



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 Mishpatim - Shekalim 5783 • February 17th • 26 Shevat

Shabbos Mevorchim

This week is Shabbos Mevorchim Chodesh Adar. Rosh Chodesh is on Tuesday and Wednesday, February 21st and 22nd. The molad is Monday afternoon, 12:40 PM and 11 chalakim. "Mise'nichnas Adar marbim b'simcha" - as we enter the month of Adar we increase our joy.

Reminders

This week we lein the first of the Daled Parshiyos, the four parshiyos. Four special Maftir aliyos and Haftaros are leined over the course of four separate weeks. On these weeks, Av Harachamim is omitted and the Kel Malei recited before Mussaf by one who has yahrzeit is also not said.

The first of the Daled Parshiyos is Parashas Shekalim. Many congregations say yotzros at Shacharis. Two Sifrei Torah are taken out and Parashas Shekalim is read from the second Sefer as maftir. The haftarah of Parashas Shekalim is leined. Many shuls say yotzros during Chazaras HaShatz of Mussaf.

The week of Parashas Mishpatim is the final week of the weeks of Shovavim.

The first opportunity for Kiddush Levana is Thursday night, February 23rd. The final opportunity is Monday night, March 6th 11:41 PM Eastern Standard Time.

Daf Yomi: Erev Shabbos is Nazir 25. Daf Yerushalmi: Pe'ah 2. New Masechta has just begun; Masechta Pe'ah is 72 blatt. Mishnah Yomis: Erev Shabbos is Eiruv 5:9 - 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

Taanis Esther is on Monday, March 6th. Purim is on Tuesday, March 7th.

Parshah in a Paragraph

Mishpatim: Laws of murder • Kidnapping • Cursing a parent • Injury and damages • Killing or maiming slaves • Killing a fetus • Theft • Ones u'Mefateh • Witchcraft • Bestiality • Avodah Zarah • Bechor of animals • Hashavas Aveidah • Shemittah • Shabbos • Do not mention other gods • Shalosh Regalim and Aliyah L'regel • Hashem promises (after the sin of the eigel) to send an angel to protect Bnei Yisrael and that they will conquer the nations of Canaan • Command to destroy the idols of Canaan • Promises of good life in the Land • One altar and twelve monuments are built and sacrifices brought • Moshe reads parts of the Torah to Bnei Yisrael • Naaseh Venishma • Moshe, Aharon, Nadav, Avihu,

and the elders feast while seeing a vision of Hashem • Moshe ascends the mountain for forty days and forty nights • The nation sees the glory of Hashem atop the mountain • See Taryag Weekly for the various mitzvos in this week's Parashah.

Parashas Shekalim (Shemos 30:11-16): The Bnei Yisrael are to be counted through shekalim to avoid counting the people directly • Only those twenty years of age and above are counted • Whether rich or poor the amount should be specifically one-half Shekel • The shekalim should be used towards Avodah expenses

Haftarah: The special haftarah for Parashas Shekalim (Melachim II 11:17 or 12:01-12:17) describes the contributions of the Bnei Yisrael to the Beis Hamikdash in the campaign led by King Yeho'ash and Yehoyada the Kohen Gadol.

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Mishpatim: 118 Pesukim • 23 Obligations • 30 Prohibitions

- 1) Abide by the laws of Jewish slaves. 2-3) A master or his son should marry his Jewish maidservant, and if not, facilitate her redemption. 4) Do not resell a maidservant. 5) Do not withhold from a wife or a maidservant clothing, sustenance or marital needs. 6) Do not wound a parent. 7-8) Beis Din shall mete out the death penalties of chenek (strangulation) and cherev (beheading) when applicable. 9-10) Beis Din shall assess kenasos (fines) and judgments regarding damages by animals. 11) Do not eat from a goring ox that was sentenced to death. 12-15) Adjudicate the laws of monetary damages resulting from a bor (stumbling block), aish (fire), private animals, and theft. 16) The laws of a Shomer Chinam (unpaid watchman). 17) Adjudicate monetary disputes. 18-19) The laws of a Shomer Sachar (paid watchman) and Sho'el (borrower). 20) A seducer must pay a k'nas and marry his victim. 21) Beis Din must execute a sorceress. 22-23) Do not antagonize a convert monetarily or even verbally. 24) Do not antagonize a widow or an orphan verbally. 25) Lend money to one in need. 26) Do not harass a borrower who isn't able to repay. 27) Do not loan with interest. 28) Do not curse Hashem or a Beis Din. 29-30) Do not curse duly appointed Rabbinic or civil leaders. 31) Do not alter the order of the separations of bikkurim, terumah and ma'aser. 32) Do not eat meat of a fatally ill animal (tereifa). 33) A Beis Din must not hear from one disputant absent the other; do not accept lashon hara as truth. 34) Do not accept testimony from an evildoer. 35) Do not convict one to death with a single vote majority. 36) A judge must not blindly accept the opinion of others. 37) Beis Din shall render decisions following the majority opinion. 38) Do not favor the destitute party in judgment out of compassion. 39) Help unburden your friend or his animal. 40) Judge even an evil person fairly and justly. 41) Judge based on at least two kosher witnesses (and not on circumstantial evidence). 42) A judge may not accept bribes. 43) Render shemittah fruit hefker (ownerless).

