

# YOUNG ISRAEL OF THE MAIN LINE

## Weekly Update

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### Parshas Korach

### פרשת קרח

ה' תמוז תשס"ט—June 26–27

#### Shabbos Davening Times

Earliest candle lighting:	7:00pm
Candle lighting:	8:16pm
Mincha - Friday:	7:00pm
Sof Zman Krias Shema:	9:19am
Shacharis:	8:45am
Mincha followed by Seudah Shlishis:	8:00pm
Maariv:	9:19pm

#### Weekday Davening Times

Shacharis Sunday:	8:00am
Shacharis (Mon., Thu.):	6:40am
Shacharis (Tue., Wed.):	6:50am
Mincha/Maariv (Sun.–Thu.):	8:20pm
Shacharis Friday ( <i>July 4 Observed on July 3</i> ):	<b>8:00am</b>

#### Next Shabbos Times

Candle lighting:	8:16pm
Mincha - Friday:	7:00pm

## Calendar of Shiurim

DAY	TIME	TOPIC	SPEAKER	NOTES
Shabbos	7:55am–8:15am	Parsha Chabura	N. Perlberger	ROTATES
Shabbos	8:15am	Mishlei Shiur	R. Steinberg	
Shabbos	After Mincha	Chabura	R. R. Eis	
Shabbos	After Mincha	Medical Halacha	D. Eisenberg	
Mon., Wed.	After Maariv	Mishna Berura	Eli Back	
Sun.–Fri.	15 min. before Shacharis	Sefer Hamaspik L'Ovdei Hashem	R. Steinberg	
Tuesday	9:00pm	Choshen Mishpat	R. Steinberg	
Thursday	10:10pm	Nefesh Hachaim	Rav Sholom Kamenetsky	

\*All shiurim are at YIML unless specified.

### THIS SHABBOS

#### Kiddush and Shalosh Seudos:

Kiddush this week is being sponsored by Rabbi Boruch & Miriam Lichtenstein in honor of the marriage of Miryl & Eliyahu Sholom Glenner.

Seudah Shlishis is community sponsored.

#### Chabura:

The Shabbos Afternoon Chabura will be given this week by Rabbi Rafi Eis on *Kiddushei Kesef*.

### BRUCHIM HABBAIM

We welcome to our Koby & Rivky Milgraum to our community. May they have *bracha v'hatzlacha* in their new home!

### THANK YOU!

Special thanks to Josh Gold and Rabbi Chaim Diamond for all their help with the BBQ.

Thanks to Paul Sachs for uprooting the dead evergreen in front of the Shul and replacing it with fresh vegetation.

All submissions, suggestions, and sponsorships should be directed (by Wednesday evening) to the editor of the Weekly Update, פלוגי בן פלוגי (weeklyupdate@yiml.org).

## MAZEL TOV!

### To Rabbi & Mrs. Baruch Lichtenstein and Family...

... on the marriage of Miryl & Eliyahu Sholom Glenner.

### To Rabbi & Mrs. Eli Back...

... on the birth of their grandson, Aharon Pinchas Back.

### To Rabbi & Mrs. Shimon Kay...

... on the birth of their daughter, Chana.

### To Gershon & Aleeza Ben Shalom...

... on the birth of their son.

There will be a Shalom Zachor at their home this Friday, 154 Edgemoor Rd., 9:45pm-11:15pm.

## TZEISCHEM L'SHALOM

Tzeischem L'shalom to our members:

Avraham Simcha & Aviva Adler and Family, and  
Moshe & Chani Elbaum

## ONGOING EVENTS

### Chevra Mishnayos:

The Chevra Mishnayos is now learning Seder Kodshim.

See the shul bulletin board to sign up.

### Women's Tehillim Group:

The Tehillim Group meets Mondays at **10:45am** at 8 Concord Circle.

### Women's Chovos haLevovos Group:

The Chovos haLevovos Group meets Tuesdays at 9:30am at 8 Concord Circle.

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## D'VAR TORAH by Rabbi Berel Wein

The Mishna teaches us that there is an opinion that the "mouth of the earth" that opened to swallow Korach and his group was created from the beginning of time. The idea here is that not only was this miracle built into nature itself to become operative at the right time and place but that the sin and rebellion that occasioned this disastrous phenomenon also is built into human nature from time immemorial.

Jealousy, the thrust for power at all costs, demagoguery and false piety are the stuff of our lives, certainly of our political and public lives. The rabbis stated that all humans feel "burned" by the honor, place and position afforded to others. This is, the rabbis teach us, even in the world to come! We resent the success of others especially if we feel that we are much more deserving of that honor and success.

Hitler was able to rouse the German people to terrible acts of war and bestial murder of innocents on the basis of jealousy, hatred and the feeling of deep resentment engendered in Germany by the results of World War I and the subsequent Versailles treaty. People feel cheated when they do not feel that they are receiving their just due even if they are wrong in what they feel entitled to.

That resentment can fester and lead to disastrous consequences as we see in this week's parsha. The rage that Korach feels at being slighted as not being chosen for the priesthood and other honors finally boils over in his attack against Moshe and Aharon. And in the midst of a complaining, despondent and rebellious people he finds ready allies for his confrontation with Moshe.

The key to avoiding this pitfall (no pun intended) is the avoidance of arrogance and hubris—in short, humility. Maimonides abhors extremism in anything in life yet he states that when it comes to humility extremism is permitted and in fact desired. Someone who trains one's self in humility can ignore slights and insults, intended or unintended, and develops a strong self-image that can easily discount the apparent unfairness of reward and punishment in this world.

Korach complains out of weakness of his character and not out of true strength and belief in himself or in his alleged cause. Korach attempts to lower Moshe to his own level and refuses to try to raise himself to Moshe's level. He willingly associates himself with known negative characters and troublemakers in order to buttress his own ego.

So the contest devolves into the struggle between Korach's arrogance and hubris against Moshe's abject unequaled humility. In such contests throughout human and Jewish history the unlikely victor is always humility and those who practice it. That is the meaning of the words of the rabbis that from the pit of Korach's demise emanates a sound that declares Moshe and his Torah to be true. Korach's tragedy is repeated in every generation. But we should not forget that so is Moshe's triumph.

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