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*Parashat Korah*  
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*Haftarat Vayomer Shemuel*  
June 24<sup>th</sup> 2023

*Candle Lighting 8:12pm \* Shekiah 8:30pm \* Shir Hashirim 7:00pm followed by Mincha Friday Night  
Shaharit Shabbat 8:15am \* Mincha Shabbat 7:55pm \* Shabbat Ends 9:12pm & Rabbenu Tam 9:42pm  
Time for Talit 3:59am \* Seasonal Hour 87:00 \* Alot Hashahar 3:42am \* Netz Hachama 5:26am  
Weekday Mincha 7:30pm \* Earliest Time for Arbit 7:18pm \* Tzet Hacoachavim 9:07pm \* Chatzot 12:58  
Latest Time for Morning Keriat Shema 8:01am \* Latest Time for Morning Amidah 9:28am*

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procession from their home 253 Norgrove Ave, Long Branch, NJ. Tizku LeMitzvot, Amen!*

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The Midrash explains a Pasuk in Tehillim: *The fool does not understand 'this'*. The fool mentioned here refers to Korah, who misunderstood and questioned the word 'this'. How do we know it refers to Korah? Because in that same chapter of Tehillim it hints to Korah with the words: *'Tzaddik Katamar Yifrah'* - the last letters of those three words spell 'Korah', who did Teshuvah and entered Gan Eden as a Tzaddik after receiving his punishment of being swallowed up in the ground. Now, let's discuss the word 'this'. Moshe had answered Korah using the word 'this', saying that 'this' will prove that Hashem had instructed everything that Moshe had performed, and that he did not act on his own. Korah had questioned the appointment of Aharon as the Cohen Gadol. Korah knew that Bnei Yisrael were counted until the age of fifty because at that age they would retire and no longer serve in battle. A Levi likewise could not serve in the Bet Hamikdash after the age of fifty. Korah challenged Moshe because Aharon was eighty-four years old, and therefore should be disqualified from service.

Moshe responded that it says concerning the Leviim that 'this' is for the Leviim, hinting that the age restriction does not apply to Cohanim. Also, it says regarding Aharon that with 'this' shall he come into the Kodesh, hinting that even though he is older than 'this' he is nonetheless not disqualified from service since he is a Cohen, not a Levi or Yisrael. This is why Moshe responded to Korah, with 'this' shall it be known, from the power of the Pesukim it should be understood that Aharon can indeed serve as Cohen Gadol even at his age, unlike the Leviim. The Midrash therefore explains that it was Korah who was the fool mentioned in Tehillim who did not understand the Derasha of the word 'this'. May Hashem watch over us, Amen.

**Insights on the Parasha**

*They complained...against Moshe and Aharon... "You have killed the people of Hashem!"... They turned to the Ohel Moed and behold! the cloud had covered it, and the glory of Hashem appeared. Two questions: First: Didn't they just witness what happened*

to Korah?! All those who opposed Moshe had just been swallowed up into the ground! How can they right afterwards question him? Second: What is the connection to the cloud covering and glory of Hashem? The Gemara teaches us, a person who causes someone else to be punished will not be gathered into the portion of Hashem, because the person should have been forgiving of his honor and not allow the sin and punishment to happen. We pray that others should never be punished because of us. The people now challenged that Moshe and Aharon should have been forgiving of their honor and never allow so many to be punished and swallowed up into the ground because of them! This was their complaint. Immediately following this, the cloud covered the Ohel Moed and the Shechinah appeared, to teach the people that Korah and his followers were not punished due to the honor of Moshe and Aharon, rather they were punished because of the honor of Hashem, and therefore it was never in the power of Moshe and Aharon to forgive the honor of Hashem. (*Yirat Hashem*)

### ***History in Brief***

*130 years after the Hurban, 200AD.* Rebi Meir was the greatest of his generation, ascending after the passing of Rabi Shimon Bar Yohai. The heaven announced, be careful from Rebi Meir and his Torah. He was known for his holy mouth, as he taught Torah to the masses every night Shabbat. When he taught, a third was Halacha, a third was Aggadah to draw the heart, and a third was parables. He once said: who is wealthy? Anyone who appreciates his possessions. Therefore, limit your desires, be satisfied, and you will feel wealthy with what you have. If one is never satisfied, then he will never have enough, and never feel wealthy regardless of his possessions. He said: when a person is young, he feels like the whole world is his to inherit, and therefore his hands are clutched tight. When he passes away, his hands are open, empty, because from this world he takes nothing with him to the next world. One time, he entered a town that was full of young people but no elders. He asked about this, and

was informed that everyone in this town dies young and never reaches older ages. They asked him to pray for them. He told them to busy themselves with charity, help one another, and they will merit longevity. They listened and merited. He also taught: anyone who learns a lot of Torah will merit many things!

