

*Torah Cycle 2018-19*  
**Parshah: Shelach / Korach**  
(Numbers 13-18)

**Outline of: *Shelach / Korach***

**Ch. 13** – The sin of the spies

**Ch. 14** – God's decree

**Ch. 15** – Misc. *Mitzvot*

Death of the wood gatherer

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**Ch. 16** – Korach's rebellion

**Ch. 17** – The plague, Aaron's staff

**Ch. 18** – Gifts to the Priests & Levites

## Deuteronomy 1:22-23

“Then all of you approached me and said, ‘Let us send men before us, that they may search out the land for us, and bring back to us word of the way by which we should go up and the cities which we shall enter.’ The thing pleased me, and I took twelve of your men, one man for each tribe.”

13:17-20 / 27-33 / 14:6-9

## Numbers 14:9

“Only do not rebel against Adonai! And do not fear the people of the land, **for they are our bread**. Their **shadow** (צלם, *tzelem*) has been removed from over them, and Adonai is with us. Do not fear them!”

### A new source of spiritual nourishment:

- **God’s Word** (Deuteronomy 8:3)
- **Doing God’s will** (John 4:31-34)
- **Defeating spiritual enemies**

## Numbers 14:10

But all the congregation said to stone them with stones...

*When we fail to engage our spiritual enemies,  
we will attack our spiritual friends.*

## Numbers 14:40-45

***Beware misplaced ZEAL!***

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## Numbers 16:3

... “It is too much for you! For the entire assembly – all of them – are holy and Adonai is among them; why do you exalt yourselves over the congregation of Adonai?”

*Like the faithless spies, Korach perceived some facts, but he could not see the truth.*

**Korach** – קרח = ~~“Bald” / “Fly”~~ Gen. 36:5-6!

**Dathan** – דתן = “Knowledge”

**Abiram** – אבירם = “Father of Heights”

## Exodus 15:12

You stretched out Your right hand, the earth swallowed them.

***Just like the entire congregation pays for the sin of the individual, so too an individual who risks his life atones for the entire congregation.***

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**Almond**

**שקד** = קדש  
(shakeid) (Kadosh) "Holy"

## Aaron's staff produced...

**Blossom** - Beauty + Fragrance (פרח)

**Bud** - \_\_\_\_\_ "Shine" = (צִיץ)

**Almonds** - Fruitfulness + Food (שקדים)

↑  
"Forehead"  
(מצח)

## Exodus 28:36-38

"You shall also make an **ornament** (צִיץ) of pure gold and shall engrave on it, like the engravings of a seal, 'Holy to Adonai.' You shall fasten it on a cord of *techeilet*, and it shall be on the turban. It shall be at the front of the turban. It shall be on Aaron's **forehead** (מצח) and Aaron shall take away the iniquity of the holy things which the sons of Israel consecrate, with regard to all their holy gifts, and it shall always be on his **forehead** (מצח), that they may be accepted before Adonai.