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Shabbat Parshat Korach
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Haftara: Shmuel Alef 11:14 - 12:22

All minyanim on Shabbat are restricted to those who have pre-registered. When davening at home, it is preferable to do so at the same time as the rest of the community.

Friday, June 11

- 4:00pm Daf Yomi on Zoom
6:55pm Mincha, Kabbalat Shabbat and Maariv - Sanctuary
6:55pm Mincha, Kabbalat Shabbat and Maariv - Tent
7:05pm Plag Hamincha
8:24pm Candle Lighting
8:43pm Sh'kiah

Shabbat, June 12 / 2 Tamuz 5781

- 7:45am Shacharit - Upper Social Hall
9:00am Shacharit - Tent
9:00am Sof Zman Kriyat Shma
9:15am Shacharit - Main Sanctuary
7:06pm Plag Hamincha
8:20pm Mincha and Maariv - Sanctuary
8:20pm Mincha and Maariv - Tent
8:43pm Sh'kiah
9:41pm Havdala
9:45pm Daf Yomi on Zoom
10:05pm Musical Havdala and Kumzitz on Facebook with Rev. Bender

SCHEDULE FOR THE NEXT WEEK

Mincha will be at **8:25pm** in the Main Sanctuary and on Zoom.

Candle Lighting on Friday, June 18 will be at **8:28pm**.

Due to changing regulations and necessary adjustment of our scheduling, please visit our website (TBDJ.org) and check your emails for up-to-date schedules and information on minyan locations and registration.

COMMUNITY NEWS

TBDJ wishes a *tzeitchem l'shalom* to **Ariella & Tovi Berk** on their upcoming move to Pittsburgh! Special thank you to Tovi for leading the davening many times for us. We will miss you guys!

Mazal Tov to **Sari & Shlomo Drazin, Ruth Drazin** and **Rozanne Polansky** and their family on the birth of grandson and great grandson Avraham Yoseph (Max Joseph) Shapiro on Thursday, June 3 in New York. Proud parents are Deena & Jacob Shapiro. Sharing in their simcha are the baby's paternal grandparents Monica & Sandy Shapiro and many delighted aunts, uncles and cousins. Avraham Yoseph (Max Joseph) is named in loving memory of his two great grandfathers Avrum Drazin z"l and Joe Polansky z"l.

Mazal Tov to **Amanda & David Ettedgui** and their family on the birth of a son on Wednesday, June 9. Sharing in their simcha are the baby's siblings Emma and Isaac, his grandparents Pam & Clifford Singer and Marilyn & Jacky Ettedgui, his great grandparents Arlene & Saul Singer, and many delighted aunts, uncles and cousins. Lovingly remembered at this time are, zichronam livracha, Amanda's grandparents Esther & Sydney Fox and David's grandparents Esther & David Ettedgui and Katie & Louis Shapiro.

Mazal Tov to **Maxine & Stephen Jacobson** and their family on the wedding of their grandson Chaim Chernoff to Liat Greenwood on Monday, May 31 in Ringwood Ank, New Jersey. Sharing in their simcha are Chaim's parents Edie & Allen Chernoff of Chicago, Liat's parents Pam & Matt Greenwood of West Orange, New Jersey and many delighted siblings, aunts, uncles and cousins in both families.

Mazal Tov to **Eva & Alan Katznelson** and their family on the birth of a great grandson on Friday, June 4 in Queens, New York. Proud parents are Ahuva & Shimi Schiffer. Sharing in their simcha are paternal grandparents Rivi & Moti Schiffer and many delighted aunts, uncles and cousins.

Mazal Tov to **Jaleh & Massoud Loloyan** and their family on the birth of their grandson Aiden (Shimon) Loloyan on Wednesday, June 2 in Ottawa. Proud parents are Shannon & Michael Loloyan. Sharing in their simcha are maternal grandparents Heidi & Earl Sederoff and many delighted aunts, uncles and cousins.

