

# Pathways Chayeis Sarah

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Crossing the Narrow Bridge with Rebbe Nachman and his students.

In honor of the Rebbe's 100th Yahrzeit

**KORACH'S MISTAKE: DOTS**

By Ozer Bergman

"The wife owned its wealth, endowing them and their households, along with all the new who were with Korach, and their property." (Numbers 18:22)

"A learned person is a master and the villain is a master of the world. In the hierarchy of the world?" (Proverbs 18:22)

Last week we talked about some benefits of Abimelech's foolishness, being "foolish" is a hallmark. This is a good week to talk about a different kind of foolishness, the lack of knowledge, or being disconnected from tradition.

My chavrusa [Talmud study partner] recently reminded me, we cannot study Torah even (or especially) the weekly reading superficially. We must realize there is much more than what meets the eye. We must

conclusions you must demand very much on what it is you want from life. The letters, the body of "the Tora" and "the soul" it is the body that is the vehicle for the soul separated from the soul, the soul and desire in the S as it should be lived, the way the greater tradition live it.

That was Korach's fatal error. He thought the letters, which all Jews have, are the body of the Tora and of the Torah. "I have the letters. I suppose who can be asked—wasn't that the three letters contained in the Ark? We are all holy enough. We do not need a body!"

But it isn't so. The letters of the body Torah receive their life, their soul, only via the attached. The attached dimensions are the soul, the spirit, the heart, the love, the desire, and of an ordinary Talmid, who went (or at least, went in spirit) to live up in the Torah's spirit. We give that love as we need a little Rebbeim to give us that love. But if we don't have the body, we need Moshiach the Rebbe, in order to have a Torah that lives.

On the surface of this:

Sometime ago rabbi Rebbe Nachman why the Reed River You held his daughter, Rebbetzin Leah, in such high esteem. The Rebbe responded: "My great teacher, Rebbe Nachman, had the letters. I suppose who can be asked—wasn't that the three letters contained in the Ark? We are all holy enough. We do not need a body!" (Nach Seforim, Ma'amar 1, 172).

Our Sage Andree has Korach was a benefit. He was foolish, which is synonymous with Moshiach (Ma'amar 1, 169).

The Difference Between Aharon and Korach