

The Tribe Weekly Newsletter



This week's Parasha is Korach

Shabbat Times in London

Shabbat begins: 9.08pm

Shabbat ends: 10.28pm

This week's Parasha (Weekly Torah portion) begins when a group of Levi'im (Levites) led by Korach, organised a revolt against Moshe's (Moses') leadership and Aharon (Aaron) being granted the Priesthood. Korach was joined by Datan and Aviram from the Tribe of Reuben and 250 distinguished members from amongst the Children of Israel. Korach's rebellion was based on the contention that he should have become the leader of the Tribe of Levi.

However, Moshe (Moses) asked Korach and his followers to appear the next day to meet his challenge. Moshe (Moses) said that if God opened the earth and it swallowed the rebels of the community, then Moshe's (Moses') leadership would be confirmed.

No sooner had Moshe (Moses) spoken, than Korach and his fellow rebels were swallowed by the ground!

But those who had survived began to complain bitterly, holding Moshe (Moses) responsible for the deaths of Korach and his followers. These people were, in turn, punished with a plague and it was only when Aharon (Aaron) walked amongst the people with a pan of incense, that the plague stopped.

God then told the leader of each Tribe to bring a rod with his name on it to the Tent of Meeting. These rods, together with the rod from the Tribe of Levi, bearing Aharon's (Aaron's) name, were placed in front of the Ark.

The next morning, only Aharon's (Aaron's) rod had produced buds, blossoms and almonds. This was indeed proof that God had chosen Aharon (Aaron) to be the Cohen Gadol (High Priest).

Since the tribe of Levi would have no specific portion in the Promised Land, they would be supported by all the other Tribes. God commanded the people to donate a Terumah (a portion of produce) from each crop of grain, wine and oil, as well as all firstborn sheep and cattle. In addition, other specified gifts, were given to the Cohanim (priests).

Song of Kindness

Here is a link to a soundtrack about kindness and consideration, which the whole family can enjoy.

"Pure Soul" feat. Matisyahu

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=V6LZNuESxq4>



Unscramble These Words From The Parasha

use the clues to help you

1. **CKARHO** – Wanted to Challenge Moses and Aaron _____
2. **NTDAA AND AVMRAI** – From tribe of Reuben and joined in with the rebellion _____
3. **LDPEHEIRAS** – Didn't like Moses and Aaron being leaders, so challenged their ...? _____
4. **HMOSE NAD RHAONA** – These men were the chosen leaders _____
5. **WSOALLWED BY THE NRUDGO** – The consequence suffered by Korach and his rebellion _____

Parasha Matching Quiz

Match the correct answer to each question!

1. Who was the leader of the rebellion? **A. Levi**
2. How many people joined the rebellion? **B. Buds, blossoms and almonds**
3. What grew on Aaron's rod? **D. Rods**
4. What was placed in front of the Ark? **C. Korach**
5. Which tribe was supported by all the other tribes? **E. 250**

In this week's Parasha (Weekly Torah portion) we learn how Korach, Datan and Aviram started their rebellion against Moshe (Moses). However, the famous 11th Century commentator on the Torah, Rashi, tells us that Moshe (Moses) went searching for these rebels, to try and calm them down with words of peace.

Story

The Sword of Peace



Once upon a time, many hundreds of years ago, there was a precious sword. Now, this sword belonged to a great King and for as long as anyone could remember, the King spent all his time in his palace, enjoying his amazing parties. One day a big argument broke out between this King and the King of a neighbouring country. It ended with both declaring war.

The sword was really excited at the prospect of taking part in its first real battle. It would show everyone how truly brave and special it was and would become famous throughout the kingdom. On the way to the battle, the sword imagined itself the winner of many battles.

However, when they arrived, the first battle had already taken place and the sword got to see the results of war. What it saw had nothing in common with what the sword had imagined. No elegant shining knights, triumphant, with their weapons gleaming in the sunlight. Instead, all the sword saw was broken weapons, and hundreds of hungry and exhausted soldiers. They all looked so sad and everything was covered in dirt.

At seeing this, the sword realised it liked neither wars nor battles and decided it preferred to live in peace. So, on the night before what was going to be the big final battle, the sword tried to find a way to prevent it from taking place. After a while, the sword started to vibrate. First it gave out a low buzz, but this gradually got louder, until it became an annoying metallic noise. The swords and armour of the other soldiers asked the King's sword what it was doing. It told them 'I don't want there to be a battle tomorrow. I don't like war. I want peace.'