Mazal Tov to **Estee & Eric Rosseutscher** and their family on the birth of their daughter Talia Arielle on Friday, June 4. Sharing in their simcha are Talia's siblings Yoni, Elie, Daniella and Noa, grandparents Fagey & Simon Rosseutscher and Francine & Barry Fagen, great grandmothers Shoshana Samuels and Sandra Fagen, and many delighted aunts, uncles and cousins.

Condolences to **Rosaleen & David Hutman** and their families on the loss of Rosaleen's beloved grandmother Doba Korman Aizenstat z"l, a Holocaust survivor, who passed away on Monday, June 7 in Aventura, Florida. Mother and mother-in-law of Sara & David Rinzler z"l. Great grandmother of Joshua, Zachary and Benjamin Hutman. Funeral took place in Florida on Wednesday, June 9.

Condolences to **Leon & Elaine Monaker** and their families on the loss of Leon's beloved sister Lois Monaker Moss z"l who passed away on Friday, June 11 in Boca Raton, Florida. Funeral scheduled for Monday, June 14 in Florida.

Condolences to **Alvin & Lauren Suissa** and their families on the loss of Alvin's beloved father TBDJ Member **Jacob Suissa z"l** who passed away on Sunday, June 6. Funeral took place on Monday, June 7.

SPONSORSHIPS AND THANK YOUS

Kiddush is sponsored by **Dahlia & Michael Hollander** in honour of the birth of their daughter Levana Suri (Roni) Hollander.

This Shabbat Bulletin is sponsored by **Shirley & Marvin Small** in memory of their beloved son Tzvi Small z"l (Tzvi ben Moshe Reuven v'Sara - 4 Tammuz).

Rabbi Freundlich's *Lunch and Learn* Shiur on Wednesday, June 16 is sponsored by **Marcia & David Steinlauf** in honour of their son Matthew graduating with distinction from the University of Ottawa's Faculty of Law - Civil Law Section.

Rabbi Freundlich's Drashot on Shabbat are sponsored by the Silver Family - Josh Orzech's cousins from Toronto - in celebration of the Habs eliminating the Leafs in the first round of the playoffs!

Tifereth Beth David Jerusalem is excited to announce that Rabbi Freundlich will be joining a *World Mizrahi Solidarity Mission* to Israel on June 30th. Over 25 North American rabbis will be visiting areas affected by the most recent rocket attacks, meeting with politicians and Israeli rabbis, and offering our community's support and solidarity. More details to follow.

Standing Between

This past week, the last surviving liberator of the notorious Auschwitz concentration camp passed away. A Russian Jew by the name of David Dushman, he helped free prisoners from the notorious Nazi concentration camp as a soldier for the Soviet Red Army. Charlotte Knobloch, the president of the local Jewish community, called Dushman the "Hero of Auschwitz" and said in a statement that he had saved "countless lives." *Every contemporary witness who passes away is a loss, but the farewell of David Dushman is particularly painful...He was one of the last who could tell about this event from his own experience.* (Reuters - CNN)

In this week's Torah portion, we read of the rebellion of Korach and his people. In addition to Hashem's punishment for Korach and his 249 conspirators we read about an additional punishment, a plague cast by the Almighty upon Korach's sympathizers following the death of Korach and his men: *The entire assembly of Bnei Yisrael complained on the morrow against Moshe and Aharon, saying, 'You have killed the people of Hashem'* (Bamidbar 17:6). The Divrei David teaches that this was the point where Hashem made it known who the Korach sympathizers actually were. As the inflicted plague escalated Moshe said to Aharon: *Take the firepan, place fire from the altar upon it and put there incense, and quickly take it to the congregation and atone for them, for the wrath has issued forth from before G-d and the plague has begun. Aharon took it just as Moshe had told him, and he ran into the midst of the congregation, for behold the plague had started among the people. He placed the incense and atoned for the people. He stood between the dead and the living and the plague was stayed...* (Bamidbar 17:11-13). Aharon Hakohen's actions served to stop the plague. Our Rabbis teach that from that point on no one became ill. Sforno writes that those who had become ill were healed. The Torah teaches that Moshe and Aharon were urged by Hashem to *remove yourselves from this community, that I may annihilate them in an instant...* (Bamidbar 17:10). Moshe and Aharon did not heed Hashem's command to separate from the people. Instead, in an audacious mirroring of the Israelites' defiance, Moshe commanded Aharon to disobey Hashem, prepare the sacrificial incense and take it quickly to the community and make expiation for them (Bamidbar 17:11). Aharon's actions are in line with his character. In Pirkei Avot (1:12) we learn about Aharon Hakohen's passion for the peace and welfare of Bnei Yisrael: *... Hillel says: Be among the disciples of Aaron, loving peace and pursuing peace, loving people and bringing them close to Torah.*

