

Parshat Korakh

Numbers 17:9-24

First Aliyah

⁹ the Eternal spoke to Moses, saying, ¹⁰ "Remove yourselves from this community, that I may annihilate them in an instant." They fell on their faces. ¹¹ Then Moses said to Aaron, "Take the fire pan, and put on it fire from the altar. Add incense and take it quickly to the community and make expiation for them. For wrath has gone forth from the Eternal: the plague has begun!" ¹² Aaron took it, as Moses had ordered, and ran to the midst of the congregation, where the plague had begun among the people. He put on the incense and made expiation for the people; ¹³ he stood between the dead and the living until the plague was checked. ¹⁴ Those who died of the plague came to fourteen thousand and seven hundred, aside from those who died on account of Korah. ¹⁵ Aaron then returned to Moses at the entrance of the Tent of Meeting, since the plague was checked.

Second Aliyah

¹⁶ The Eternal spoke to Moses, saying: ¹⁷ Speak to the Israelite people and take from them — from the chieftains of their ancestral houses — one staff for each chieftain of an ancestral house: twelve staffs in all. Inscribe each man's name on his staff, ¹⁸ there being one staff for each head of an ancestral house; also inscribe Aaron's name on the staff of Levi.

Third Aliyah

¹⁹ Deposit them in the Tent of Meeting before the Pact, where I meet with you. ²⁰ The staff of the man whom I choose shall sprout, and I will rid Myself of the incessant mutterings of the Israelites against you. ²¹ Moses spoke thus to the Israelites. Their chieftains gave him a staff for each chieftain of an ancestral house, twelve staffs in all; among these staffs was that of Aaron.

Fourth Aliyah

²² Moses deposited the staffs before the Eternal, in the Tent of the Pact. ²³ The next day Moses entered the Tent of the Pact, and there the staff of Aaron of the house of Levi had sprouted: it had brought forth sprouts, produced blossoms, and borne almonds. ²⁴ Moses then brought out all the staffs from before the Eternal to all the Israelites; each identified and recovered his staff.