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Rabbi Mordechai Srebro will be facilitating an interactive Parsha class for men and women at 6:00 PM on Shabbos afternoon followed by Mincha at 6:30 PM.

Deadline for weekly submissions and announcements to the bulletin will be no later than Wednesday afternoon by 3:30 PM

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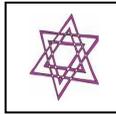
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PARSHAT KORACH
HAFTORA: VAYOMER SHMUEL



To my Aishes Chail, Naomi, thank you for
70 wonderful and happy years together.
May Hashem bless us with more years together.
Heshy Schechter



July 6-12, 2019

KORACH

3 Tammuz, 5779

SHABBAT	
Candle Lighting	8:12 PM
Mincha	7:00 PM
Shacharit	7:45 AM, 8:45 AM
Latest Kriat Shema	9:15 AM
Torah: Bamidbar 16:1	Artscroll Page 820
Haftorah: for Korach	Artscroll Page 1186
Afternoon	
Rabbi’s Talmud & Perek Class	cancelled
Mincha	6:30 PM
Maariv	9:13 PM
Shabbat ends:	9:18 PM

WEEKDAY	
Sunday	6:45 & 8:00 AM
Monday	6:35 & 8:00 AM
Tuesday	6:45 & 8:00 AM
Wednesday	6:45 & 8:00 AM
Thursday	6:35 & 8:00 AM
Friday	6:45 & 8:00 AM
Mishnayot Class: 15 minutes before 1st Minyan Monday - Friday Daf Yomi 7:20 am Sunday - Friday Daily Mincha this week: 8:15 PM Maariv following immediately	
Candle Lighting next Friday	8:09 PM
Mincha Next Friday	7:00 PM

The Haftorah shiur at 8:35 AM in the main shul is cancelled.



HAVE A HAPPY AND HEALTHY SUMMER
and please do not forget to remit any balances
due to the shul



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How to Avoid Life's Pitfalls by Chief Rabbi Warren Goldstein

Self-destructive behaviour has manifested itself throughout history, and the temptation to fall into its trap is part of the human condition. The Gemara (Sotah 9a and b) documents various examples of this self-destructive behaviour. The Gemara begins with a general discussion on adultery, and it's a fitting place to start: a person who commits adultery destroys everything that they have; their marriage, their children, their name. The Gemara goes on to cite specific people from Jewish history who had the world at their feet, and then threw it all away. One is Haman, the Prime Minister to King Achashveirosh, who presided over one of the largest empires in human history. Haman had power, he had wealth, he had fame and recognition. In fact, wherever he went people bowed down before him. There was only one exception. Mordechai alone refused to bend the knee - and it drove Haman crazy. "And all of this is worth nothing as long as I see Mordechai the Jew just sitting there at the palace gate," he says at one point. In the end, his obsession with Mordechai leads directly to his downfall, and he and his sons are hung on the gallows by the king. A classic Chumash example of power driving a person to distraction is the case of Korach, the protagonist and title character from this week's parsha. Korach was a man of great renown among the Jewish people. He had wealth, power, and exceptional intellectual abilities, but this wasn't enough. As the first cousin of Moses and Aaron, Korach wanted the priesthood, which had been given to Aaron, and in pursuit of that he mounted a rebellion, marshaling more than 250 tribal leaders against Moses. In the end, he and his followers were literally swallowed by the earth.

Besides having fame and fortune, there's one thing tying all of these characters together - in each case, they lacked something, and in each case, their downfall was brought about by a misguided, obsessive pursuit of that thing. And that is why, we are all susceptible to self-destructive behaviour. We all have certain blessings and lack certain others. We all face the risk of pursuing the things we lack with such blind ambition that it causes us to lose the blessings we do have. Even if we don't actually lose those blessings, we can cause ourselves pain and anguish in a more subtle way - an unquenchable desire for the things that we don't have can prevent us from enjoying and appreciating the things we do have. Rav Yosef Yehuda Leib Bloch explains that human beings are naturally drawn to whatever it is we lack, and that can begin to occupy all of our focus and attention - to the point where we lose our emotional attachment to the blessings we have and drain the joy from our lives.

How do we avoid falling into this trap of self-destruction and anguish? How do we prevent our lives from being destroyed, either in actual terms or through the emotional dissatisfaction that comes with obsessing over the things we do not have? The key lies in a profound statement of our Sages in Pirkei Avot (Avot 4:1) which seeks to define the things which everybody wants: wisdom, power, wealth and honour. The Mishna outlines how best to attain them in a way that satisfies us socially and emotionally, as well as morally and spiritually. The Mishna states: "Who is wise? One who learns from all people ... Who is powerful? One who is able to conquer his own inclination ... Who is wealthy? One who is satisfied with his lot ... Who has honour? One who gives honour to others ...". Concepts such as wisdom, power, wealth and honour are almost always defined in relative terms. A wise person possesses superior knowledge, intelligence and insight; a powerful person exerts power over others; a wealthy person is a member of the richest 1% of society; a person of honour receives that recognition and respect from his/her peers. The Maharal points out how the Mishna turns this traditional model on its head: instead of using relativist, outward-looking criteria to measure wisdom, power, wealth and honour, it calls on us to turn inwards, and create aspirations which are in our own hands to fulfill. Instead of this frantic race to the top of society's ladder, pursuing greatness becomes about achieving self-mastery.

