

Parashas Korach

CHASSIDIC INSIGHTS, HIGHLIGHTS AND HAPPENINGS

פרשת קרח

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WHAT'S HAPPENING IN BELZ

HACHNASAS SEFER TORAH IN GREAT BELZ SHUL IN YERUSHALAYIM

A beautiful and poignant Hachnasas Sefer Torah was celebrated last week in memory of the bochur Menachem Mendel Albaum zt"l, a talmid of Belz Yeshiva in Yerushalayim and son of R' Nechemya Elbaum shlita. Harav Hatzaddik Reb Aharon Mordechai Rokeach shlita completed the final letters of the Sefer Torah, which was then escorted with great pomp into the Heichal of the Great Belz Shul in Yerushalayim, where the Belzer Rebbe shlita awaited its arrival and joined the family in this bittersweet occasion—honoring the memory of their beloved son through the dedication

REB SHULEM ROKEACH SHLITA VISITS BELZER CHASSIDIM IN SWITZERLAND

The Belzer community in Zurich was uplifted by the visit of an honored guest, Reb Shulem Rokeach shlita, the eldest grandson of the Belzer Rebbe shlita, who came to strengthen the bond with chassidim among the community members in Switzerland.

Throughout the long weekend, gatherings were held in private homes, culminating in a beautiful Shabbos Hisachdus. Inspiring divrei Torah, words of chizuk, and uplifting zemiros left a lasting impression on all who attended. Reb Shulem spent time with avreichim and younger chassidim, offering guidance and encouragement. He also paid visits to the homes of Zurich's leading rabbanim. Following his stay in Zurich, Reb Shulem traveled to the



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Askanim – community activists, Reb Shmuel Yaakov Hecht and Reb Sholom Dov Binet of Boro Park, were received by the Belzer Rebbe shlita, where they presented a detailed report on the publication of HaMachaneh in Yiddish in the United States. The Belzer Rebbe took a keen interest in their efforts and bestowed his blessings for much success in all of their worthwhile endeavors.



YESHIVA BOCHURIM WISHING A 'GUT CHODESH' AND RECEIVING MEZONOS



BELZ AND BEYOND

Behind the scenes of Belz Institutions in Israel's activities

DOR YESHURIM – MEDICAL DEVELOPMENTS RELEVANT TO BRIS MILAHS

As part of Doros Yeshorim's expanding activities, the organization's leadership and rabbinic advisors met with Prof. Guy Hidas, Director of Pediatric Urology at Hadassah Medical Center, to discuss the latest medical developments relevant to milah. The meeting was chaired by Reb Shulem Rokeach shlita, grandson of the Belzer Rebbe shlita, who shared his expertise as an experienced mohel.

Rabbanim and expert Mohalim reviewed current medical techniques and established guidelines to help determine when medical consultation is warranted. A detailed guidance framework for Mohalim is expected to be released in the near future. The session was led by Rabbi Aharon Fried and Rabbi Yechiel Landau, who continue to expand the organization's efforts on behalf of the Dor



CHINUCH EVENT / PARENTING CONFERENCE

Members of "Agudas Mareim" in Yerushalayim gathered at Eliyahu HaNavi Hall near Kiryat Boazla for an important conference on child

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education. The evening featured an insightful presentation by Rabbi Barel Tauber shlita, followed by foundational remarks from the Dayan, the gaon Rabbi Shalom Gross shlita, and a closing address by educator Rabbi Naftali Shuvaks shlita, who offered practical guidance on healthy parent-child relationships under the theme "to fight and not-to-fight!" The event included a lavish Thursday night buffet. The evening concluded with the gabbais, Rabbi Yehoshua Friedman and Rabbi Naftali Hochhauser, presenting a token of appreciation to the long-serving director, Rabbi Yitzchak Tzvi Farber shlita, in recognition of his many years of dedicated service.



EVERYONE LOVES A GOOD STORY

especially a Chassidische story...



ואון בן פלת (קרח טז"א)
And On son of Peles.

The Gemara (סנהדרין קי) says that On ben Pelet's wife saved him from machlokas - fights.

A Gerrer Chassid once took a son-in-law from a different Chassidus. When the Yom Kippur War broke out, the son-in-law was

drafted into the army and sent to the front. His wife didn't allow him to leave before going to the Beis Yisroel of Ger zt"l to bid farewell and receive a bracha. Having no choice, the husband went into the Beis Yisroel and received a bracha for protection.

During the war, while on a dangerous mission, he was miraculously saved and returned home safely. He went to the Beis Yisroel to thank him for the miracle that occurred in the merit of his bracha. Before entering the Rebbe's chambers and not yet having a chance to open his mouth, the Beis Yisroel said: "און בן פלת אשתו הצילתו" - the wife of On ben Peles saved him!

~~ואהרן מה הוא כי תלינו עליו (קרח טז"א)~~

And as for Aaron, what is he that you protest against him?

