



The fun way to go over the weekly sedra with your children, grandchildren, Shabbat guests

## SH'LACH

Their fathers are anagrams.

The Merageil from Yissachar was Yig-al ben Yosef. The Merageil from Naftali was Nachbi ben Vofsi. Yosef and Vofsi are anagrams.

The classification of a document as SECRET is called SODI in Hebrew. The Merageil from Zevulun was Gadiel ben Sodi.

## KORACH

Mr. Whipple who told us that Charmin toilet paper was so soft - KO RACH, that people cannot resist squeezing it • the lightning is for the fire from shamayim that killed the 250 incense offerers • the sinkhole at the Shaare Zedek parking lot occurred three years ago (during the week of Parshat Korach). It "swallowed" some cars - just like the earth swallowed possessions of Korach's gang. B"H, no injuries were reported · five Pidyon HaBen coins minted by the State of Israel • honor guard standing at attention for the mitzva of Guard Duty by Leviyim (21 Leviyim & 3 Kohanim) around the Beit HaMikdash and Har HaBayit • image of a DNA helix. D 'n A is a short way to refer to Datan and Aviram · level, in Hebrew, a PELES, a soundalike to the Ashkenazic pronunciation of the father of the Reuvenite who first teamed up with Korach and then backed out at his wife's insistence and to her credit (even if her motives were a bit off) • Milk and honey representing the Land of Israel and - L'HAVDIL, the perverse use of the beautiful phrase by Datan and Aviram in referring to Egypt • gift boxes for the various gifts to the kohein mentioned in the sedra • The % symbol for the tenth of a tenth that the Levi is required to give to the kohein - T'RUMAT MAASEIR • baby carriage (blue for a boy) with the lamb inside, for the mitzva of B'CHOR, that of a kosher domesticated animal - cow, goat, and sheep. Since sheep speak Italian, the ewe is saying "my first" · Apple core = KOR. Israeli male nurse = ACH. Put them together: KORACH • Salt shaker represents the **B'RIT MELACH**, the salt-like covenant between G-d and the kohanim. Salt doesn't spoil, and so Brit Melach is the term for an indestructible (eternal) covenant • numbers on the adding machine tape: 2.98% is the part of the produce that a kohein receives including T'ruma from the farmer (let's say 2%) and the T'rumat Maaseir he would receive from a Levi who received Maaseir from the same yield. 8.82% is the Levi's share (that's a tenth of the yield after T'ruma had already been separated) minus that which he gives a kohein), another 8.82% is taken off for either Maaseir Sheini or Maaseir Ani, and the remaining 79.32% is what the owner

has after separating off as required . garlic and sugar cubes - another representation of Pidyon HaBen, as in the custom of distributing little packets of garlic and sugar cubes to those attending a Pidyon (used to flavor the next cholent the recipient makes for the following Shabbat) • stalk of wheat, standing straight, looking like the numeral 1, with a decimal point before it - representing the mitzva of giving Maaseir to a Levi from grain, etc. • close up of the staff of Aharon which blossomed almond flowers • smiley globe - its mouth represents PI HAARETZ, the mouth of the earth that opened and swallowed Datan and Aviram and company. It is smiling because it has fulfilled G-d's command to it. Pirkei Avot teaches us that PI HAARETZ was one of 10 special items that were created in the instant before the first Shabbat B'reishit • Ice cubes are KERACH, spelled the same as KORACH • Bald head, in Hebrew KEIREI'ACH. also spelled like Korach · Not a donkey have I taken from you... Moshe to Korach and Co. • Murex Trunculus - source of T'CHELET as used by more and more people for their **TZITZIT strings. Korach taunted Moshe** with the question if a garment made completely of t'chelet requires a P'TIL T'CHEILET on its tzitzit (the answer is YES) · Korach also guestioned whether a room with Sifrei Kodesh needs a mezuza (see Sedra Summary) · copper firepan, as in copper firepans... • 42, 44-49, 84-85, 87-88 are the 11 p'rakim of T'hilim

for Bnei Korach  $\cdot$  MD is 1500 in Roman numerals. The word with the highest gimatriya in the Torah is TISTAREIR (in Parshat Korach). Its gimatriya is 1500  $\cdot$ 6.5 pairs of Levi's = 13 LEVI, that's how many times the word LEVI occurs in Parshat Korach  $\cdot$  and three Unexplaineds