



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!'

**Klal
Govoah**
In Memory of Rav Meir Zlotowitz z"l

**Parashas Miketz 5783
Shabbos Chanukah
December 23rd • 29 Kislev**



Shabbos Chanukah & Rosh Chodesh

On Erev Shabbos Chanukah, many daven Mincha earlier in the afternoon in order for Mincha to precede the Menorah lighting (this is preferable in order to avoid the appearance of a *tartei d'sasrei* - an inherent Halachic contradiction - of first lighting *Shabbos'* Menorah lights and then davening Friday's Mincha.) Menorah lighting may not occur before *plag hamincha* (approximately one hour before *shekiya*), and should be performed just before lighting Shabbos candles. The Menorah should contain enough oil (or wax) to burn until a half hour after *tzeis hakochavim* (approximately 1 hour and 45 minutes after Candle Lighting; note that many shorter 'colored candles' do not meet this criteria).

Rosh Chodesh Teves is Shabbos and Sunday. Remember to include *Yaaleh Veyavo* along with *Al HaNisim*. Shabbos morning following *Hallel*, three *Sifrei Torah* are taken out. Parashas Miketz is Leined in six *Aliyos* (the *aliyah* of *shishi* continues through *shvi'i* to the end of the Parashah). The *keriah* of Rosh Chodesh (Bamidbar 28:9-15) is *leined* from the second Sefer as the seventh *aliyah*. The *keriah* of Chanukah (Bamidbar 7:42-47) is *leined* as *maftir* from the third Sefer. The *haftarah* of Chanukah follows. *Av Harachamim* is omitted. *Atah Yatzarta* is said in Mussaf Shemoneh Esrei. *Borchi Nafshi* is added at the end of davening (some add Psalm 30 for Chanukah). *Tzidkas'cha* is omitted at Mincha.

On Motzaei Shabbos, one should return from Shul without delay and light the Menorah as soon as possible. There are differing, equally valid, *minhagim* regarding which should come first, *Havdalah* or Menorah lighting. If one is away for Shabbos Chanukah, it may be preferable to light the Menorah at the home of one's host on Motzaei Shabbos before departing, especially if one will be returning home late. Consult your Rav.

On Sunday, the second day of Rosh Chodesh Teves, the full *Hallel* is recited. *Kerias Hatorah* includes two *Sifrei Torah*. From the first sefer, the *keriah* of Rosh Chodesh (Bamidbar 28:9-15) is *leined* in three *aliyos* (instead of four; the usual first two *aliyos* are combined) from the first Sefer, followed by one *aliyah* for Chanukah (Bamidbar 7:48-53) from the second sefer Torah. *Mussaf* of Rosh Chodesh follows. Davening ends with *Borchi Nafshi* after the *Shir shel Yom* (some add Psalm 30 as well).

After Chanukah, used wicks, cups and oil should be disposed of in a respectful manner (i.e. by placing them in a plastic bag before disposing of them). Some have the *minhag* to burn them on the last day

of Chanukah; others do so during *Bi'ur Chametz* before Pesach.

Reminders

There is a praiseworthy *minhag* of giving gifts to the *melamdin* of one's children (R' C. Palaggi zt"l). This sets an example of *hakaras hatov* for children and emphasizes the importance we give to chinuch. A gift accompanied with warm words of thanks is a tremendous source of *chizuk* for our *Rebbeim* and teachers.

The first opportunity for Kiddush Levana (USA) is Monday night, December 26th. The final opportunity (in case of necessity) is Friday night, January 6th at 10:13 PM.

Daf Yomi: Erev Shabbos is Nedarim 59. Daf Yerushalmi: Berachos 40

Mishnah Yomis: Erev Shabbos is Shabbos 12:2-3.

Make sure to call your parents, in-laws, grandparents and Rebbe 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

Asarah B'Teves is on Tuesday, January 3rd.