When Reb Mordche of Chornobyl zt"l was niftar, his eight sons divided his 'רוחניות ירושה' - spiritual inheritance. One took his father's holy eyes, another took his father's holy heart, and another took the brain, etc.

When it came to his son Reb Moshe of Koristchiv zt"l's turn, he said: "Oy, nothing was left for me, I was left with "גארנישט" from our father - meaning - with his ענוה/

Then it came to the turn of his son Reb Yochanen of Rachmestrivka zt"l, and he said: "I was also left with nothing - with 'גארנישט מיט גארנישט'."

It can be understood that there are two levels of ענוה - humbleness. 1. One who is a great עניו and when he is honored, he derives great pain. 1. A greater level is someone who doesn't feel anything- honor and shame are equal to him - this means 'גארנישט מיט גארנישט'.

Aaron HaKoehn was on such a level. Even though he had Kavod - honor, he didn't feel anything. "ואהרן מה הוא" - he feels nothing - not honor, nor shame.

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THE REBBE'S TORAH



זאת עשו קחו לכם מחתות קורח וכל עדתו ותנו בהן אש ושימו עליהן קטרת לפני ה' (קרח טז:ז-ט)

Take for yourselves fire-pans – Korach and his entire assembly – and put fire in them and place incense upon them before Hashem.

Why did Moshe instruct Korach's assembly that if they wanted to become Kohanim Gedolim, they first had to bring Ketores?

To become a Kohen Gadol — to be worthy of serving on behalf of all of Klal Yisrael — one must first learn how to be melamed zechus, to find the good even in those who have sinned. As the Midrash (ויק"ר יג) teaches, Aharon HaKohen merited the Kehunah Gedolah because he consistently judged Yidden favorably, drawing them close with love and gentle words rather than rebuke.

This idea is also reflected in the composition of the Ketores, which included chelbona — a spice with an unpleasant smell. Rashi (שמות ל:גד) explains that this includes even sinners within Klal Yisrael. The Ketores, brought in the most sacred service, teach that even those who have strayed are still part of the whole, and their inclusion is essential.

When Korach claimed that "all of the congregation is holy," Moshe Rabbeinu responded: if that is the case — and you aspire to the role of Kohen Gadol — then you must demonstrate that you understand not only the holiness of Yidden, but also that there are those who fall short, and yet must still be judged with merit and compassion.

That is why he told them to bring Ketores — which includes chelbona — teaching that true leadership in Kehunah is not built on rejecting sinners but on being melamed zechus, even for them.

THIS WEEK'S VORT



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המעט מכם כי הבדיל אלקי ישראל אתכם...ובקשתם גם כהונה. (קרח טז:ט)

Is it not enough for you that the G-d of Israel has segregated you...yet you seek Kehina-priesthood as well!

An ehrliche Yid conducts himself so that the more greatness he receives from heaven, the humbler he becomes. Moshe said to Korach: "המעט מכם כי הבדיל אלקי ישראל אתכם" – is it not enough that Hashem gave you greatness and you should have become humble, yet at the end you ask for priesthood, "ובקשתם גם כהונה"?

ויבוא משה אל אהל העדות והנה פרח מטה אהרן (קרח יז:כג)
Moshe came to the Tent of Testimony and behold! The staff of Aaron blossomed.

Though the Kehuna – priesthood was destined forever to Aaron HaKohen, the Kedusha – the holiness, like all Kedushas, stems from Moshe Rabbeinu's strength. Therefore, the second Moshe Rabbeinu entered the Ohel Moed – והנה פרח מטה אהרן – to prove to the world that all kedusha is in the merit of the devoted shepherd Moshe.

ותפתח הארץ את פיה ובלעה אותם ואת בתיהם ואת כל האדם אשר לקרח... (קרח טז:לב)

The earth opened its mouth and swallowed them and their households, and all the people that were with Korach...

The end letters of the words אשר לקרח spells the word "חרם" – banned. "מלמד שעשען" – "חרם על שנתחברו לקרח" – Korach's entourage were banned since they cleaved to Korach.

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ונחשב לכם תרומתכם (קרח יח:כו)

Your gift shall be reckoned for you...

When you give away your “לכם” – your gashmiyus – worldly possessions to Hashem, then your actions will be considered Kodesh, like a תרומה.



PIRKEI AVOS

פרק ד'

מאד מאד הוי שפל רוח (אבות ד:ד)

Be extremely, extremely humble.

Just as one pours from one dish to another, the receiving dish is held lower, beneath the dish being poured from. The same is with a person who wants to accept and learn from another person’s good middah (trait); he should consider himself lower than the other person.

מאד מאד הוי שפל רוח (אבות ד:ד)

Be extremely, extremely humble.

Reb Refoal of Bersht zt”l used to say: Hashem did a great thing with us that He gave us the mitzvah of “ענוה” – humility, and forbade גאווה –haughtiness. Because if it were to be the opposite, that we would need to consider ourselves great, – how and with what merit could we hold ourselves haughty?