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**Rabbi's Corner**

This week I was contacted by Nechama Liss-Levinson who was our speaker at this year's Yarzeit lecture.

I would like to share with you what she said about her experience here at our shul. Before I do that let me tell you a bit about the lecture for those of you who were not able to attend.

Nechama Liss-Levinson is a psychologist and she has dealt extensively with helping families through challenges such as death. One day we were speaking about how people often don't know what to say to children in a shiva home. Whether the children are direct mourners or not, they are there and should be comforted just as the adults. It is harder to comfort them because we sometimes don't know what they are thinking, how they are understanding what is going on, or what would be meaningful for them to speak about. I thought this would be a great topic to address with our shul and an appropriate topic for the Yarzeit lecture and so we invited her to speak. Nechama's talk was enlightening and so helpful to many of us.

I heard a lot of positive feedback from those who attended. This week I heard positive feedback in the opposite direction: Nechama shared with me how impressed she was with our shul members. She was excited by how participatory the group was, by how much people were willing to share in public, by the nature and breadth of questions people asked, and by the depth of what people struggle with. She said that she herself was able to take away a lot from the experience. I think that all in all this was a great success.

I was also very happy that we were able to dedicate the lecture to the memory of Devra Solonche z"l who is missed in the community. .... **CONTINUED ON PAGE 3**

**ROSH HASHANAH BAKE SALE!**

**Break out your mixers, blenders, and kitchen aids !**

**Please donate your delicious baked goods, which will then be purchased by other members to enjoy on Rosh Hashanah. Proceeds go to the shul**

**YOU SHOULD HAVE SEEN THE EMAIL THIS WEEK**

**PLEASE WRITE TO [DVORA515@GMAIL.COM](mailto:DVORA515@GMAIL.COM) TO TELL HER WHAT YOU WILL BE BAKING!**

**Shabbat Mevorchim  
 Parshat Korach  
 June 25th, 2011 ☆ 23 Sivan 5771**

**Kiddush this Shabbat**

**Is sponsored by  
 Lisa & Eric Halpern  
 In honor of  
 Ora Chaya's  
 Bat Mitzvah!**

**מזל טוב**

**מזל טוב to Ora Chaya Halpern on her Bat Mitzvah! מזל טוב to proud parents, Lisa & Eric, and sister Avigayil! מזל טוב to proud grandparents, Fran & Steve Ohayon & Linda & Phil Halpern; aunts, uncles and cousins, Deby, Jordan & Jady Turner; and Dan, Lisa and Benjamin Halpern!**

**מזל טוב to Rabbi Mordechai & Dvora Weiss on the recent Bar Mitzvah of their grandson Noam Klugerman! מזל טוב to proud parents Yaffa & Tzvi; מזל טוב to the entire Weiss & Klugerman Families!**

**מזל טוב Eileen & Bernie Weinberg on the recent Bar Mitzvah of their grandson Dovi Weinberg! מזל טוב to proud parents, Nechama & Noam, and siblings, Atara, Ellie, Ruchi & Aviel; מזל טוב to aunts, uncles and cousins, P'nina, James, Ezra, AJ & Suri Sepowitz; Dena, Neil, Nachi & Sarah Rich.**

**מזל טוב to Leora (Petashnick) and Yoni Illouz on their recent marriage. מזל טוב to Debbie & Mendie Tepler, and Maya & Talya Petashnick; Dan Petashnick and the entire Benovitz &**

**מזל טוב**

**To Inna Stein & Arie Shteyntsag and their daughters Sara & Rivka, on their move to their new home at 88 Lawler Road!**

**ברוכים הבאים**

**Welcome to Dor & Lissie Markush who have just moved into our community!**

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**SAVE THE DATES**  
**UPCOMING YIWH & COMMUNITY EVENTS**

**KOSHER FOOD PANTRY DRIVE**

The Jewish Family Services Kosher Food Pantry is running low to empty. Summer is a tough time for any pantry; so why not help ours. A box will be placed in the basement and lobby of the Shul through June 30th. PLEASE-HELP, cans, boxes, staples, paper products, toiletries, and cleaning products accepted.