He stood between the dead and the living...

The following is an excerpt from the Washington Post written by Gillian Brockell this past Monday - *David Dushman had no idea of the horrors he was about to discover. He was a 21-year-old major in the Red Army in January 1945, when his tank rolled past Krakow, Poland, heading west, pushing the Nazis. At 3 p.m. on Jan. 27, they approached a fence to a camp. It was Auschwitz. Dushman didn't enter the death camp through the notorious gate emblazoned with the words "Arbeit macht frei" (Work sets you free). His tank plowed right through the electrified, barbed-wire fence — a fence many prisoners had intentionally jumped into to end their torture... His stay at Auschwitz was brief; he only drove his tank over the fence to make a pathway for ground troops in the 322nd Rifle Division and then continued on to "hunt down the fascists," he told Sueddeutsche newspaper in 2015. But still, what he saw would haunt him for the rest of his life. "Skeletons everywhere. From the barracks they staggered, between the dead they sat and lay," he remembered. "Terrible."*

Like Aharon Hakohen did some 3276 years earlier, David Dushman stood between the dead and the living of our people as his tank entered Auschwitz in 1945. In accordance with the commentaries of our Rabbis regarding Aharon Hakohen's actions stopping the plague mentioned above, David Dushman's contribution to the liberation of Auschwitz was a turning point for our suffering imprisoned brethren bringing relief to their intense physical and mental torture.

David Dushman stood between the dead and the living in more than one way. He stood as a member of the generation that was witness to the horrors that befell our people, between the martyrs of the Holocaust that were murdered and the generations of the present and the future. Like so many survivors of the terrible war, he spent much time later in his life speaking at schools about the atrocities of the war and the Holocaust, reliving his experiences and educating a generation of Jews and non-Jews alike that will in turn pass these stories on to the next generation. With Mr. Dushman's passing we again sadly recognize a sobering reality that the eyewitness accounts and stories of the Holocaust are gradually fading with the passing of each and every precious survivor. Our survivors are our connections to the cold reality of their experiences during the Holocaust. They are our connection to our history. While much of their stories are chronicled in writing it does not replace the strength and the inspiration that they provide in their direct communication with us where we hear the stories of their survival first hand. Our survivors provide us with an all-important connection to a world of Judaism that was taken from us and were and are instrumental in rebuilding our Jewish world.

In our Jewish world, we sanctify the connections between ourselves and the world that we lost - our precious world that was destroyed, our religion, our culture, our people. Though these connections - enhanced with stories, memories and through *yahrzeit* observances - are painful, they serve to strengthen us in many ways with inspiration, lessons for life, the continuity of our traditions and more. Permit me to take the words of the verse somewhat out of context when I suggest that in a homiletical sense, our survivors have taught us that we all stand between those who have passed on and the living. They have taught us the importance of remembering and carrying forward the legacies of those who are not with us and to incorporate these precious legacies as part of our lives.

The lyrics from the famous song by Barbara Streisand come to mind...

Memories - Light the corners of my mind -

Misty watercolor memories - Of the way we were...

As Jewish tradition is transmitted from generation to generation we become the mirror of generations past and we eternalize the memories of past generations as they live through us.

The inspirational memories of those who passed on, the way they were, help us to become the way we are and future generations will, in turn remember us as... *the way we were....*

Shabbat Shalom,

Rev. Amiel