



The sorts of tidbits

my father, R' Meir Zlotowitz z"l, made sure his family was up to date on
from the mundane, to the profound, to the 'thanks for reminding me!'

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In Memory of Rav Meir Zlotowitz z"l

Parashas Vayeira 5783
November 11th • 17 Cheshvan

Reminders

As of Mincha this Sunday, November 13th, Shemoneh Esrei will have been recited ninety times with the inclusion of *Mashiv HaRuach U'Morid HaGeshem*. Therefore, after this point, one who is unsure if he added *Mashiv HaRuach* can halachically be presumed to have said it correctly, and need not repeat Shemoneh Esrei (for Nusach Ashkenaz; Nusach Sefard [which says Morid Hatal] never needs to repeat). Note: One who served as a *Sheliach Tzibbur* during this period may count his *Chazaras Hashatz* towards his count of ninety.

Daf Yomi: Erev Shabbos is Nedarim 17.

Mishnah Yomis: Erev Shabbos is Bikkurim 3:5-6. The Siyum on Seder Zera'im is this Thursday, November 17th, Mazal Tov! Seder Moed begins next with Maseches Shabbos. Join now and complete Seder Moed in less than one year!

Make sure to call your parents, in-laws, grandparents and Rabbi to wish them a good Shabbos. If you didn't speak to your kids today, make sure to do the same!

Next on the Calendar

Shabbos Mevorchim Chodesh Kislev is next week, Shabbos Parashas Chayei Sara.

Chanukah begins on Sunday Night, December 18th.

Parshah in a Paragraph

Vayeira: Despite the unbearable heat, Avraham seeks to welcome guests • As Hashem appears to Avraham, he rushes to greet three "nomads" • An angel fortells that Sarah will bear a child, Sarah laughs • Two angels leave for Sedom • Hashem tells Avraham that He intends to

destroy Sedom • Avraham (unsuccessfully) pleads with Hashem to spare Sedom • The angels arrive at Sedom and Lot hosts them • The people of Sedom attempt to attack the guests • The angels gather Lot's family, commanding them not to look back at the destruction as they flee • Lot, his wife and two unmarried daughters escape the city • Lot's wife looks back and turns into a pillar of salt • Lot and his daughters settle in a cave • Lot's daughters get their father drunk and bear their father's children, naming them Ammon and Moav • Avimelech takes Sarah and Hashem appears to Avimelech in a dream • Avimelech returns Sarah along with gifts • Yitzchok is born, and then circumcised when eight days old • Sarah worries about Yishmael's influence on Yitzchok • Hashem commands Avraham to heed Sarah and banish Hagar and Yishmael • Yishmael is saved from death in the desert; an angel promises that Yishmael will be a great nation • Akeidas Yitzchok • Avraham is promised great blessings for passing the test • Rivkah is born to Avraham's extended family.

Haftarah: Avraham Avinu is attributed with performing great acts of *chessed*. The haftarah brings two episodes of Elisha's *chessed* (Melachim Beis 4:1:37). Both the widow and the Isha *Hashunamis* who were beneficiaries of Elisha's *chessed*, were themselves performers of *chessed*.

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Vayeira: 147 Pesukim • No Mitzvos listed

For the Shabbos Table

“וַיֹּאמְרוּ אֵלָיו אַיֵּה שָׂרָה אֲשֶׁתְּךָ וַיֹּאמֶר הִנֵּה בְּאֵהָל”

“They said to him, ‘Where is Sarah your wife?’ [Avraham] said, ‘She is in the tent’ ” (Bereishis 18:9)

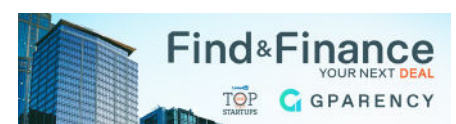
The Gemara (Bava Metzia 87a) explains that the Malachim knew of Sarah's whereabouts; yet they inquired in order to endear her to her husband by bringing attention to her excellence in the middah of Tznius. Rashi adds that in this attribute Sarah was a *Tz'nuah Yoser Meichavroseha*, that her trait was extraordinary amongst her peers. Rav Elya Baruch Finkel z"l explains that even beyond complimenting a trait of Sarah's, the Malachim highlighted a unique character that she possessed. In order to continually strengthen a relationship with others, one needs to focus on their unique attributes and abilities. This leads to genuine admiration and appreciation.

Rabbi Zlotowitz z"l would point out that we are discussing two of the greatest people in history, Avraham and Sarah, who at this point were married for many, many years. Yet still, a Malach sought to compliment her to her husband and this occurrence is noted in the Torah. How much more careful and proactive must we be in endearing spouses to one another.

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Parashas Vayera | November 11

	ר"ת	שקיעה שבת	סקש גר"א שבת	סקש מ"א שבת	שקיעה Friday Night	הדלקה עש"ק	פגמנה עש"ק
Atlanta	6:48	6:15	9:44	9:05	5:36	5:18	4:31
Baltimore	6:06	4:54	9:18	8:37	4:54	4:36	3:51
Boston	5:36	4:24	8:59	8:16	4:25	4:07	3:23
Catskills	5:52	4:40	9:13	8:30	4:41	4:23	3:39
Chicago	5:44	4:32	9:05	8:22	4:33	4:13	3:31
Cleveland	6:21	5:09	9:41	8:58	5:10	4:52	4:07
Detroit	6:24	5:12	9:47	9:04	5:13	4:55	4:11
Lakewood	5:54	4:42	9:09	8:28	4:43	4:25	3:40
Los Angeles	6:03	4:51	8:59	8:21	4:51	4:33	3:46
Miami	6:45	5:33	9:20	8:45	5:33	5:15	4:24
Monsey	5:51	4:39	9:10	8:27	4:40	4:22	3:38
Montreal	5:39	4:27	9:13	8:28	4:28	4:10	3:27
New York	5:52	4:40	9:09	8:27	4:41	4:23	3:38
Orlando	6:45	5:33	9:27	8:51	5:33	5:15	4:26
Passaic	5:52	4:40	9:10	8:28	4:41	4:23	3:38
Philadelphia	5:58	4:46	9:13	8:31	4:47	4:29	3:44
Toronto	6:07	4:55	9:34	8:50	4:56	4:56	4:38
Yerushalayim	5:58	4:41	8:43	8:06	4:41	4:07	3:35

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