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## Personal Space

When quickly reading the beginning of the parsha, a contemporary reader might intuitively side with Korach. His contention that “for the entire congregation is holy and why do you [Moshe] raise yourself over the congregation of Hashem,”<sup>[1]</sup> often strikes a chord. If we are all members of the Jewish people and the bearers of a divine soul then what right does an individual have to take a leadership role within such a community?

Several commentators explain that Korach’s downfall was rooted in a lack of recognition of the uniqueness and singularity of each individual.<sup>[2]</sup> Yes, everyone was present at Har Sinai and everyone heard the Torah from Hashem. Yes, each member of the Jewish people is infinitely precious. But significance does not imply sameness. The Gemara says that when one encounters 600,000 Jews one must recite the bracha “Blessed are You Hashem, the Knower of Secrets.”<sup>[3]</sup> Hashem knows the secret of each individual who has a unique physical appearance, but more importantly, a singular set of talents, cognitive style and strengths. Each person has a divine soul, but as Hashem is infinite so is the number of variations of people.

A ramification of this notion of the uniqueness of each individual person is the specialized life mission that stands before each of us. Hashem has a custom tailored task for each of us to do, in consonance with the unique package that each Jew is. The tasks themselves are no more or less significant in the eyes of Hashem, despite the seeming outward division of labors. Within this approach, in the end of the day we will be judged not by the sum of our accomplishments, but by how close we are to completing our unique mission.

It was this notion that Korach did not understand. In his mind if the entire tallit was blue – if all Jews were holy – then there was no need for a single blue string to stand out. What he failed to grasp was the singular nature of each Jew and their mission.

This idea is one of the themes of Yerushalayim. The Mishna tells us that one of the ten miracles of the Beit ha-Mikdash is that no one ever said that there was not enough space for them to stay overnight in Yerushalayim. The simple meaning of the Mishna is that everyone had their own comfortable physical space in Yerushalayim. Rav Asher Zev Weiss<sup>[4]</sup> suggests that there is a deeper explanation of this miracle. Not only did each Jew have their own physical space to live, but also their own spiritual space. Everyone realized that they had their own unique mission – their “place” – that was distinct from their friend’s place, and that none of these missions were “narrow” or insignificant. It is only after each individual person realizes their own individual mission that we can all pool our unique talents and join together in the “/r

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she-Chubra lah yachdav.”

[1] Bamidbar, 16:3.

[2] See, Sefat Emmes, 5654; Imrei Baruch of Rabbi Baruch Simon, parshat Korach, ma'amar 3.

[3] Berachot 58a.

[4] Peninei ha-Otzar al ha-torah u-Mo'adim, 148-149.

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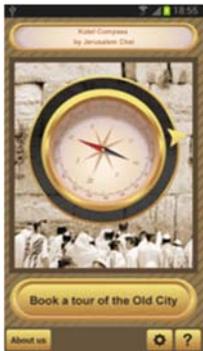
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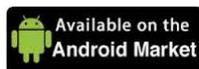


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Our Mission

The Old City is home to nearly 35,000 people.. The Jewish population of the Old City numbers 5000 of which 4000 reside in the Jewish Quarter. The additional 1000 are living and learning in the area of the Old Jewish Quarter (Referred to as the Moslem and Christian Quarters in East Jerusalem)

For nearly four decades, the efforts of American Friends of Ateret Cohanim/Jerusalem Chai have been instrumental in meeting the social, recreational, and educational needs of the families and Yeshiva students who have returned to areas that were once predominantly Jewish.



תשע"ה - 5775

May it be the year of "The City - Jerusalem" (עיר), of Hashem. (ה')

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