



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 Vayigash 5783
December 30th • 6 Teves

Asarah B'Teves

This Tuesday, January 3rd, is the fast of *Asarah B'Teves*. *Asarah B'Teves* is the tragic day on which Nevuchadnetzar began his siege of Yerushalayim.

During *Chazaras Hashatz* of Shacharis, only the *Sheliach Tzibbur* adds *Aneinu* (as a separate *berachah*). *Chazaras Hashatz* is followed by *Selichos*, *Avinu Malkeinu*, *Tachanun*, and *Kerias Hatorah* ("Vayechal"). Minchah includes the same *Kerias Hatorah*, followed by the *Haftarah*. Those fasting add *Aneinu* in Shemoneh Esrei (inserted into *Shema Koleinu*). Nusach Ashkenaz says *Sim Shalom* in place of *Shalom Rav*. The *Sheliach Tzibbur* adds *Aneinu* (as a separate *berachah*) and *Bircas Kohanim* in *Chazaras Hashatz*, and *Avinu Malkeinu* is recited.

Reminders

The final opportunity for Kiddush Levana is Friday night, January 6th at 10:13 p.m. Eastern Standard Time (it should preferably be recited by Thursday night, January 5th night to avoid reciting it on Shabbos.)

As of *Asara B'Teves*, thirty days will have passed with the inclusion of *V'sein Tal U'matar*. From Maariv on January 3rd and on, one who is unsure if he correctly said *V'sein Tal* (instead of *V'sein berachah*) will not need to take any corrective measures as he is considered to have done so properly as halachically he is sufficiently accustomed.

Daf Yomi: Erev Shabbos is Nedarim 66. Daf Yerushalmi: Berachos 47

Mishnah Yomis: Erev Shabbos is Shabbos 14:3-4.

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

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

Parshah in a Paragraph

Vayigash: Yehudah protests in defense of

Binyamin • Yosef reveals his identity • Yosef asks the family to settle in Goshen • Yosef sends wagons with provisions for the brothers' journey to Canaan • Yosef gives the brothers gifts • Yaakov is informed that Yosef is alive • The members of Yaakov's family descending to Egypt are listed • Yosef and Yaakov's reunion • Yosef instructs his brothers how to speak with Pharaoh • Yaakov meets with and blesses Pharaoh • At the beginning of the years of hunger, the Egyptians can no longer afford food • Pharaoh supports the priests • The Egyptians sell themselves and their property to Yosef and Pharaoh.

Haftarah: The Parashah relates the episode of the brothers' reunion in Mitzrayim after years of separation. Yechezkel (37:15-28) relates the prophecy that the *Shevatim* will one day be united with true unity under the Melech HaMashiach.

613 Taryag Weekly

Vayigash: 106 Pesukim • No Mitzvos Listed

For the Shabbos Table

“וַיֵּרָא אֶת־הַעֲגֻלוֹת”

“And he saw the wagons which Yosef sent”
(Bereishis 45:27)

Chazal explain that Yaakov was rejuvenated upon seeing the wagons which Yosef sent as they symbolized the last Torah topic they discussed, that of Eglah Arufah. What was this message which Yosef was sending to his father?

Rav Uren Reich shlit"א answers: Chazal say that when Yosef set out to find his brothers, his father began escorting him out. Yosef protested, "I do not require this escort, as I am not a guest, but rather a member of the household." Yaakov responded that a lone traveler may face dangerous circumstances along the way. Escorting a departing traveler even just a short distance provides a symbolic accompaniment and a sense that he is not alone, giving him confidence to persevere on his journey. Thus, it was important that he escort Yosef as well. This discussion of Yaakov and Yosef regarding escorting guests was thus related to the laws of Eglah Arufah, which pertains to properly escorting a departing traveler.

By sending the wagons, Yosef hinted to his father that he was, in fact, alive and well, both physically and spiritually. For despite their geographical distance, he constantly felt his father's presence, as this feeling of never being alone enabled him to withstand the spiritual challenges he faced over the many lonely years in a land devoid of spirituality.

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-Rabbi Meir Zlotowitz z"l

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Parashas Vayigash | December 30

	ר"ת	שקיעה שבת	סקש גר"א שבת	סקש מ"א שבת	שקיעה Friday Night	הדלקה עש"ק	פג מנחה עש"ק
Atlanta	6:51	5:39	10:11	9:31	5:38	5:20	4:36
Baltimore	6:05	4:53	9:47	9:04	4:52	4:34	3:53
Boston	5:33	4:21	9:30	8:45	4:20	4:02	3:23
Catskills	5:49	4:37	9:43	8:58	4:36	4:18	3:39
Chicago	5:41	4:29	9:35	8:51	4:28	4:08	3:31
Cleveland	6:18	5:06	10:11	9:26	5:05	4:47	4:08
Detroit	6:21	5:09	10:18	9:32	5:08	4:50	4:11
Lakewood	5:53	4:41	9:39	8:55	4:40	4:22	3:41
Los Angeles	6:05	4:53	9:27	8:47	4:53	4:35	3:51
Miami	6:52	5:40	9:45	9:08	5:39	5:21	4:34
Monsey	5:49	4:37	9:40	8:56	4:36	4:18	3:38
Montreal	5:32	4:20	9:45	8:57	4:19	4:01	3:24
New York	5:50	4:38	9:39	8:55	4:37	4:19	3:39
Orlando	6:51	5:39	9:53	9:15	5:38	5:20	4:34
Passaic	5:50	4:38	9:40	8:56	4:37	4:19	3:39
Philadelphia	5:57	4:45	9:42	8:59	4:44	4:26	3:45
Toronto	6:02	4:50	10:05	9:19	4:49	4:31	3:53
Yerushalayim	6:02	4:45	9:10	8:31	4:44	4:09	3:41

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