One of the other swords answered, 'No one likes it, but what can we do?'

'Make yourself vibrate, just like I'm doing', said the King's sword. 'If we make enough noise no one will sleep.'

So, the weapons started vibrating, and the noise became deafening. It was so loud that it reached the enemy camp, and the weapons there, who were equally sick and tired of the war, joined the shaking.

The next morning, when the battle should have begun, not a single soldier was ready to fight. No one had managed to get even a wink of sleep, not even the Kings or the Generals. So, they spent the whole day catching up on sleep. During the evening they started to wake up and decided to put off the battle for the next day.

However, the weapons, led by the King's sword, spent the night repeating their peace song, and again no soldier could sleep. The battle had to be postponed yet again, and this carried on for the next seven days. On the evening of the seventh day, the Kings of the two armies met to see what they could do about the situation. Both were furious from their previous dispute, but after being together for a while they started to discuss their sleepless nights, the surprise on their soldier's faces, the confusion of day with night and the amusing situations all this had created. It wasn't long before both were laughing, like friends.

Both kings forgot their old disputes and they put an end to the war, each returning to their own land with the double joy of not having had to fight and having regained a friend. And from then on, from time to time the Kings would meet up to talk about their experiences as Kings. They now understood that there were more things which united them, than anything that could set them apart from each other and they lived in peace.

Recipe of the week

Easy banana cake (dairy)



Ingredients

- 125 g butter
- vanilla essence
- 3/4 cup caster sugar
- 2 eggs
- 3 bananas (ripe)
- 200 g light sour cream
- 2 cups self-raising flour
- 1/2 tsp bicarbonate of soda
- 1 tsp allspice
- 1 tsp nutmeg

Method

Adult & Child - Cream butter, a dash of vanilla essence and sugar. Add eggs and mix.

Adult & Child - Mash bananas and mix in sour cream. Add to rest of mixture

Adult & Child - Add all dry ingredients to banana mixture. Mix slowly

ADULT - Bake at 180°C for 45 minutes.



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THE TRIBE SCRIBE

US AT 150: EPISODE 2



DID YOU KNOW THE **UNITED SYNAGOGUE** WAS FOUNDED IN 1870 WHICH MEANS THAT THIS YEAR IS ITS **150TH BIRTHDAY**?

WOAH, THAT'S A LOT OF CANDLES! JOIN US IN **EPISODE 2** OF 4 SPECIAL EPISODES AS WE FIND OUT MORE ABOUT THE BEGINNING OF THE **UNITED SYNAGOGUE** ALL THOSE YEARS AGO.



Yet another important meeting...

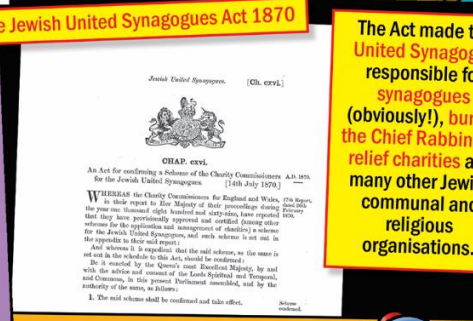


Many years of planning and discussions later...



I DO BELIEVE WE'VE FINALLY DONE IT!

The Jewish United Synagogues Act 1870



The Act made the **United Synagogue** responsible for **synagogues** (obviously!), **burial**, the **Chief Rabbinate**, **relief charities** and many other **Jewish communal and religious organisations**.



DID YOU KNOW, THIS ACT MAKES THE **UNITED SYNAGOGUE** UNIQUE FOR TWO REASONS?!



FIRSTLY, IT WAS THE FIRST **FORMAL ORGANISATION OF SYNAGOGUES** IN BRITAIN. THIS MEANS THEY WORKED TOGETHER - **UNITED SYNAGOGUES** - GETTIT?!



AND SECONDLY, IT IS THE ONLY **JEWISH COMMUNAL BODY** IN THE WORLD TO BE FORMED BY AN **ACT OF PARLIAMENT**. NOW THAT IS **PRETTY AWESOME!**



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Answer sheet

Unscramble the Words

1. KORACH
2. DATAN AND AVIRAM
3. LEADERSHIP
4. MOSHE AND AHARON
5. SWALLOWED BY THE GROUND

Parasha Matching Quiz

1C

2E

3B

4D

5A

Shabbat Shalom! From everyone at Tribe