



The sorts of tidbits

my father, R' Meir Zlotowitz zt"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 zt"l

Parashas Shemos 5783
January 13th • 20 Teves

Reminders

This week, the week of *Parashas Shemos*, we begin the six weeks of *Shovavim*. *Shovavim* is an acronym for the six weekly Torah portions: Shemos, Va'era, Bo, Beshalach, Yisro and Mishpatim. *Shovavim* is an auspicious time to review the Laws of *Taharas Hamishpacha* and for introspection of one's spiritual purity. Some say additional *Tehillim*, *Selichos* and other *Tikkunim*. There are those who fast on Mondays and Thursdays during this period.

Daf Yomi: Erev Shabbos is Nedarim 80. Daf Yerushalmi: Berachos 61

Mishnah Yomis: Erev Shabbos is Shabbos 19:5-6.

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

Shabbos Mevorchim Chodesh Shevat is next Shabbos, Parashas Va'era.

Tu B'shvat is on Monday, February 6th.

Purim is on Tuesday, March 7th.

Parshah in a Paragraph

B'nei Yisrael's population experiences explosive growth • Pharaoh conspires to enslave and diminish the Jewish population • Shifrah and Puah ignore Pharaoh's command to kill the newborn boys • Pharaoh commands that all newborn boys be thrown into the Nile River • Moshe's birth • Yocheved places Moshe on the Nile; Miriam watches from afar • Pharaoh's daughter, Batya, discovers and adopts Moshe • Moshe witnesses the oppression of B'nei Yisrael and kills an Egyptian he sees beating a Jew • Moshe intercedes in a fight between two Jews • Moshe's killing of the Egyptian becomes known; Pharaoh seeks to kill him • Moshe escapes to Midyan where

he comes to the aid of Yisro's daughters and marries Zipporah • Hashem speaks to Moshe at the burning bush • Moshe is appointed to act as savior, with his brother Aharon to assist him • Moshe returns to Egypt and tells B'nei Yisrael they will be redeemed • Moshe and Aharon confront Pharaoh • Pharaoh increases the Jews' workload • Hashem promises the redemption will be with a mighty arm.

Haftarah: The Parasha discusses how the Bnei Yisrael slowly descended into the *galus* of *Mitzrayim* and how the seeds of redemption were planted and began to sprout. The Navi Yeshaya (27:6-28:13, 29:22-23) tells the people that despite the desperate state of the nation there is a redemption looming - if only they cleave tightly to their spirituality.

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Shemos • 124 Pesukim • No Mitzvos listed

For the Shabbos Table

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בְּסֶבְלָתָם

"It happened in those days that Moshe grew up and went out to his brethren and he perceived their burdens" (Shemos 2:11)

The Midrash relates that in the merit of Moshe going out - *in those days* - to observe the plight of his brethren, he merited Hashem's descent from the Heavens to speak to him face-to-face. What was unique about Moshe Rabbeinu's action that earned him this great privilege? Also, what is significant about Moshe taking these actions *in those days* specifically?

Rav Yosef Elefant shlit"a relates from Rav Wolbe zt"l that the "biography" of Moshe Rabbeinu, the greatest leader of all time, is captured in this Pasuk. Moshe was living 'the good life' in the house of Pharaoh and yet he sought out the state of his fellow Jews. Rashi says *"Nasan einav v'libo"*, he directed his eyes and his heart to their situation. Rav

Wolbe quotes Rav Yerucham Levovitz zt"l as saying that this was the *"gantze Moshe Rabbeinu"*. This encapsulates the greatest leader of all time. The Alter from Kelm (Rav Simcha Zissel Ziv zt"l) explains further that being attentive to another is the first step in coming closer to our Creator. For if one cannot feel the pain of those close by, how can he possibly understand the distress and desires of the Ribbono Shel Olam, Who may seem to be far more distant.

Moshe Rabbeinu, who in that era was living royally, left his comfort zone to seek out the plight of others. The Ribbono Shel Olam responded that in that merit, He would leave His 'comfort zone' up on high to come down to Moshe and speak to him 'face-to-face'.

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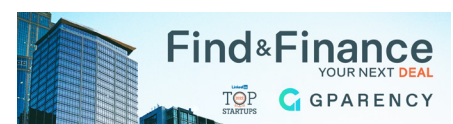
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	ר"ת	שקיעה שבת	סקש גר"א שבת	סקש מ"א שבת	שקיעה Friday Night	הדלקה עש"ק	פלג מנחה עש"ק
Atlanta	7:02	5:50	10:14	9:35	5:50	5:32	4:46
Baltimore	6:18	5:06	9:50	9:08	5:05	4:47	4:04
Boston	5:47	4:35	9:32	8:47	4:34	4:16	3:35
Catskills	6:03	4:51	9:45	9:01	4:50	4:32	3:51
Chicago	5:55	4:43	9:37	8:53	4:42	4:22	3:43
Cleveland	6:32	5:20	10:13	9:29	5:19	5:01	4:20
Detroit	6:35	5:23	10:20	9:35	5:22	5:04	4:23
Lakewood	6:06	4:54	9:41	8:58	4:53	4:35	3:53
Los Angeles	6:17	4:45	9:30	8:51	5:04	4:46	4:01
Miami	7:02	5:50	9:49	9:13	5:49	5:31	4:43
Monsey	6:03	4:51	9:42	8:59	4:50	4:32	3:50
Montreal	5:47	4:35	9:47	9:00	4:34	4:16	3:38
New York	6:04	4:52	9:41	8:58	4:50	4:32	3:51
Orlando	7:02	5:50	9:56	9:19	5:49	5:31	4:43
Passaic	6:04	4:52	9:42	8:59	4:51	4:33	3:51
Philadelphia	6:10	4:58	9:45	9:02	4:57	4:39	3:57
Toronto	6:17	5:05	10:07	9:22	5:03	4:45	4:06
Yerushalayim	6:13	4:56	9:14	8:35	4:55	4:20	3:51

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