

## Parshat Korach

### Friday 15th June 2018

Candle Lighting	4.35pm
Maariv	6.15pm

### Shabbat 16th June 2018

Shacharit	9.00am
Mincha	4.20pm
Maariv	5.34pm

### A word from the Rabbi

In this week's parsha we are introduced to a number of unsavory characters. Firstly there is Korach, a charismatic individual who leads a cry demanding justice. Moshe, having just informed the nation of their fate to wander in the desert for 40 years, creates fertile ground for a rebellion. Korach sees the opportunity to wrestle the leadership away from Moshe and crown himself as the new leader.

Datan and Aviram join the rebellion, but their motives are different. They accuse Moshe of deliberately replacing the "good old days" of Egypt with hardship and death: "Is it not enough that you have taken us **out of a land flowing with milk and honey**, to cause us to die in the wilderness?"

Egypt? A land flowing with milk and honey?

These are the prototypical ingrates, individuals who quickly forget the kindnesses but remember all the injustices - perceived and real. Oscar Wilde said, "No good deed goes unpunished." Kindness is quickly forgotten and repaid with ingratitude and resentment rather than appreciation.

If this is so for us - for man - imagine it from **Hashem's** perspective. Despite all the blessings that Hashem has given us, we repay his kindness with indignation. We feel entitled to good times, and resentful of the bad.

We ask "why me?" when things go wrong, but seldom when they go right. When we deny the great opportunities and gifts that we are given, we commit one of the most grievous sins - that of being an ingrate.

The villains in this week's parsha are not murderers and thieves; they are short-sighted and small-minded, and at times we are too.

Appreciating the good, from Hashem and from others, and accepting the bad is a true sign of maturity and wisdom.

**Shabbat shalom**

**We wish a hearty Mazal Tov on your Bar/Bat Mitzvah Anniversary to:**

Guy Abelsohn  
Joshua Kilov  
Brett Lurie

Dale Catzel  
Yehuda Krebs  
Joshua Solomon

Jeff Foxman  
Carly Levin  
Ilan Weil

**We wish a hearty Mazal Tov on your Wedding Anniversary to:**

Daniel and Gabrielle Isserow  
Steve and Belinda Levy  
Trevor and Anne Pogroske

Brad and Lianne Kady  
Sandra and Aaron Perry

**We wish long life to the following Members who commemorate Yartzeit this week:**

Daven Agranat

for his father

Allen Agranat

Suzanne Saks

for her mother

Hilary Been

Estelle Behrens

for her husband

Hans Behrens

David Evian

for his father

Solly Evian

David Felthun

for his father

Charles Felthun

David Glaser

for his father

Nathan Glaser

Maureen Friede

for her father

Harold Isenberg

Mark Kady

for his father

Alf Kady

Mary Blumgart

for her mother

Luba Katz

Elizabeth Sack

for her father

Frederick Kaye

Judith Naar

for her mother

Lily Lipman

Hillary Simon and

Nathan Luck

for their mother

Phyllis Luck

Seymour Maze

for his father

Raphael Maze

Janis Stein

for her father

Bernard Mosselson

Anthony Rom

for his grandmother

Elizabeth Rom

Melanie Miller

for her mother

Bella Rosen

Hilton Rosenthal

for his mother

Nancy Rosenthal

Raymond Sacks

for his father

Barney Sacks

Simone Rutovitz and

Helene Shofer

for their grandfather

Isaac Sage

Andrea Frankel

for her father

Jack Sandler

Jeremy Schlosberg

for his brother

Allan Schlosberg

Marc Schneider

for his mother

Trudy Schneider

Benecia Seskin

for her husband

Fred Seskin

Benecia Seskin

for her mother in law

Judith Seskin

Linda Rosenthal

for her father

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