



# 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!'



Parashas Vayeitzei 5783  
December 2nd • 8 Kislev

## Reminders

This Sunday, December 4th at Maariv, we begin saying *V'sain Tal U'matar* in *Bareich Aleinu* (those in Eretz Yisrael previously began on 7 Cheshvan). If one forgets *V'sain Tal U'matar*, he can make it up by saying it in *Shema Koleinu*. However, once past *Shema Koleinu*, one must go back to the *berachah* of *Bareich Aleinu*. If one has already finished *Shemoneh Esrei*, he must repeat *Shemoneh Esrei*. If one is unsure what he said, until thirty days have passed (Maariv on January 3rd, 2023), we assume that *he did not say V'sain Tal U'matar*. However, one who repeats the phrase "*V'es Kol...V'sein Tal U'matar*" ninety times (ideally 101 times) is thereafter - in case of doubt - halachically presumed to have said it properly and thus would need not repeat if unsure.

The final opportunity for Kiddush Levana is Wednesday night, December 7th.

Daf Yomi: Erev Shabbos is Nedarim 38. Daf Yerushalmi: Berachos 19.

Mishnah Yomis: Erev Shabbos is Shabbos 5:4-6:1.

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

Chanukah begins on Sunday Night, December 18th.

Asarah B'Teves is on January 3rd.

## Parshah in a Paragraph

**Vayeitzei:** Yaakov departs Be'er Sheva • The vision of the ladder and angels • Yaakov arrives at Charan and meets Rochel at the well • Lavan agrees to allow Rochel to marry Yaakov in exchange for seven years of labor • On the wedding night, Lavan switches Leah for Rochel • Yaakov reproaches Lavan • After seven days pass, Yaakov marries Rochel in exchange for a commitment of an additional seven years of work • Leah bears Reuven, Shimon, Levi, and Yehudah • Rochel begs Yaakov for children •

Rochel gives Yaakov her maid Bilhah, she bears Dan and Naftali • Leah gives her maid Zilpah to Yaakov; she bears Gad and Asher • Rochel exchanges with Leah her opportunity to be with Yaakov for Reuven's *duda'im* • Leah bears Yisachar, Zevulun, and Dinah • Hashem 'remembers' Rochel and accepts her prayers; she gives birth to Yosef • Lavan attempts to swindle Yaakov, but Hashem makes Yaakov wealthy • Hashem commands Yaakov to return to the land of his fathers • Rochel and Leah agree to leave • Before they leave, Rochel steals Lavan's idols • Lavan pursues them, Hashem warns him not to speak with Yaakov • Lavan rebukes Yaakov • Yaakov curses whoever stole Lavan's gods • Yaakov and Lavan make a treaty at Gal'ed • Yaakov encounters a camp of angels upon his return to Eretz Canaan.

**Haftarah:** The Navi Hoshea reprimands the nation for their misdeeds, admonishing them that their illustrious ancestry will not protect them from punishment. Yet at the same time, Hashem's love for them always leaves a door open to return to him. *Ashkenazim* read from Hoshea (12:13-14:10). [*Some add Yoel 2:26-27*].

## 613 Taryag Weekly

**Vayeitzei:** 148 Pesukim • No Mitzvos listed

## For the Shabbos Table

"וַתֹּאמֶר לָהּ הַמַּעֲט קַחְתְּךָ אֶת-אִישִׁי "

"And she [Leah] said to her [Rochel], 'Was it not enough that you took my husband?'" (*Bereishis 30:15*)

One may ask, how could Leah accuse Rochel of "stealing" her husband Yaakov's attention from her? Since Leah was only able to marry Yaakov through Rochel's selfless act of providing her with the *simanim*, it was actually Rochel who gave Yaakov to Leah!

Rav Chaim Shmuelevitz zt"l explains that in most instances of chesed, it is very easy to identify the giver and the receiver. A higher form of chesed however, is by giving in a manner in which the receiver doesn't realize he is being provided for. When Rochel gave the *simanim* to Leah, she did

so in such a manner that Leah did not even recognize that Rochel was doing anything for her, and she certainly didn't recognize the magnitude of Rochel's sacrifice. How so? R' Boruch Zlotowitz quotes from Rav Cynamon shlit"a, that the *siman* which Yaakov gave Rochel was as follows; he would ask her by the chuppah, "Are you Leah?", to which Rochel was to reply in the affirmative. This tactic was to work as surely Leah in her place would respond, "no, I'm Rochel" in order to maintain her 'cover'. Rochel "revealed the *siman*" by merely advising Leah to just answer truthfully to the question and respond, "Yes, I am Leah." Thus, Leah believed that Yaakov in fact married her knowingly and willingly!

## 30 Yom Kodem Ha'chag

**Halachos for Chanukah**

**Menorah:** What to light?

It is preferable to use olive oil. Other than the *Shammash*, one should use either oil or candles but not a mix of both. There should be enough oil in the cup at the time of lighting for the Menorah to burn for at least a half hour after nightfall (*tzeis hakochavim*). If, inadvertently, any of the candles go out before *tzeis*, it is not necessary to relight them, so long as the original lighting was done from *shekiah* and onward. [However, it is praiseworthy to re-light them without a *berachah*.] Unlike *Neiros Shabbos*, most Poskim say one cannot use an electric Menorah, even under extenuating circumstances.

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# זמנים לשבת



Parashas Vayitzei | December 3

	ר"ת	שקיעה שבת	סקש גר"א שבת	סקש מ"א שבת	שקיעה Friday Night	הדלקה עש"ק	פגל מנחה עש"ק
<b>Atlanta</b>	6:40	5:28	9:56	9:17	5:28	5:10	4:25
<b>Baltimore</b>	5:55	4:43	9:32	8:49	4:43	4:25	3:43
<b>Boston</b>	5:24	4:12	9:14	8:30	4:12	3:54	3:14
<b>Catskills</b>	5:40	4:28	9:28	8:43	4:28	4:10	3:30
<b>Chicago</b>	5:31	4:19	9:20	8:36	4:20	4:00	3:21
<b>Cleveland</b>	6:09	4:57	9:56	9:11	4:57	4:39	3:58
<b>Detroit</b>	6:12	5:00	10:02	9:17	5:00	4:42	4:02
<b>Lakewood</b>	5:43	4:31	9:24	8:41	4:31	4:13	3:32
<b>Los Angeles</b>	5:55	4:43	9:12	8:32	4:43	4:25	3:40
<b>Miami</b>	6:41	5:29	9:31	8:54	5:29	5:11	4:22
<b>Monsey</b>	5:39	4:27	9:25	8:41	4:28	4:10	3:29
<b>Montreal</b>	5:23	4:11	9:30	8:42	4:12	3:54	3:16
<b>New York</b>	5:40	4:28	9:24	8:40	4:29	4:11	3:29
<b>Orlando</b>	6:40	5:28	9:38	9:01	5:28	5:10	4:23
<b>Passaic</b>	5:40	4:28	9:24	8:41	4:29	4:11	3:30
<b>Philadelphia</b>	5:47	4:35	9:27	8:44	4:35	4:17	3:36
<b>Toronto</b>	5:53	4:41	9:50	9:04	4:41	4:23	3:44
<b>Yerushalayim</b>	5:51	4:34	8:55	8:17	4:34	3:59	3:30

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