**BUY SCRIP! BUY SCRIP!**

**SHOP RITE & BIG Y SCRIP AVAILABLE NOW!**

Don't forget Crown & Stop & Shop too!  
 You can buy scrip for so many more stores with your scrip at any of these venues!  
 Let's support our Shul by buying scrip!  
 Every dollar counts!  
 Contact: Judith Hessing (860-233-6042)  
 at 18 Grenhart Street

**SODA BOTTLE COLLECTION**

Eliza Katz is collecting bottles, cans, and glass to raise money for the Rabbi's Fund. Please bring empties to her address: 24 Miamis Road; 860-680-9847

**YIWH Fundraising Dinner**

**has been postponed until further notice.**

**URGENT ERUV ALERT- PLEASE BE ADVISED:**

Due to complications the ERUV has been RE-ROUTED for a few weeks.

**SEE WEBSITE FOR DETAILS**

The Eruv **DOES NOT INCLUDE** (i.e. - do not carry in the following areas):

- The North Sidewalk of Mohawk east of Mohegan
- Both sides of Mohegan from Mohawk to Emanuel Synagogue
- Lyman Rd East of Mohegan and all of

**MEMBERSHIP MEETING UPDATE**

This past Sunday evening at the membership meeting, those in attendance voted for YIWH to sign a new contract with Rabbi Weinberg for another 3 years with an option for 2 more after that. MAZAL TOV!

Various proposed changes to YIWH by-laws were also presented at the meeting. Members will receive a copy via email of the changes and will have an opportunity to provide feedback to Andrew Ganeles for a period of 1 month after which members will vote on these changes. A date for the vote will be forthcoming.

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

Acknowledgment donations should be sent to Debbie Luger at 37 Miamis Road

**Chai Mitzvah**

Many of you have heard of Chai Mitzvah from me, or from Audrey Lichter, or from those in our shul who have participated in this program. Chai Mitzvah is now beginning its third year and are recruiting participants.

Chai Mitzvah is an opportunity to create a structure of Jewish growth that will help you to:

- § Learn about our heritage
- § Deepen your connection to a particular mitzvah
- § Engage in social action with a Jewish flavor
- § Join a community discussion
- § Celebrate your achievement

Chai Mitzvah is celebrated roughly every 18 years after the traditional age of Bar or Bat Mitzvah, between the ages of 26 and 33, 47 and 51, 65 and 69, and 80+. You choose what you want to study, which mitzvah/ritual you might want to work on, what kind of social action you would like to engage in. You decide the amount of time commitment that is comfortable for you. You decide where and how you want to grow.

A Chai Mitzvah educator and/or peer mentor is available to help you think through your choices (guidance, not pressure!).

Visit [www.chaimitzvah.org](http://www.chaimitzvah.org). You'll see examples of study, ritual, and social action that past Chai Mitzvah participants have pursued.

If you are interested in learning more or in participating, please contact me. I'll help you get started.

Sincerely, Rabbi Weinberg



## **Dvar Torah of the Week – Parshat Korach**

Rabbi David Silverberg [www.vbm-torah.org](http://www.vbm-torah.org)

Parashat Korach tells of the tragic incident of the revolt instigated by Korach, a cousin of Moshe and Aharon, who challenged his cousins' rights to the religious and political leadership over *Benei Yisrael*.

In a famous passage in his Torah commentary, the Ramban raises the question of why Korach launched this campaign only now. Moshe had led the nation since before the Exodus, and Aharon had been designated as *kohen gadol* many months before Korach's revolt. Why was it only at this point that Korach decided to openly challenge Moshe and Aharon's authority? The Ramban explains, quite simply, that Korach realized he would be unable to garner support for his campaign until now. The people were unwaveringly loyal to Moshe, particularly in the wake of the sin of the golden calf, when God decreed the nation's annihilation and then repealed the decree in response to Moshe's prayer. In the Ramban's words, *Benei Yisrael* "loved him like their own souls and obeyed him, and had somebody rebelled against Moshe at that time, they would have stoned him." Korach therefore had no choice but to wait until the people's loyalty to Moshe began to decline. This occurred as a result of the sin of the spies, to which God responded by decreeing death upon that entire generation. Although Moshe had successfully prayed on the nation's behalf to have God repeal the initial decree, which called for the annihilation of *Benei Yisrael*, he did not intervene when God announced that the entire generation would die in the wilderness and only the offspring would enter *Eretz Yisrael*. The people – or at least some of the people – saw this as a failure of leadership, and Korach seized the opportunity to launch his revolt against Moshe and Aharon's authority.