### ***Health and Recovery***

Benefits of the sesame and its oil. The sesame is a plant that is a divine gift from Hashem that saves a person from joint and bone pain anywhere in the body, especially in the shins, legs, and spinal column. This precious item helps maintain bone health and is beneficial for health in general, because it lowers body weight and does not increase it as some people erroneously believe. Sesame, and its oil, is unsaturated fatty acids, and therefore it has many benefits for the body: anti-inflammation (antibiotic), anti-oxidation, boosts the immune system, burns fat and thus reduces weight. Now, the question is how does it help the bones? The answer is because it is rich in vitamins that are necessary for building bones, such as calcium, magnesium, copper, vitamin D, and vitamin K. The best time to consume sesame and its oil is after sunset until ten at night, and it is best to eat it raw, unroasted. 100 grams of sesame satisfies our need for calcium. Sesame oil is the best treatment for joint pain, muscle pain, and knee stiffness. You can use the oil to massage the affected areas with a strong rounded massage motion using hot oil, and afterwards put ice on the place of the pain if the injury was recent, but if it was not recent then it is better to soak in warm water. Even people who complain of chest pains, congestion, or coughing can use the hot oil for relief. In addition to the calcium and vitamins that the sesame contains, it is still necessary to consume vitamin K, which is found in the liver of chicken, sheep, beef, and eggs. New studies have proven that the sesame contains a large amount of fiber that is very effective for strengthening the digestive system, heart and blood vessels, reduces the chances of thrombosis and heart attack, helps lower blood pressure and anemia, and helps the thyroid

gland. Sesame oil is also good for the facial skin, restores its freshness, hides black spots and prevents the appearance of wrinkles, and strengthens the hair and scalp. As mentioned earlier, this is a wonderful divine gift and each of us should benefit from it as much as possible

### **Mussar: Modesty**

Modesty is one of three character-traits that Hashem requests of our nation, as is stated in the Pasuk. Such a trait can protect a person from the Evil Eye, and save one from terrible sins, as we find by Yosef Hatzaddik who was careful with his modesty and did not look at his master's wife. He was saved from sin because of his diligence and care. Rabi Yossi was once asked by a certain woman: how could it be true that Yosef at the age of 17 had been so successful with his resolve not to sin? In response, he pulled out a Sefer Beresheet and began reading about the incidents with Reuven and Bilhah, Yehuda and Tamar, and then explained: these were greater men and were still living near their father, yet the Torah does not cover up the truth – do you really believe that the Torah would cover up the truth by Yosef? Certainly not! The Torah begins with the ideas of modesty, as we see by Adam and Chava. Anyone who is careful with modesty is protected from death, as we find by Shaul who was spared by David because of his modesty that David witnessed and decided not to kill him at that moment. Modesty includes that one must dress in lengthened and adequate amounts of clothing that are clean and orderly. If modesty is important for a man, surely it is important for a woman, who must always be very careful with her appearance and character, to always act and present herself in a refined and modest manner. A woman is a princess of Hashem. A woman must make sure to avoid having others look at her, especially if she is married. Because Dina the daughter of Yaakov went out and sampled the styles of the other inhabitants, she caused trouble to come

upon herself. A woman was actually created from a hidden and modest source, as she was taken from a side bone from man that is usually covered. With every limb that was formed, the intention was that woman should be modest. A bride who makes sure to be careful with her modesty will be blessed with children of regal and royal standing, wise men and prophets. We learn this from Tamar and Rut the Moabite. A woman who is careful with her modesty even at home is fit to marry the Cohen Gadol. A modest woman brings atonement for her husband and her family. Therefore, women must be especially careful to always exercise as much modesty as possible, even at home and especially outside, whether walking, sitting, standing, eating, or with her form and style of clothing. One is forbidden to go near a place that women bathe or swim. Our Sages teach us that a woman who exposes herself or dresses immodestly will not be grouped with her family in the world to come. She will be placed outside of her family's group and cry in painful regret over what she had done to deserve this. Therefore, women, please have mercy on yourselves and on the livelihood of your husbands, and be careful with the laws of the Torah concerning modesty. May Hashem watch over us, Amen.

### **Rishon LeSion:**

#### ***R' Eliyahu Moshe Panigel 1840-1929***

R' Rephael Meir Panigel raised an orphan in his household, his nephew Yehuda, his sister's son. Both of his parents had passed away. He worked hard to teach and discipline him, and when he grew up, he kept the last name Panigel. After getting married, he was blessed with a son in 1840 whom he named Eliyahu Moshe. This young boy learned Torah diligently with a deep thirst. His father Yehuda was very pleased with his progress. When he grew up, he married Sarah who came from a family of great Rabbanim, such as R' Yehuda Ayash and R' Yosef Albo author of Sefer Ikarim. He was greatly pained when his young

children became sick with certain sicknesses that were common at that time in Jerusalem, and unfortunately he buried them one after the other. He was consoled through his trust and faith in Hashem, and forgot his suffering when he delved into the depths of the Gemara. His name spread throughout Jerusalem as an accomplished Hacham, and people gathered to hear his pearls of wisdom. He taught Torah in a way that opened the ears to Torah and Avodat Hashem. Those listening would sit silently holding on to his every word and were never disappointed. He was strict and straight, and would not hold back from rebuking against any wrongdoing in Jerusalem.

### **Laws**

**1** – One is forbidden to engage in fights and arguments, and one who does so is compared to Korah. The Gemara says that the punishment is Tzaraat, leprosy, however at times Hashem will punish with poverty instead, which is why some have a hard time making a living, heaven forbid.

**2** – If one fights and argues with someone greater than him, like a Hacham, then the punishment is multiplied, and he is excommunicated, or possibly heaven forbid deserving of Karet.

**3** – One is forbidden to cause a fight or an argument even with the intention for it to lead to peace, because peace does not result from fighting.

**4** – Even if one is right, he should not argue and fight, because it will lead to resentment, jealousy, and revenge. Always stay away from arguments, especially with sinful people.

**5** – If you do not know clearly who is correct, remain silent and do not get involved.

**6** – If you witness an argument, you cannot be lazy and must strive for peace, even if it will cost a lot of energy and time, as it says desire peace and pursue it.

**7** – Even if one involved in an argument is your relative, or even your father, you cannot take his side, even if your father commands

you to do so, because one is not required to respect a father if it will be in sin.

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