

# So... What's Nu ? Mazeltov!

## Barmitzvah

Mazeltov to Dean son of Darren and Lauren Pogir on the occasion of his Barmitzvah, and mazeltov to grandparents Rubin and Sandra Pogir and Selwyn and Melanie Machet

## Batmitzvah

Evelyn Marks on the occasion of her granddaughter Jenna Mark's Batmitzvah in Australia

## Births

Ari and Melissa Kruger on the birth of a daughter  
Colin and Shirley Shar on the birth of a granddaughter

## Got a Halachic Question?

Need a quick answer?  
Sms or WhatsApp Rabbi Shaw on 072 6966535 or e-mail  
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## Our Sandton Jolly Seniors Club

Join Rabbi Shaw every Wednesday morning for a fun filled inspirational morning!  
**BRING YOUR FRIENDS!**  
Time: 10h00  
Venue: Games Room

## Quote from Binyamin Netanyahu

"If the Arabs put down their weapons today, there would be no more violence. If the Jews put down their weapons today, there would be no more Israel!"

## Davening Times

Shacharit

Monday and Thursday – 06h00 & 06h45  
Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday – 06h15 & 06h45

Sundays and Public Holidays – 07h00  
Mincha – 17h15

### Rosh Chodesh / Fast Day / Chol Hamoed

1st Minyan – Davening will commence a 05h45 throughout the week  
2nd Minyan – Davening will commence at 06h30 throughout the week

Date	Earliest time for Tallit and Tefillin	Latest time for the morning Shema	Sunset	End of Shabbat
15 June	6:03:18 AM	9:30:15 AM	5:23:18 PM	5:53:25 PM
16 June	6:03:36 AM	9:30:31 AM	5:23:26 PM	5:53:33 PM
17 June	6:03:52 AM	9:30:47 AM	5:23:34 PM	5:53:42 PM
18 June	6:04:08 AM	9:31:02 AM	5:23:44 PM	5:53:52 PM
19 June	6:04:24 AM	9:31:16 AM	5:23:54 PM	5:54:03 PM

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# Make the Connection

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16 June 2018

3 Tammuz 5778

Candle Lighting: 5.05pm  
Parshat Korach  
Mincha: 4.40pm  
Havdalah: 5.57pm  
Haftarah: Dean Pogir



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## SandtonShul

### Distortion of Jealousy

"And Korach took" (Numbers 16:1). Korach was an astute, wealthy and charismatic person. He had so many blessings yet he lost it all and became the paradigm of human tragedy. Rashi teaches us that what led him to make such a major mistake in life and challenge Moses was his jealousy. Jealousy has the ability to not only stop us from appreciating and enjoying what we have, but to lead us to make such ridiculous choices in life that we can lose all the blessings we have. The Torah gives us the antidote to this by juxtaposing the tragedy of Korach with our responsibility to be generous with the blessings God gives us.

A person who shares generously will learn to appreciate all that he has been given and to see that God has been generous with him. That is why the Torah never tells us what Korach took. It didn't matter what he took. The Torah wants us to focus on his attitude and not to be like him. He was a jealous person, never satisfied with what he had, wanting to take everything he could. King Solomon says it all when he tells us that "a person with a good eye is blessed." If we look at others benevolently, rejoice in their successes, and share of our blessings, we will see that we have more than we really need, and we will be able to enjoy all that we have. That is one of the greatest blessings life has to offer. By Rabbi Ron Jawary

### Blossoms

"The staff of Aaron ... blossomed and its almonds ripened" (Numbers 17:23). King David teaches us that a "good person will blossom like a palm tree". One of the reasons a good person is compared specifically to a palm tree is that it is the only tree that will produce fruit in a desert. Its roots are so deep that it can draw water from deep under the ground. So too, a truly good person is able to do what is right, not because it's the norm in the society in which he happens to live in, but because it is the right, moral thing to do. In every circumstance and situation, he will draw from his deep roots. He will blossom by bringing spiritual beauty and physical blessing to the world. This is really what the Jewish people are all about; our roots are so deep, reaching all the way back to Abraham and Sarah, that wherever we have gone in over 2000 years of exile, we have managed to bring both spiritual and physical blessings to every country we have lived in. (Based on the teaching of Rabbi Aaron Soloveitchik.)

