



# 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!'



In Memory of Rav Meir Zlotowitz z"l

Parashas Yisro 5783  
February 10th • 19 Shevat

## Reminders

During *Kerias HaTorah* of Parashas Yisro, the minhag of most Ashkenazi congregations is to stand when the *Aseres HaDibros* are read. Most Sephardic congregations are particular to not follow this practice.

This week is the fifth week of *Shovavim*. Next week, that of Parashas Mishpatim, is the final week of the *Shovavim* weeks.

Daf Yomi: Erev Shabbos is Nazir 18.

Daf Yerushalmi: Berachos 89. The siyum on Yerushalmi Masechta Berachos is this Wednesday, February 15th, Mazal Tov! Masechta Pe'ah (72 blatt) begins next.

Mishnah Yomis: Erev Shabbos is Eiruvim 4:6-7.

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

Shabbos Mevorchim Chodesh Adar is next Shabbos, Parashas Mishpatim.

Taanis Esther is on Monday, March 6th.

Purim is on Tuesday, March 7th.

## Parshah in a Paragraph

**Yisro:** Yisro arrives at the Jews' encampment along with Moshe's family • Moshe greets him in distinguished fashion; Yisro praises Hashem • Yisro witnesses Moshe's schedule and suggests a system of judges • Moshe implements Yisro's system • Moshe escorts Yisro as he leaves • The Jews arrive at Har Sinai • Moshe ascends the mountain • Moshe prophetically tells Bnei Yisrael that they are the chosen nation and must actualize their potential • Bnei Yisrael respond "Naaseh" • Hashem tells Moshe that He will reveal Himself to ensure the eternal faith of Bnei Yisrael • Bnei Yisrael prepare for the revelation for three days • Moshe sets boundaries around the mountain • Hashem's glory descends on Har Sinai in an awe-inspiring manner • Moshe warns Bnei Yisrael not to approach • The first two commandments are spoken by Hashem • The remaining commandments are said by Moshe • *Aseres Hadibros* - See *Taryag Weekly* for the

*various mitzvos* • The event elicits intense fear and trembling • Prohibition against making idols • Laws regarding construction and ascension of the altar

**Haftarah:** The Parashah discusses *Kabbalas HaTorah*, the awesome event at Har Sinai, which was an amazing spectacle of the glory of Hashem. The Navi Yeshaya relates the great heavenly spectacle that he saw in his *nevuah*. (Yeshaya 6:1 - 7:6)

## 613 Taryag Weekly

**Yisro:** 72 Pesukim • 3 Obligations • 14 Prohibitions

1) Recognize and believe in Hashem's existence and His eternal omnipotence. 2) Do not believe in any other godly power. 3) Do not create or commission the formation of an idol. 4) Do not perform Temple services for another god. 5) Do not perform the services for another god. 6) Do not swear with Hashem's Name in vain. 7) Sanctify the Shabbos. 8) Do not perform melachah on Shabbos. 9) Honor your parents. 10) Do not commit murder. 11) Do not commit adultery. 12) Do not kidnap. 13) Do not testify falsely. 14) Do not attempt to acquire or covet another's possessions. 15) Do not create a statue or form of a human. 16) Do not construct an altar by carving stone. 17) Do not ascend the altar via stairs or with wide strides.

## For the Shabbos Table

לא תתקמד בית רעך {ס} לא תתקמד אשת רעך ועבדו ואמתו ושורו וחתמרו וכל אשר לרעך

"You shall not covet your fellow's home; You shall not covet your fellow's wife, servant, maidservant, ox, donkey or anything that belongs to your fellow man" (*Shemos 20:14*)

In the prohibition of coveting another's possessions, the Torah first details various items and then concludes by prohibiting "anything that belongs to your fellow man." Why does the Torah first list these various items if the conclusion is that everything is prohibited?

Rav Yaakov Galinsky zt"l explains that it seems to be a difficult task for a human being to not desire something he likes. To address this, the Torah writes sage advice on how to curb jealousy. "*Vchol (everything) asher l'reiecha*" explains that although your friend's home seems so appealing, you must take all of the homeowner's life circumstances and burdens into account - "all that is his." One would

need to accept problems, issues, worries, and challenges that accompany this coveted item.

We can understand each person's unique circumstances and provisions with a parable from the Chofetz Chaim. A man enters a shop seeking to purchase an ax with which to chop firewood. The proprietor has no axes in stock, but the salesman offers him a quality saw used for cutting metal, and he implores the man to buy it. The man responds, "I am a woodchopper and have no need for blacksmith tools." The Chofetz Chaim explains that one must recognize that Hashem provides each person with a custom-tailored package of wife, slave, etc. he needs for his unique mission. Then, after the Torah lists these individual items, it guides us to understand that each of these possessions is uniquely suited to its owner. Through acceptance of this reality, jealousy dissipates quickly and easily, as one views his situation from its correct perspective.

*Mazel Tov*

to Ira Zlotowitz and family upon the kiddush of his granddaughter.

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Parashas Yisro | February 10

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<b>Atlanta</b>	7:29	6:17	10:08	9:31	6:17	5:59	5:09
<b>Baltimore</b>	6:50	5:38	9:42	9:01	5:37	5:19	4:31
<b>Boston</b>	6:23	5:11	9:22	8:40	5:09	4:51	4:05
<b>Catskills</b>	6:38	5:26	9:36	8:54	5:25	5:07	4:20
<b>Chicago</b>	6:30	5:18	9:28	8:46	5:17	4:57	4:12
<b>Cleveland</b>	7:07	5:55	10:04	9:22	5:53	5:35	4:48
<b>Detroit</b>	7:11	5:59	10:10	9:28	5:57	5:39	4:53
<b>Lakewood</b>	6:39	5:27	9:33	8:52	5:26	5:08	4:20
<b>Los Angeles</b>	6:45	5:33	9:24	8:46	5:32	5:14	4:24
<b>Miami</b>	7:23	6:11	9:46	9:12	6:10	5:52	5:00
<b>Monsey</b>	6:37	5:25	9:33	8:52	5:24	5:06	4:18
<b>Montreal</b>	6:27	5:15	9:35	8:51	5:13	4:55	4:10
<b>New York</b>	6:37	5:25	9:32	8:51	5:24	5:06	4:19
<b>Orlando</b>	7:24	6:12	9:53	9:17	6:12	5:54	5:02
<b>Passaic</b>	6:38	5:26	9:33	8:52	5:24	5:06	4:19
<b>Philadelphia</b>	6:43	5:31	9:36	8:56	5:30	5:12	4:24
<b>Toronto</b>	6:54	5:42	9:57	9:14	5:40	5:22	4:36
<b>Yerushalayim</b>	6:38	5:21	9:09	8:32	5:20	4:45	4:12

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