

PARSHA KORACH

It is time to pick the color war teams and your friends just cannot wait for all the fun and games. The excitement is in the air but as they are about to pick teams, there is a problem. Everyone wants to be a Color War General and nobody is willing to budge. It is either General or nothing and time ticks by until color war is canceled. No skits, no games, no fun. The reason? No teams were made because everyone wanted to be a General. Arguing and chaos and no fun.

The Mishna in Pirkei Avos tells us that a person should daven that the government does a good job. And the Mishna continues that if not for having a good government people would swallow each other. What does this mean, nobody is really going to swallow anyone else?!

The Mishna is telling us that if there are no rules and no leaders, then there is chaos and nobody can enjoy their lives, nobody can feel free to do what they need to do and it could feel like they are being swallowed up. Like a color war where nobody can make teams, the time just ticks away and nobody can have fun.

In this week's parsha Korach wanted to be a leader and along with 250 men, he challenges Moshe Rabbeinu and says that everyone deserves to be a leader and it should not only be for Moshe Rabbeinu. Korach and his men are punished and the ground swallows them up.

Korach came with complaints against the leader, Moshe Rabbeinu. Korach did not say there should be no leaders, he said everyone should be a leader. This would have led to great chaos, like the Mishna in Pirkei Avos tells us "people swallowing each other". This is why Korach was swallowed by the ground to show that it is necessary for there to be a leader and leadership.

Which areas in your life are you a leader and which areas do you have to listen to somebody else as the leader?



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