### Now You Know...

What did Korach see that made him pursue the folly of going up against Moshe and trying to wrest the position of Kohain Gadol from Aharon? One thing he saw was that he would have a descendant named Shmuel HaNavi who was considered the equal of Moshe and Aharon together, as evidenced by the verse in Psalms. Korach assumed that because his descendant was so great, that meant it came from him and he was great enough to supplant Aharon. He was wrong. Though Shmuel was great enough to be compared to Moshe and Aharon, he did inherit something special from his great grandfather Korach. Korach made a mistake in the leadership of Klal Yisrael and so did Shmuel. In the Haftarah this week, we read of the anointing of Saul as King of the Jewish People. When he anointed King Saul, Shmuel thought he'd found the right leader for the Jewish People. However, Saul lost that position through his actions. Shmuel realized that

HaShem no longer wanted Saul and went to Bait Lechem. There he saw Yishai's sons and thought he'd found the right king. HaShem stopped him and said, "This is not the right one." Yishai's eldest son appeared to be perfect but HaShem revealed to Shmuel that he was prone to anger. So he moved on, eventually choosing David, who lacked the external persona of a king but the inside of whom, HaShem saw the perfect qualities.

## Korach States

38th of the 54 sedras in the Torah. 5th of 10 in Bamidbar, the book of Numbers. Written on 184 lines in a Torah (ranks 32nd) 13 Parshiyot; 7 open and 6 closed. 95 Verses which ranks 39th in the Torah but 9th of 10 in Bamidbar. This Parasha has 1409 words and ranks 36th, 9th of 10 again in Bamidbar. 5325 letters which ranks 35th in the Torah. 9th of 10 in Bamidbar.

### The List of Mitzvot in Korach

- To guard the Temple area Num. 18:2
- No Levite must do another's work of either a Kohen or a Levite Num. 18:3
- One who is not a Kohen must not serve Num. 18:4
- Not to leave the Temple unguarded Num. 18:5
- To redeem firstborn sons and give the money to a Kohen Num. 18:15
- Not to redeem the firstborn Num. 18:17
- The Levites must work in the Temple Num. 18:23
- To set aside Ma'aser (tithe) each planting year and give it to a Levite Num. 18:24
- The Levite must set aside a tenth of his tithe Num. 18:26

## Thought of the Week

When you judge a book by its cover you may miss some of the world's best stories.

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  - ❖ Marriage
  - ❖ Mourning

By Rabbi David Shaw

Tuesday Nights @ 7.30pm in the Upstairs Shul

Series Commences: 19 June 2018

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Refreshments will be served

## Selwyn Segal Shabbaton

We are honoured to be hosting the Selwyn Segal residents on the Shabbat of 29/30 June. Any congregant wishing to host a resident to please contact Harelle in the office

## FUNNY THINGS: Taking it to the Bank

Bubbie Finkel telephoned Mount Sinai Hospital. She timidly asked, "Is it possible to speak to someone who can tell me how a patient is doing?"

The operator said "I'll be glad to help, dear. What's the name and room number?"

Bubbie in her weak tremulous voice said, "Raizie Finkel in room 302."

The Operator replied, "Let me check. Oh, good news. Her records say that Raizie is doing very well. Her blood pressure is fine; her blood work just came back as normal and her physician, Dr. Cohen, has scheduled her to be discharged on Tuesday."

Bubbie Finkel said, "Thank you. That's wonderful! I was so worried! God bless you for the good news."

The operator replied, "You're more than welcome. Is Raizie your daughter?" Bubbie Finkel said, "No, I'm Raizie Finkel in 302. Dr. Cohen doesn't tell me anything!"

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PRAYER

BIRCHOS KRIAS SHEMA:  
WHY SO MANY?



The *siddur* was authored by the Anshei Knesses Hagedolah, and its members wrote most of the *brachos* we say, including seven surrounding Krias Shema. Unlike the *brachos* we say before putting on *tzitzis* or *tefillin*, these *brachos* are not a *birchas hamitzvah*. Rather, they are praises to Hashem. The *brachos* before the morning Shema discuss two subjects we need to reflect upon before reciting it: that Hakadosh Baruch Hu is the Creator and controller of everything, and that He gave us a Torah not as a burden but because He loves us.

*Adapted from Biur Tefillah (Ani Maamin Foundation)*

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JAWS OF LIFE



*How do you stop an alligator from eating you?*

Hold its mouth closed! The muscles that open an alligator's jaws are very weak, producing only 20 pounds of pressure per square inch. When an alligator attacks its prey, it needs to pounce very quickly and forcefully, so as to surprise its victim and keep it from getting away. Therefore, the muscles that close its jaws produce over 1,000 pounds of pressure per square inch. The alligator also has a special valve at the back of its throat that allows it to open its mouth and eat food underwater without choking. Alligator tools!

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