Rav Yerucham Lebovitz noted the sheer audacity inherent in the people's resentment toward Moshe. They, not Moshe, were clearly to blame for this debacle. As we read in Sefer Devarim (1:29-33), Moshe pleaded with the people after the scouts' return to trust in God's ability to help them conquer the land. He tried to avert the catastrophe, but they stubbornly refused to listen. Yet, even when the dust had settled, they pointed the accusing finger at Moshe, rather than at themselves. Rav Yerucham compares the people in this regard to an ill patient who failed to take the medication prescribed by his physician, and as he was dying placed the blame for his death on the doctor. Tragically, *Benei Yisrael* chose to blame Moshe for their failure in the incident of the *cheit ha-meragelim*. The result was yet another sorrowful chapter in the history of *Benei Yisrael's* sojourn through the wilderness – the ill-fated rebellion against Moshe and Aharon, which was borne out of the feelings of resentment and discontent that surfaced as a result of *cheit ha-meragelim*.

Rav Yerucham concludes his discussion of the Ramban's comments by lamenting, "*Zo ra'at ha-adam*" ("This is the evil of man!"). What causes the human being's downfall is, in many instances, not the person's mistakes, but rather the refusal to take responsibility for those mistakes. When people never accept blame and accountability, and instead find others on whom to pin the blame, they are unlikely to ever improve or grow. The first stage of growth is recognizing the need to grow, which requires the willingness to admit to failures and character flaws. The background to the story of Korach, as presented by the Ramban, should alert us to the dangers of the stubborn refusal to accept blame. We must all be willing to admit to and take full responsibility for our mistakes, and transform those mistakes into valuable and meaningful opportunities for personal growth.

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As I mentioned at the lecture, Devra always told me how when Rabbi Cohen (her father) died David (Devra's grandson) said to her "I know Hashem had to take Saba Raba but it's time for Hashem to give him back!" It highlighted for Devra how much kids absorb death, how much they struggle with the concept, and how important it is to address it with them. This year's lecture was a great testament to Devra since it helped to get us thinking about how to do just what she wanted. May her memory be a blessing.

ON A DIFFERENT NOTE: School is over, summer has arrived and I would like to encourage you to come to daily minyan either at shacharit or mincha/maariv and if you have children to bring them along. It can be a wonderful experience for you and for them and enhance the spiritual flavor of these summer months. Increased minyan attendance during the week gives the shul a whole different feel. Every person counts and makes a difference. I hope to see you there!

SHABBAT SHALOM - RABBI WEINBERG





☆ YIWH Schedule of Services ☆ July 8th - 15th, 2011 <i>Shabbat Parshat Balak</i>		<u>It is easy to sponsor a Kiddush Or Seudah Shlishit!</u>
<b>Friday, July 8th</b> Shacharit Mincha/Maariv Candle Lighting <b>Shabbat, July 9th</b> Rabbi Sheinkopf's Mishna Brurah Class Shacharit Sof Zman Kriat Shma <i>Mincha followed by Seudah Shlishit &amp; Maariv</i> Shabbat Ends <b>Sunday, July 10th - Thursday, July 14th</b> Earliest Tallit & Tefillin Shacharit... Sunday NO Gemara Shiur Shacharit... Monday - Thursday Mincha/Maariv <b>Friday, July 15th</b> Shacharit Mincha/Maariv Candle Lighting	6:45 a.m. 7:00 p.m. 8:10 p.m.  8:15 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 9:10 a.m. 7:55 p.m. 9:10 p.m.  4:21 a.m. 8:15 a.m.  6:45 a.m. 8:15 p.m.  6:45 a.m. 7:00 p.m. 8:07 p.m.	Shul handles set up & Clean up! Contact Judie Patel at 236-4178 or <a href="mailto:judiep@gmail.com">judiep@gmail.com</a> to check the availability of the date you need & call Fran Wittenberg 860-232-2320 to make the arrangements for the type of Kiddush you want to sponsor. <u>Checks need to be received            the Sunday prior to your            Kiddush date.</u> Send to David Cohen at 19 Mansfield Avenue. There are three types of Kiddushim: Standard for \$150, Semi-Deluxe for \$250 & Deluxe for \$350 With supplements available.  For Seudah Shlishit contact Stan Rutstein at 232-3369  <b><u>KIDDUSH SCHEDULE</u></b>

