaKohen ben Frumma Etta Gittleson
- ◆ Etta Mindel bas Chana
- ◆ Yosef Yitzchak ben Sara Chanah & Elihau Maman
- ◆ Tzofia bat Shoshana
- ◆ Daniel Yaakov ben Masha Tzvia
- ◆ Naomi Malka bat Hoshanah Leah
- ◆ Boruch ben Sorah Gittel
- ◆ Elenore Schwartz
- ◆ Dov Baruch ben Chaya Tzvia
- ◆ Nechama Aidel Malka bas Sara Leah
- ◆ Molly Rosenberg



PLEASE BE ADVISED THE NEW HOURS FOR THE SHUL

OFFICE ARE 8:00 TO 12 PM

Yizkor Book

We are working on our successful Yizkor Book, which we will have available for the congregation to use during the coming year when we will be saying Yizkor. The book contains the order of the Yizkor prayers, as well as the names of departed loved ones who we want to remember and honor. Like last year, the listings are organized by family. The donation to list each departed loved one is \$10.00. If you have listed your loved one (s) previously, we will renew it/them automatically unless we hear from you. If there is a correction to the names listed last year, please let us know as soon as possible.

Seudah Shlishis is sponsored by Ron and Eva Fisher commemorating the Yahrtzeit of Ron's father, Reuben Fisher and Eva's father Endre Adler.

Birthday wishes for Hyman Genuth

*Happy 90th birthday
Dad "PA"*

We Love you.

*Debra, Bruce, Andrew,
Bennet, Courtney,
Lloyd, Fang and
Gabriel*

The Fox family would like to wish Hyman a very Happy Birthday on his 90th trip around the sun. Love from Donald, April, Mykal, Katie, Hilary and Eli.

Happy Birthday Hyman. Thank you for being my loving husband for over 62 years and an amazing father to our three daughters April, Sherry and Debbie.

- ATTENTION MEMBERS & FRIENDS -

IF YOU NEED HOSPITALITY (MEALS) FOR SHABBAT, OR IF YOU CAN INVITE SOMEONE OR A FAMILY FOR MEALS PLEASE CONTACT

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The mishna in Pirkei Avos (1:6) tells us “knei lecha chaver – acquire for yourself a friend”. Chazal understood that from a spiritual perspective a good friend is indispensable in enabling us to overcome the challenges we face in life and grow to fulfill our potential. In the non-spiritual realm as well, society has always recognized the value of true friendship. Helen Keller, the famous deafblind author once poignantly remarked, “Walking with a friend in the dark is better than walking alone on the light”.

The great benefits of friendship notwithstanding, for a friendship to be sustainable, it must be balanced with a healthy sense of independence. In some ways, friends are like buses. Getting on the wrong bus can take you far from the road you should be travelling, but even if you’re on the correct bus, you must get off at the right stop in order to reach your destination. So it is with friends. Bad friends can have a negative influence, leading us far astray from where ought to be, but sometimes even good friends can make mistakes, and it takes strength, independence, and sometimes courage to resist the peer pressure and make your own correct decisions.

Parshas Korach begins by listing the people who joined Korach in his ill-fated rebellion against Moshe Rabbeinu. One of those mentioned, Ohn ben Peles, had originally wanted to join Korach but his righteous wife prevented him from doing so, thus saving him from the terrible punishment that befell Korach and his cohort. The gemara in Sanhedrin (109 b) describes this incident:

Ohn ben Peles was a neighbor and acquaintance of Korach, and sympathized with Korach’s grievances. When Ohn’s wife learned of her husband’s involvement, she used her great wisdom to persuade him that Korach was wrong, and should not be supported.

Ohn responded to her “What can I do at this point? I have already pledged my allegiance to Korach’s group, and I even swore that if they come to me for assistance, I would join them. How can I back out now?”

“Leave it to me” his wife responded “I will handle it”. She stood near the front door of their home with her hair uncovered, thus preventing anyone from approaching and speaking to her husband. In this way she protected her husband and her family from tragic consequences.

This dialogue between Ohn and his wife is difficult to understand. If a person swears that he will sin, such a vow is not binding; as a matter of fact and he is required to violate his vow and not sin. What difference did it make that Ohn had already pledged his allegiance to Korach’s group and that he had sworn to join them; if joining Korach was an aveira, Ohn’s vow was null and void! Furthermore, if for some reason Ohn felt that he was morally bound by his original pledge to join his friends, what would his wife’s interference help? He knew they were coming for him; allowing his wife to block the door and prevent them from reaching him doesn’t discharge his responsibility to fulfill his promise?

We must conclude that once Ohn realized that his wife was correct and that it would be wrong to join Korach, he also understood that his earlier promise was void. Ohn understood that a vow to commit a sin is not binding. However, Ohn was concerned that his friendship with Korach’s people and his earlier allegiance to them - as indicated by his promise to join them - would enable them to persuade him once again to join them. He was concerned that in a face to face meeting with his friends, the peer pressure might be too great for him to withstand. While he understood that he wasn’t required or even allowed to join them, he also understood the power and influence that his friends might have on him, in getting him to change his mind and do something that deep in his heart he knew was wrong.

Ohn’s wife had the perfect solution - prevent such a meeting from happening. By preventing Korach’s men from meeting with her husband she protected him from being subjected to that powerful peer pressure that could have weakened his resolve.

Ohn ben Peles and his wife were both righteous people. They wanted to do the right thing, and stand up for what was correct. However they recognized the enormous influence and power that friends and colleagues can exert. They recognized the difficulty in resisting peer pressure, and they identified the correct solution: stay away from bad friends.

In addition to teaching our children proper values and instilling in them the strength and courage to do what is right, we also need to help them avoid situations that subject them to negative peer pressure. If mature adults struggle with this challenge, then we as parents should make every effort to protect our children from situations where they will have to choose between their friends and their conscience.

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NEWS AND EVENTS

UPcoming EVENTS



BIRTHDAYS THIS MONTH

Matthew Rotenberg 6/4

Ezzy Rotenberg 6/22



Funny Jokes

How do you stop an astronaut's baby from crying?

Answer:

You rocket!

Shabbas Groups Schedule

*Groups will begin at 9:00am until the end of davening.

*Parents must come up after davening to pick up their children.

*Children ages 3-5 boys/girls will be upstairs in the 1st classroom, as well as our older Girls groups ages 6-8.

*Boys groups begin at 9:30 for ages 6-8 and will be upstairs in the 2nd Classroom.

Wishing everyone a fantastic Shabbas,
Always,
Penina and Pesach Rotenberg

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END OF THE YEAR YOUTH EVENT!
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