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Dear BQLI Region Friends,

This week's parashah, Korah, concludes with an entire chapter detailing the duties of the Levites. This includes a basic lesson in what focused, organized, genuine leadership looks like. We are reminded of the importance of protecting against intruding in someone's space, of core Jewish values, and guarding that which is holy.

This past week, my "little" sister, Stephanie, was recognized as *Legal Momentum's* 2017 Aiming High Honoree at an awards luncheon where extraordinary people who have achieved great heights in their profession are acknowledged. Stephanie has not only succeeded in business, but has worked hard to give back and "do good." Legal Momentum's 47-year history is one of dynamic advocacy and legal reform to ensure gender justice and personal safety for women and girls...at home, at school, in the workplace, and in the world at large. With the support of women (and men) like Stephanie, Legal Momentum is able to LEAD – Litigate, Educate, Advocate, Defend.

BQLI Region, in conjunction with Women's League for Conservative Judaism, is thrilled to be hosting the next WLCJ Leadership Institute this October 29th-30th at Merrick Jewish Center. Although seemingly far from today, it will be here before we know it! If you'd like to attend an inspiring program that will expand your skills as a leader and enhance your knowledge as a Jewish woman, Leadership Institute is for you! All you need to do right now is save these dates and, you should, because you deserve to learn, grow, connect and challenge yourself. Complete details will be shared when registration opens.

When all is said and done, this Torah portion, Korah, challenges us to defy rabble-rousers, to have faith, and to resist our need for drama. Korah reminds us of the value of authentic service, of real leadership. Korah challenged Moses by declaring that every Israelite *is* holy but he was wrong. We *can* be holy but we must use our gifts, our days, and God's mitzvot to guide us through life.

B'Shalom,
Grace