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<u>Ner La'Maor</u> Lights Judy & Sam Leichtberg and Batsheva Goldfischer in memory of their parents and grandparents, Israel Weiss <b>ישראל בן דוד</b> Frida Weiss <b>טויבא פרידה בת עזרא</b> Abraham Leichtberg <b>אברהם בן שמואל</b>  <u>Yayin l' Kiddush Ve'Havdalah</u> Wine for Kiddush & Havdallah Betty & Irving Wizenfeld in memory of Betty's Parents, Tobias & Esther Spira <b>טוביה בן צבי אלימלך</b> <b>אסתר בת דוד הכהן</b> Irv's father, Sam Wizenfeld <b>שמואל מאיר בן יצחק הכהן</b>	<u>Pat La'Orchim</u> Challah rolls for Seudah Shlishit Fran & Gene Wittenberg in memory of Fran's father, Tzvi ben Yitzchak Meir HaCohen <b>צבי בן יצחק מאיר הכהן</b> & Gene's father, Binyamin ben Moshe <b>בנימין בן משה</b>  <u>Seudah Shlishit Supplement</u> In Memory of Al Weisel  <b>5771 Candy Man:</b> Gil Fried
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Want to join the Listserve?

If you are interested in subscribing to the yiwhevents listserv, send an e-mail to [webmaster@youngisraelwh.org](mailto:webmaster@youngisraelwh.org) and he will add your name. If you are a member of the group, you can send an e-mail to the entire group by addressing your e-mail to [yiwhevents@yahoo.com](mailto:yiwhevents@yahoo.com).

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<b>Friday, July 15th</b> Shacharit Mincha/Maariv Candle Lighting <b>Shabbat, July 16th</b> Rabbi Sheinkopf's Mishna Brurah Class Shacharit Sof Zman Kriat Shma Mincha followed by Seudah Shlishit & Maariv Shabbat Ends <b>Sunday, July 17th - Thursday, July 21st</b> Earliest Tallit & Tefillin Shacharit... Sunday NO Gemara Shiur Shacharit... Monday, Wednesday & Thursday Mincha/Maariv SUN, MON, WED, THU <b>Tuesday, July 19th - Shva Asar b'Tamuz</b> Fast Begins - Alot Hashachar Shacharit... Tuesday Chatzot Mincha/Maariv Fast Ends <b>Friday, July 22nd</b> Shacharit Mincha/Maariv Candle Lighting	6:45 a.m. 7:00 p.m. 8:07 p.m.  8:15 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 9:12 a.m. 7:50 p.m. 9:06 p.m.  4:28 a.m. 8:15 a.m.  6:45 a.m. 8:10p.m.  4:20 a.m. 6:30 a.m. 12:57 p.m. 7:55 p.m. 9:02p.m.  6:45 a.m. 7:00 p.m. 8:02 p.m.	Shul handles set up & Clean up! Contact Judie Patel at 236-4178 or <a href="mailto:judiep@gmail.com">judiep@gmail.com</a> to check the availability of the date you need & call Fran Wittenberg 860-232-2320 to make the arrangements for the type of Kiddush you want to sponsor. <b>Checks need to be received            the Sunday prior to your            Kiddush date.</b> Send to David Cohen at 19 Mansfield Avenue. There are three types of Kiddushim: Standard for \$150, Semi-Deluxe for \$250 & Deluxe for \$350 <b>With supplements available.</b>  For Seudah Shlishit contact Stan Rutstein at 232-3369  <b>KIDDUSH SCHEDULE</b>

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