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Korach

2 Tammuz, 5785

The Korach Syndrome Mystic Story

A Jew not associated with the Chasidic movement once came to **Rabbi Shneur Zalman of Liadi** and expressed his antagonism to the Chasidim by confronting him with allegations of pride - for did he not have an attendant at his door, and so forth?

The tzadik rested his head on his arms, as he often did when in deep contemplation. After an interval of silence he sat up and replied: "The expression the Torah uses for the leaders of the people is 'the heads of thousands of Israel', from which we see that our leaders are known as 'heads'. Now even though the head and body are joined to each other, nevertheless they are clothed separately, and differently. Why so? Because the head must be distinct from the body, just as the head of any generation must be separate from the people."



The questioner found the answer satisfactory, and went on his way. But the rebbe's son, later to be renowned as Rabbi Dov Ber of Lubavitch, successor to his father, was left with a different question: "In order to give that answer there was no need to rest your head on your arms. Why did you not give him his answer immediately?"

Replied his father: "In the episode of Korach, first we read, 'Why, then, do you raise yourselves up over the people of G-d'; then we read, 'And Moses heard, and he fell on his face.' Only later did Moses have his answer - that in the morning G-d would make the matter clear. The same question could be asked there. Why did Moses first fall on his face, before giving his answer?"

"But our exalted teacher, Moses, suspected for a moment that perhaps this question was really being asked of him from Above, while Korach was no more than a messenger. If this were so and he were to give an answer at once, then some other questioner would no doubt be summoned from Above to pose the same query afresh. Therefore, he fell on his face first, in order to meditate a while as to whether there really was any fragment of pride in himself. After he had found that this was not the case - as the Torah itself avers - as in 'The man Moses was very humble', he knew now that this was no divine messenger confronting him, but simply quarrelsome Korach. Only then could he go ahead and give his answer.

"And a similar thing happened here today."

(based on Sippurei Chassidim, by Rabbi S. Y. Zevin from www.chabad.org)

Recalling the Rebbe's Arrival on American Shores

20th Century Communication

"I am scared that Judaism in America will soon be only ceremonial without any Judaism," a reporter from the Jewish American told the Rebbe during a January 1958 interview.

"I do not see any such danger," the Rebbe responded. "On the contrary, I see Judaism becoming an organic part of the Jewish community in America. I see in America [that] there will be a great return of the youth to Judaism.

"Today more than ever," the Rebbe added, "we could do more for Jews and Judaism. Today when we have the means of communication, there is no 'far away.' The [opportunity] to do for our fellow Jews is great. In the past, one Jew was cut off from another Jew in another city because the transportation and communication was difficult. However, today when a letter arrives in airmail within a few days, and our communication and transportation is much easier, there is a much greater opportunity to bring Jews closer to Judaism.

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"These advances are very important for the perpetuity of Judaism."

Reflecting on the exchange, the reporter, Pinchus Steinwacks, wrote that "the Rebbe does not give off the aura of a miracle worker. His mission is to keep the flames of Torah alive and if there is a place where it did extinguish, to rekindle it."

"American Jewry must recognize this sacred, historical mission which Divine Providence has entrusted to it at this critical moment of our struggle for survival," the Rebbe told Gershon Kranzler, as told in an article published in Orthodox Jewish Life in 1951. "The largest concentration of our best elements are in America. The very shape which Jewry and Judaism of tomorrow will present, depends on the active leadership of each and every Jew in this country."

"America's great genius has been in the development of the individual, of the pioneering and self-made man type. Although this helped in developing our potentialities by demanding every last ounce of ingenuity and perseverance, it has on the other hand focused too much attention on egoistic aims and interests."

The Rebbe told him that "we must live the life of social beings, with the responsibility and dedication of our best efforts for the community. Only then can we afford to invest in our own individual aims and goals."

(from www.chabad.org)

Dear Misspallim,

This Shabbos is the day before the Yartzeit of the Rebbe. In commemoration of this significant day, the Kiddush will feature a full Seuda. This will give us the opportunity to continue to 'farbraing' and be inspired by this auspicious day. Please share this note with anyone who might be interested (including your wives, :)).

Rabbi Shmuel Kaplan



Hagbah Training - The Chesed Fund & Project Ezra are offering a FREE training class on performing Hagbah on Sunday, June 29th, 5 to 5:45 p.m. at the Ari Fuld, hy"d, Rear Building behind the Storch home at 3209 Fallstaff Rd. The class will be led by Rav Ephraim Horowitz, and a special blank Torah scroll designed for practicing Hagbah will be used. Email info@chesedfund.com with your name and phone number to register.

Yahrzeits This Week:

Shmuel Lyss	4 Tammuz - Sunday night / Monday	for father	Reuven Peretz ben Getzel
Sarah Itzkowitz	4 Tammuz - Sunday night / Monday	for father	Avrohom Ahron ben Eliyahu

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DAVENING AND SHIURIM SCHEDULE

Friday – Rosh Chodesh Tammuz, 6/27 – 1 Tammuz
Shacharit — 6:40 a.m.
Minchah / Ma'ariv — 7:00 p.m.

Shabbat, 6/28 – 2 Tammuz
Shacharit — 9:00 a.m.
Sof Z'man Kriat Shema — 9:23 a.m.
Minchah — 8:05 p.m.
Shiur — after Minchah
Shkiah — 8:38 p.m.
Ma'ariv — 9:26 p.m.

Sunday, 6/29 – 3 Tammuz
Shacharit — 8:00 a.m.
Minchah / Ma'ariv — 8:20 p.m.

Monday, 6/30 – 4 Tammuz
Shacharit — 6:50 a.m.
Minchah / Ma'ariv — 8:20 p.m.

Tuesday, 7/1 – 5 Tammuz
Shacharit — 7:00 a.m.
Minchah / Ma'ariv — 8:20 p.m.

Wednesday, 7/2 – 6 Tammuz
Shacharit — 7:00 a.m.
Minchah / Ma'ariv — 8:20 p.m.
Tanya Shiur: 2nd part of Tanya Shaar HaYichud
V'Emunah which deals w/the nature of creation
and the unity of Hashem — 9:00 p.m.

Thursday, 7/3 – 7 Tammuz
Shacharit — 6:50 a.m.
Minchah / Ma'ariv — 8:20 p.m.

Friday – Independence Day, 7/4 – 8 Tammuz
Shacharit — 8:00 a.m.
Shabbat Candles — 8:18 p.m.
Minchah / Ma'ariv — 7:00 p.m.