613 Taryag Weekly

Miketz: 146 Pesukim • No Mitzvos listed



Parshah in a Paragraph

Miketz: Pharaoh's dreams • Sar Hamashkim refers Yosef to Pharaoh • Yosef interprets Pharaoh's dreams as predicting 7 years of plenty and 7 years of hunger • Yosef is appointed viceroy over Mitzrayim • Yosef marries Osnas • Menashe and Ephraim are born • The famine begins • Yaakov sends the brothers to Mitzrayim • Yosef accuses the brothers of spying • Yosef commands them to bring Binyamin • Yosef has their payments returned to their sacks; the brothers fear this is a ploy to harm them • Yaakov resists sending Binyamin • The famine worsens • Yehudah accepts responsibility for Binyamin • The brothers set out with gifts and the returned monies • Yosef is overwhelmed upon seeing Binyamin • The brothers are treated royally and sent home with abundance • Binyamin is framed as stealing the goblet and the Shevatim are returned to Mitzrayim.

The *keriah* for Rosh Chodesh pertains to the *korbanos* brought on Rosh Chodesh. The *keriah* of each day of Chanukah corresponds to the *Korbanos Ha'nesiim* and corresponding day of the Chanukas Hamizbeiach.

The *haftarah* of Chanukah is leined.



For the Shabbos Table

וַיְהִי מִקֵּץ שְׁנַתִּים יָמִים וּפְרָעָה חָלָם

"And it was at the end of the two years and Pharaoh dreamt" (Bereishis 41:01)

The Pasuk notes that Pharaoh's dreams occurred at the end of the two extra years of Yosef's imprisonment. What is the significance of the dreams coinciding with this point of Yosef's imprisonment?

The Chofetz Chaim explains with a parable of a man who questions a train conductor extensively about train schedules and operations, believing that the conductor's recognizable presence and actions aboard the train show him to be the boss. While in reality, the commands and directives come from higher up and the conductors are merely following orders. Pharaoh's dream occurred at this time not coincidentally, but only because the One Above destined this to be the time and the mechanism for Yosef to be released.

The Ramban famously writes at the end of Parashas Bo that great miracles, such as Chanukah, occur to awaken one to recognize even the smaller miracles and Hashem's hand in running our lives. Chanukah is utilized to thank Hashem for the great spiritual salvation He granted in those days. We must always seek to recognize the daily miracles we experience and pray for salvations we need from the One above, which only He can deliver.

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Parashas Mikeitz | December 23

	ר"ת	שקיעה שבת	סקש גר"א שבת	סקש מ"א שבת	שקיעה Friday Night	הדלקה עש"ק	פלג מנחה עש"ק
Atlanta	6:46	5:34	10:08	9:28	5:34	5:16	4:32
Baltimore	6:00	4:48	9:45	9:01	4:47	4:29	3:48
Boston	5:28	4:16	9:27	8:42	4:15	3:57	3:18
Catskills	5:44	4:32	9:40	8:55	4:32	4:14	3:34
Chicago	5:36	4:24	9:33	8:48	4:23	4:03	3:26
Cleveland	6:13	5:01	10:08	9:24	5:01	4:43	4:03
Detroit	6:16	5:04	10:15	9:30	5:03	4:45	4:07
Lakewood	5:48	4:36	9:36	8:52	4:35	4:17	3:37
Los Angeles	6:01	4:49	9:24	8:44	4:48	4:30	3:46
Miami	6:48	5:36	9:42	9:05	5:35	5:17	4:30
Monsey	5:44	4:32	9:37	8:53	4:31	4:13	3:34
Montreal	5:27	4:15	9:43	8:55	4:14	3:56	3:20
New York	5:45	4:33	9:36	8:52	4:32	4:14	3:35
Orlando	6:47	5:35	9:50	9:12	5:34	5:16	4:29
Passaic	5:45	4:33	9:37	8:53	4:32	4:14	3:35
Philadelphia	5:52	4:40	9:40	8:56	4:39	4:21	3:41
Toronto	5:57	4:45	10:03	9:16	4:44	4:26	3:48
Yerushalayim	5:58	4:40	9:07	8:28	4:40	4:05	3:37

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