

UPCOMING EVENTS

CONGREGATION MACHZIKEI HADAS

L'CHAIM WOMEN'S PROGRAMMING

*Women's
Summer
Pool Party*

For Women Only

★ SUNDAY, JULY 9TH • 1-3 PM ★

HOSTED BY DONNA KLAIMAN • 16 GARAND PLACE, ALTA VISTA

Come to swim, snack & enjoy the sun!
Refreshments will be served. Please bring a towel

Cost: Free! But please help support our community by bringing new personal hygiene items to donate to the Ottawa Kosher Food Banks (ie. toothpaste, toothbrushes, dental floss, deodorants, feminine hygiene products or diapers)

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SEDRA KORAH

30 SIVAN 5777

JUNE 24, 2017

SHABBAT | ITON

TORAH THOUGHTS, BY RABBI SCHER

The opening verse of this week's Torah portion begs a fascinating question. Here are the words of the verse:

Korah the son of Izhar, the son of Kohath, the son of Levi took, along with Dathan and Abiram, the sons of Eliab, and On the son of Peleth, descendants of Reuben.... (Num. 13:27)

The obvious question is: what was it exactly that Korach "took"? To answer this question we need to ask another question.

Korach possessed many outstanding qualities. He hailed from a distinguished family, and was a wise man. How could he fall so low as to accuse Moshe of selfishly taking power and prestige for himself? The Torah testifies about Moshe, "Now the man Moshe was exceedingly humble, more than any person on the face of the earth." How could Korach possibly accuse him of seeking honour?

There are two types of people. There are givers - people who are constantly looking for opportunities to assist others, and there are takers - people who are continuously looking to further add to their possessions, to satisfy their own needs and obtain more honour. The takers are never satisfied; they always desire more. At the very beginning of Korach's story the Torah reveals the root of his downfall: "*Korach took.*" -- Korach was a taker; he wanted more honour for himself.

Even though he was already privileged to be in the tribe of Levi, that wasn't enough for him. He needed more. He wanted a prominent communal position and was jealous of the honour that Moshe and Aharon were getting. His jealousy knew no bounds and Korach did whatever he could to obtain that honour, even though it meant starting a rebellion.

When someone is self-centered and has a particular desire, his intellect may get corrupted, preventing him from thinking rationally. Blinded by this desire, he will do *anything*.

For us looking at this episode, we should take this lesson to heart and use it as motivation to live our lives as givers, not as takers.

ROSH HODESH HAFTARAH

The Haftarah is found in your Humashim on page 1188, and is the special Haftarah for Shabbat Rosh Hodesh.

Taken from Yeshayahu, the Haftarah is a beautiful intertwining of various themes, of nature and theology.

It begins with the salutation of God as connecting between heaven and earth, and urges pure worship of God. Zion will be restored to its full glory, and the people will be comforted.

The Haftarah refers to a new order which will be as everlasting as the heavens and the earth.

In the new order, all will come to Jerusalem, from one Rosh Hodesh to another, and one Shabbat to another, to acknowledge God.

The Haftarah points us to the ultimate Rosh Hodesh celebration, and is therefore an appropriate choice for Shabbat Rosh Hodesh.

The people realize that the way in which they asked for a king was not correct, and ask Shmuel to intercede with God on their behalf. Shmuel warns them not to go after vanity and uselessness. If they will not forsake God, God will not forsake them.

Quote of the week:

remember all the commandments of God...

Schedule of Services

Saturday, June 24

8:10 a.m.: Rabbi Scher's Class
8:45 a.m.: Shaharit
8:00 p.m.: Minhah
9:41 p.m.: Shabbat Ends

Sunday, June 25

8:30 a.m.: Shaharit
7:05 p.m.: Minhah & Maariv

Monday—Thursday

7:00 a.m.: Shaharit
7:05 p.m.: Minhah & Maariv

Friday, June 30

7:00 a.m.: Shaharit
Lighting: After 7:17 p.m./before 8:34 p.m.
7:00 p.m.: Minhah & Kabbalat Shabbat

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We have set our goal for the year at **100**.

So far we are at **30**.

To book your appointments for 2017

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Don't forget to give our Shul registration number
MACH006465.

YIZKOR BOOK 2017/2018

Work is underway on the Yizkor Book for this upcoming year. If you would like to include the names of loved ones, please contact the shul office with the names **before June 30** | The cost is \$18 per name.

A **Congregational Kiddush** will take place in the Social Hall following services.

This week's enhanced Kiddush is sponsored by **Justin Levine in honour of his wife, Rachel**, on the occasion of their 10th wedding anniversary. Mazal tov!

Please come back at 8:00 pm for **Minhah and Seudah Shleesheet** filled with inspiration and song, followed by musical Havdala!

WEEKLY CLASSES

Sunday Morning Talmud
7:45-8:30, with Rabbi Bulka

(NOT THIS WEEK)

Rose Kravetz Ladies Class in Jewish Ethics
Tuesday Morning, 9:45 a.m., with Rabbi Bulka

YAHREZITS FOR THE WEEK OF JUNE 24

30 Sivan—June 24
Sam Morin Rose Wolfson
 Sarah Zipman

1 Tammuz—June 25 **4 Tammuz—June 28**
Anna Dover Bernice Goldstein
Bernard Zaitlin Harry Nathanson
Louis Zilberg Yaakov Taller
Moshe Babins Yitzhak Kalin

2 Tammuz—June 26 **5 Tammuz—June 29**
Harry Chasen Fay Kwechansky
 Jack Weiner
 Rosalie Stossel

3 Tammuz—June 27 **6 Tammuz—June 30**
Abe Freeman Arnie Vered
Bluma Levinson Dr. Reuven Avrohom
Leah Rivers Cyrulnik
Moishe Feldblum Eleanor Wallach