



# 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 Vayishlach 5783**  
December 9th • 15 Kislev

## Reminders

Daf Yomi: Erev Shabbos is Nedarim 45. Daf Yerushalmi: Berachos 26.

Mishnah Yomis: Erev Shabbos is Shabbos 7:4-8:1.

Make sure to call your parents, in-laws, grandparents and Rebbi 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 Teves is next Shabbos, Parashas Vayeishev.

Chanukah begins on Sunday Night, December 18th.

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

## Parshah in a Paragraph

**Vayishlach:** Yaakov sends *Malachim* to Esav who is approaching with 400 men • Yaakov prepares for his confrontation with Esav with gifts, prayer, and readying for war • Yaakov, alone on one side of the Yabok River, battles and defeats the ministering angel of Esav • Yaakov is given the name Yisrael • Yaakov encounters Esav and they part in peace • Dina ventures out into the city of Shechem, and is assaulted by its leader's son, Shechem • The Shevatim furiously plot revenge • Shechem and his people agree to be circumcised • Shimon and Levi annihilate the male inhabitants of the city of Shechem • Yaakov builds an altar in Bais-El • Rachel passes away during the birth of Binyamin • Reuven moves Yaakov's bed to Leah's tent • Yitzchak passes away at 180 years of age, and is buried by Yaakov and Esav • The descendants of Esav and the kingdoms of Edom.

**Haftarah:** Ovadiah (1:1-21) relates the prophecy about the rise and fall of the Kingdom of Edom, the descendants of Esav. Ovadiah was himself a convert from Edom.

## 613 Taryag Weekly

**Vayishlach:** 154 Pesukim • 1 Prohibition

1. It is forbidden to eat the *Gid Hanasheh* (the

sciatic nerve) of a kosher animal.

**Mitzvah Highlight:** Yaakov was saved from the Malach of Esav, escaping with merely a wound to his thigh. This mitzvah reminds us that despite the constant and ongoing persecution by Esav's descendants, our nation will ultimately be spared and redeemed. (Sefer HaChinuch)

## For the Shabbos Table

The Midrash in last week's Parasha says that before encountering Esav and his 400 men, Yaakov hid his daughter Dina in a box so that she would not be taken by Esav. Hashem told Yaakov that in preventing Dina from marrying Esav, he removed a possibility of Dina influencing Esav to repent, thereby withholding an act of chesed from his brother. As a result, Hashem told Yaakov that because he prevented Dina from marrying Esav who was circumcised, she would ultimately end up living with Shechem who was uncircumcised. This seems difficult to understand; how could it be expected for a great man to give his noble daughter in marriage to a wicked man like Esav, on the chance that she might influence him for the good?

Rav Yitzchak Feigelstock zt"l cites from the Alter of Slabodka who explains that surely Yaakov was not obligated to sacrifice his daughter for this cause. Nevertheless, Yaakov failed to be pained by his inability to be present for his brother in this manner. Although he was truly unable to assist, it should have bothered Yaakov Avinu a bit more while he was keeping Dina away. Some of our decisions may be necessary despite their negative consequences to others. Yet, the Torah demands from us not only what to do, but how to do it as well, and that our actions must be replete with compassion.

## 30 Yom Kodem Ha'chag

**Halachos for Chanukah**

**Menorah:** Where to light?

Common practice in the USA is to light indoors by a window which faces the street and is not higher than 20 *amos* (approximately 35.5 ft) from street level. Others light by the front door or other doorway within the home opposite the Mezuzah.

However, the primary *Pirsumei Nisa* (publicizing of the miracle) is to the members of the household. Thus, lighting by a window that is in a very "out-of-the-way" place in the home is not recommended. If the menorah is not being lit by a window, it should preferably be placed by a doorway within the home opposite the Mezuzah. Once lit, a menorah may not be moved more than a minimal amount.

A menorah is lit in shul each evening before Maariv (with all berachos recited) and before Shacharis (without berachos). In many shuls the menorah is positioned in the southern part of the shul, with the candles positioned beginning from the east, and kindled from west to east.


The menorah must be lit at one's place of residence, even if only his temporary residence. A newly arrived guest who will be staying overnight can light upon arrival even though they only recently took up residence. One who will depart from home after the *z'man hadlakah* may still light at home and then depart (even immediately). A guest who has established a temporary residence may light at his host's home prior to departing (but should remain there for half an hour). Alternatively, one can wait and light at home if they will arrive at the proper *z'man*. One who is being hosted and is sleeping and eating in different places should light at whichever of the two is considered primary.

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Parashas Vayishlach | December 9

	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>	6:41	5:29	10:00	9:21	5:29	5:11	4:26
<b>Baltimore</b>	5:55	4:43	9:37	8:54	4:43	4:25	3:43
<b>Boston</b>	5:23	4:11	9:19	8:34	4:11	3:53	3:14
<b>Catskills</b>	5:39	4:27	9:33	8:48	4:27	4:09	3:30
<b>Chicago</b>	5:31	4:19	9:25	8:40	4:19	3:59	3:21
<b>Cleveland</b>	6:08	4:56	10:00	9:16	4:56	4:38	3:58
<b>Detroit</b>	6:11	4:59	10:07	9:22	4:59	4:41	4:02
<b>Lakewood</b>	5:43	4:31	9:28	8:45	4:31	4:13	3:32
<b>Los Angeles</b>	5:55	4:43	9:16	8:36	4:43	4:25	3:41
<b>Miami</b>	6:42	5:30	9:35	8:58	5:30	5:12	4:24
<b>Monsey</b>	5:39	4:27	9:29	8:45	4:27	4:09	3:29
<b>Montreal</b>	5:22	4:10	9:35	8:47	4:10	3:52	3:15
<b>New York</b>	5:40	4:28	9:28	8:44	4:28	4:10	3:30
<b>Orlando</b>	6:41	5:29	9:42	9:05	5:29	5:11	4:24
<b>Passaic</b>	5:40	4:28	9:29	8:45	4:28	4:10	3:30
<b>Philadelphia</b>	5:47	4:35	9:32	8:49	4:35	4:17	3:36
<b>Toronto</b>	5:52	4:40	9:55	9:09	4:40	4:22	3:44
<b>Yerushalayim</b>	5:52	4:35	9:00	8:21	4:35	4:00	3:31

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