



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 Vayechi 5783
January 6th • 13 Teves

Reminders

The final opportunity for Kiddush Levana is this Friday night, January 6th at 10:13 PM Eastern Standard Time.

Next week (the week of Parashas Shemos) is the first of the 6 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*. Some also fast on Mondays and Thursdays during this period.

Daf Yomi: Erev Shabbos is Nedarim 73. Daf Yerushalmi: Berachos 54

Mishnah Yomis: Erev Shabbos is Shabbos 17:2-3.

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

Tu Bishvat is on Monday, February 6th.

Purim is on Tuesday, March 7th.

Parshah in a Paragraph

Vayechi: Yaakov adjures Yosef not to bury him in Egypt • Yaakov blesses Yosef's children • Yaakov promises the land of Shechem to Yosef • *Bircas Yaakov:* Reuven, Shimon, and Levi are rebuked for their misdeeds • Yehudah is blessed with kingship • Levi, with priesthood • Yissachar, with Torah • Zevulun, with successful trade • Gad, with success at war • Dan, with judges • Asher, with fertile land • Naphtali, with swiftness • Binyamin, with strong will • Yosef, with beauty and fertility • Yaakov's final instruction to his sons • Yaakov dies and is embalmed • He is mourned for forty days • Yosef receives permission to go bury his father in Canaan • After the great mourning at Goren HaAtad, it was renamed "*Avel Mitzrayim*"

• The brothers fear Yosef's revenge, Yosef reassures them • Yosef asks Bnei Yisrael to take his remains with them when they leave Egypt and bury him in Eretz Yisrael • Yosef passes away and his casket is placed in the Nile River • *Chazak Chazak Venis'chazek!*

Haftarah: The Parshah relates the tzava'ah (final wishes) of Yaakov Avinu that he gave his children shortly before his passing. The haftarah (Melachim Alef 2:1-12) similarly relates the tzava'ah that David Hamelech gave to his son Shlomo Hamelech.

613 Taryag Weekly

Vayechi: 85 Pesukim • No Mitzvos listed

For the Shabbos Table

וַיְקַרְא בְּהֵם שְׁמֵי וְשֵׁם אֲבוֹתָיו

"And may my name be declared upon them along with the names of my forefathers" (Bereishis 48:16)

What is the meaning of the blessing "Yaakov's name shall be called upon them"?

Years earlier, Yaakov had instructed Yosef to travel to see to the welfare "of his brothers and their livestock." Why would Yaakov specify that Yosef should inquire about the livestock? Chazal explain that Yaakov was demonstrating for his son proper *hakaras hatov*, as it is befitting to recognize everything that we derive benefit from, even animals who do not appreciate this recognition.

The Gemara (*Sotah 36b*) says that when tempted to sin in Mitzrayim, Yosef refrained when he saw an "image of Yaakov before him". One may have a question about this Gemara since the Pasuk seemingly states a different reason, as the Pasuk says he refrained out of deference to his master who provided so much for him. The Shai Latorah explains that "the image of his father" in fact was Yaakov's departing lesson in *hakaras hatov*. The impact and impression of this lesson on his son Yosef was vivid and stark like an image before Yosef's eyes.

With the blessing of "may my name be declared upon them", Yaakov blessed Yosef's children that, like Yosef, the lessons and examples set by their forefathers should be real to them, and guide them in their actions. And in this way, it would be apparent that these are Bnei Yaakov.

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When you have nothing to say, say nothing.

-Rabbi Meir Zlotowitz z"l

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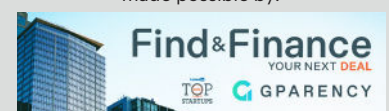
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Atlanta	6:56	5:44	10:13	9:33	5:43	5:25	4:41
Baltimore	6:11	4:59	9:49	9:06	4:58	4:40	3:58
Boston	5:39	4:27	9:31	8:46	4:26	4:08	3:29
Catskills	5:56	4:44	9:45	9:00	4:43	4:25	3:45
Chicago	5:47	4:35	9:37	8:52	4:34	4:14	3:36
Cleveland	6:25	5:13	10:13	9:28	5:12	4:54	4:13
Detroit	6:37	5:15	10:19	9:34	5:14	4:56	4:17
Lakewood	5:59	4:47	9:41	8:57	4:46	4:28	3:47
Los Angeles	6:11	4:59	9:29	8:49	4:58	4:40	3:56
Miami	6:57	5:45	9:47	9:11	5:44	5:26	4:38
Monsey	5:55	4:43	9:42	8:58	4:42	4:24	3:44
Montreal	5:39	4:27	9:47	8:59	4:26	4:08	3:30
New York	5:56	4:44	9:41	8:57	4:43	4:25	3:23
Orlando	6:56	5:44	9:55	9:18	5:43	5:25	4:38
Passaic	5:56	4:44	9:41	8:58	4:43	4:25	3:45
Philadelphia	6:03	4:51	9:44	9:01	4:50	4:32	3:51
Toronto	6:09	4:57	10:07	9:21	4:56	4:38	3:59
Yerushalayim	6:07	4:50	9:12	8:34	4:49	4:14	3:46

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