- 44) Do not perform melacha on Shabbos. 45) Do not swear in the name of foreign gods. 46) Do not convince others to serve foreign gods. 47) Bring the korban chagigah during the shalosh regalim. 48) Do not bring the korban pesach while in possession of chametz. 49) Do not leave over from the sacrificial cheilev of korbanos. 50) Bring bikkurim from the first newly ripened shivas haminim to the Beis Hamikdash. 51) Do not cook milk and meat together. 52) Do not make peace with the seven Canaanite nations while they engage in idol worship. 53) Do not enable idol-serving nations to dwell in Eretz Yisrael.

For the Shabbos Table

כִּי־תִרְאֶה חֲמוֹר שֹׂנֵאֶךָ רֹבֵץ תַּחַת מִשְׁאֵו וְחִדְלָתָ מֵעֹב לֹו עֹב תִּעֲשֶׂב עִמוּ "Perhaps you will see the donkey of someone you hate lying under its burden, will you refrain from helping him? - you shall surely help along with him" (Shemos 23:5)

The Pasuk refers to one who is prepared to assist a fellow Jew, yet finds themselves reluctant. The Torah commands him to overcome this and assist his fellow. The pasuk, however, is clearly discussing a fellow whom he hates. If so, why does the pasuk describe this merely as one who is "hesitant to assist"? Would it not be more accurate to describe this as the person having no interest at all in this fellow's predicament?

Rav Aharon Dovid Willner shlit"a explains that even one who is entrenched in a dispute with another person, wishes deeply to extricate themselves and resolve the conflict. It is only the frailty of human nature and the inability to overcome one's ego that prevents one from pursuing peace. Thus, the pasuk guides us to follow our inclination to do good and overcome the egoistic nature that is impeding our inner desire to make shalom.

The Mishnah in Avos (1:12) states that Aharon Hakohen was an ohev shalom and rodef shalom, a lover of peace and pursuer of peace. Rashi explains that when Aharon would see a conflict, he would tell each side that the other party asked him to make peace between them. Each person, upon being convinced of their adversary's interest in peace, would swiftly come to the table to make shalom. Seemingly, Aharon Hakohen was bending the truth, albeit for the noble cause of making peace. However, Rav Willner, quoting Rav Shneur Kotler zt"l, explains that Aharon's words were in fact the truth, as the reality is that every Jew wishes deep down to be at peace with their fellow man. It is only the weakness of human nature that stands in the way of the blessing of peace.

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Atlanta	7:36	6:24	10:05	9:28	6:23	6:05	5:14
Baltimore	6:58	5:46	9:37	8:57	5:45	5:27	4:37
Boston	6:32	5:20	9:17	8:35	5:18	5:00	4:12
Catskills	6:47	5:35	9:31	8:50	5:34	5:16	4:27
Chicago	6:39	5:27	9:23	8:42	5:26	5:06	4:19
Cleveland	7:15	6:03	9:59	9:18	6:02	5:44	4:55
Detroit	7:20	6:08	10:05	9:23	6:06	5:48	5:00
Lakewood	6:47	5:35	9:28	8:48	5:34	5:16	4:27
Los Angeles	6:51	5:39	9:20	8:43	5:38	5:20	4:29
Miami	7:27	6:15	9:44	9:09	6:15	5:57	5:04
Monsey	6:45	5:33	9:28	8:47	5:32	5:14	4:25
Montreal	6:37	5:25	9:30	8:46	5:24	5:06	4:18
New York	6:46	5:34	9:28	8:47	5:33	5:15	4:25
Orlando	7:29	6:17	9:50	9:15	6:17	5:59	5:06
Passaic	6:46	5:34	9:28	8:47	5:33	5:15	4:26
Philadelphia	6:51	5:39	9:32	8:52	5:38	5:20	4:31
Toronto	7:03	5:51	9:51	9:09	5:50	5:32	4:44
Yerushalayim	6:44	5:27	9:06	8:29	5:26	4:51	4:17

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