And so wisdom is embodied by a person who has a deep-seated hunger and curiosity to learn, and has achieved a level of comfort within themselves and a humility to learn from every person - to seek out wisdom wherever it can be found. Supreme power is exercised not through exerting control over others, but through self-control - overcoming our base desires and not surrendering to our immediate impulses. Wealth becomes not about the frantic accumulation of money and possessions, but about a calm, collected state of being, born of gratitude and appreciation for everything one has. And true honour comes not from pursuing the recognition of others, but rather as the in having the generosity of spirit and strong sense of self to award that recognition to others. We see from here that our sages locate the centre of reference of a person within rather than without. We embark on a path of self-destruction when our barometer for success is based on what others can give us or what we can take from them. When we define our sense of worth externally, like Korach, we end up constantly pursuing objectives which lie outside of ourselves, leading to a life of disempowerment, dissatisfaction and, sometimes, destruction.

On the other hand, by developing an internal frame of reference, an inner benchmark, we can take control of our own lives, and achieve a deep sense of fulfilment: true personal greatness, and genuine, lasting happiness.

BITS of INFO Synopsis of Current Events Gleaned From Various News Sources Submitted and Edited by Sherine Levine

• David Ben-Gurion, one of Israel's most well-known and influential founders, will be coming back to life next spring, via the big screen. During an interview from his Israel hotel, Rabbi Marvin Hier of the Simon Wiesenthal Center said, "He was the man. Without him, had he not declared statehood, nobody knows what would've happened." The Wiesenthal Center's Moriah Films division is producing the documentary which is being directed by academy-award winner Richard Trank. Rabbi Hier further stated, "People in the US know Ben-Gurion as an airport, they know a face with a crazy hairdo - but they don't really know about this man: his perseverance and his vision, and how essential that was to the creation and building up of the state." [weisenthal.com]

• Last month, the Honorable Judge Ruchie Freier was on her way home from Hungary with her family. It was a route she is familiar with as she travels there every year to pray by the grave of Reb Shayala of Kerestir on his yahrzeit. This time, she had the unexpected opportunity to help save a life and make a tremendous Kiddush Hashem. Toward the end of the flight, nearing New York, the crew announced that they needed medical help. As a paramedic and founder of Ezras Nashim, Freier quickly volunteered. There were no other medical professionals on board. When she founded Ezras Nashim years ago, Freier had experienced some pushback at the idea of women becoming EMTs. As Freier explained, "Women and men equally offer something in the world of EMS, and there's no reason why women can't assist during medical emergencies." While Freier spends her days as a judge in Brooklyn's Civil Court, sometimes her day job and her side passion mix. "I keep equipment in my chambers . . . one of my colleagues in court had an emergency and I was able to assist." Freier knows that although she regularly looks for opportunities to do so, the ability to make a kiddush Hashem doesn't just lie with her. "Being mekadesh shem shomayim is something I daven for every day." [Jew in the City]

• The daughter of two Reform rabbis was killed while biking when she was hit by a cement truck. Last Monday, Devra Freeland was struck at an intersection in East Williamsburg. She is the 15th cyclist killed on city streets this year. She was an award-winning video and sculpture artist whose work was on display recently in Times Square. Her parents are Rabbis Dan Freeland and Elyse Frishman, both well-known and prominent in the Reform Jewish movement. [JTA]

• Speaking at the UN Human Rights council in Geneva, former Miss Iraq, Sarah Idan, criticized media bias against Israel and anti-Semitism taught in Muslim countries. She recalled the death threats she received after posting on social media a photo with Miss Israel, Adar Gandelsman, at the Miss Universe pageant. The Iraqi government ordered her to take down a photo and denounce Israel, which she refused to do. Since then, she has not been able to return to her homeland because of the threats which the Iraqi government failed to condemn. She noted, "The issue between Arabs and Israelis goes beyond policy disagreements. It's deeply rooted in the anti-Semitic belief systems taught in Muslim countries. [Algemeiner]"

RECIPE

If you are a chocolate lover, these are the cookies to make. You do need to use a mixer, but it's worth the extra five minutes. Please remember to send your favorite recipes to Leah Lieberman at Leahlieb@aol.com.

Chocolate Chewy Fudge Cookies (the voice of Lakewood.com)

Ingredients:

1 9 oz bag chocolate chips
1 stick margarine
3 eggs
1 cup sugar
¼ cup brown sugar
1 tbsp vanilla extract
½ tsp baking powder
1/2 tsp salt
¾ cup flour
¼ cup cocoa

Melt chocolate chips and margarine in a pot over low heat or in microwave. Set aside.

Beat eggs, sugars, vanilla, baking powder and salt on high for 5 minutes. Don't skip this step or your cookies will spread and lose their shape. Add chocolate mixture, flour and cocoa until just combined. Batter should be thick. Cover and chill in refrigerator for 30 minutes.

Preheat oven to 350 degrees and line two cookie sheets with parchment paper.

Scoop batter onto cookie sheets. Bake in preheated oven for ten minutes. The edges should look set but the middle will appear underdone.

Yield: 30 cookies