

*A powerful CTN Jewish Learning Workshop with Rabbi Moshe Katz*



"LIVING  
LIFE  
TO ITS  
FULLEST"

Looking to get more out of life? To make the most out of it?

Jewish tradition has an amazing tool to help you do just that!

Learn how reciting a *bracha*, a blessing, before eating food can change our lives.

How it can make us more aware of life's gifts. Aware of who we are.

And discover how a few simple words can help us infuse spirituality into our hectic lives.

All in just seconds a day!

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**WHEN:** Tuesday, July 14, 7 pm  
Followed by refreshments, drinks & schmoozing

**WHERE:** The CTN Center, 2832 West Touhy, Chicago.

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*Hang in there - Shabbos is coming!*

## **TORAH PORTION: KORACH (NUMBERS 16:1 - 18:32)**

This week's CTN Shabbat Fax is sponsored by Chicago Torah Network, in honor of our dear friends Shaya and Chava Maslin, upon their move to Israel. You have opened your hearts and your homes to help so many people, and especially to CTN participants, being true disciples of Aaron, 'loving peace, pursuing peace, loving people and bringing them close to Torah.' May Hashem bless you with much success in all that you do! We – and so many others – will miss you!

### **1. And Korach ... and two hundred and fifty other men, fought with Moshe ... 'Why do you set yourself above the Congregation of G-d ...' (16:1-3)**

It was about a year after Moshe led the Jews out of Egypt. And gave them the Torah.

A man named *Korach* leads a rebellion against him. And it turns into a major conflict within the Jewish nation.

*But how did the whole thing start?*

*Korach* was a wealthy and prominent Jew. From a distinguished family.

And Jewish tradition says that he was jealous.

He looked around and saw leadership positions going to others.

And it bothered him to no end.

*"Why them? What about me ...?"*

*The baby-sitting father was at his wits' end.*

*He was trying to get some work done but just couldn't keep his seven year old son occupied.*

*Finally he gets an idea.*

*He tears a page out of a magazine.*

*It has a map of the world on it.*

*He tears it up into little pieces and gives them to his son.*

*"Let's see if you can put this map back together". (That should keep him occupied!)*

*In just a few minutes, the boy walks back in: "Here, Dad".*

*The father looks – and is shocked.*

*It was done.*

*"How did you do it"?*

*"Simple, Dad!*

*On the other side of the page was the picture of a person.*

*I just put the person together – and the whole world fell into place!"*

It's an important lesson for life.

We see conflicts. Fights. Breakup of communities.

And it pains us.

But it's important to realize something.

Major fights – involving many people – often begin with just one person.

Maybe he was jealous. Or insulted.

And before you know it – it's out of control. And out of proportion.

*What can we do?*

Often, it seems too difficult – too overwhelming – to deal with it after its already such a big deal.

But if we realize how these things start – we may very well be able to avoid the next big conflict.

By working hard to make peace early. While it's still on the personal level. The individual level.

### QUOTE OF THE WEEK

*"The purely righteous don't complain about evil.*

*... They add justice.*

*They don't complain about heresy.*

*... They add faith.*

*And they don't complain about ignorance.*

*... They add wisdom."*

**(Rabbi Abraham Isaac Kook)**

### THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

*"From the age of twenty to thirty, I was constantly concerned with what people were thinking about me.*

*From thirty to forty, I tried to learn not to care so much. To remember that it didn't really matter what others were thinking.*

*And then ... I turned forty.*

*And finally realized, that they weren't thinking about me to begin with."*

### HEAR. "THE SEVEN WONDERS OF JEWISH HISTORY" ON MP3

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<b>The Rebellion of Korach ... Lessons for Us (Korach)</b> (June 24, 2009) Speaker: Rabbi Doni Deutsch
<b>The Seven Wonders of Jewish History</b> (June 16, 2009) Speaker: Rabbi Moshe Katz

*Shabbat Shalom and have a wonderful week!*

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