



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 Ki Sisa - Parah 5783
March 10th • 17 Adar

Reminders

Parashas Parah is *leined* this week (the Shabbos before Parashas Hachodesh). Two Sifrei Torah are taken out, and the *maftir* of Parashas Parah (Bamidbar 19:1-22) is read from the second sefer. Parashas Parah discusses the preparation and use of the *parah adumah*. Some maintain that this *keriah* is a *mitzvah d'Oraisa*. Many congregations say *Yotzros* during Shacharis. *Av Harachamim* is omitted.

At 2am this Motzaei Shabbos, March 12th, the USA will move the clock forward one hour, shifting to Daylight Savings Time. Israel won't change their clocks until Friday, March 24th; in the interim there will be a six-hour time difference between the East Coast (USA) and Israel. Note that this will move *zmanim* such as *shekiya*, *netz*, *misheyakir* and *sof zman kerias shema* an hour later.

Daf Yomi: Erev Shabbos is Nazir 46. Daf Yerushalmi: Pe'ah 23.

Mishnah Yomis: Erev Shabbos is Eiruvin 10:6-7.

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 Nisan is next Shabbos, Parashas Vayakhel-Pekudei.

Shabbos Hagadol is Shabbos Parashas Tzav, April 1st.

Pesach begins on Wednesday evening, April 5th.

Parshah in a Paragraph

Ki Sisa: Bnei Yisrael are counted using the *Machatzis HaShekel* • The *Kiyor* • Formulation of the *Shemen HaMishchah* and the *Ketores* • Betzalel and Oholiav are appointed to lead the Mishkan construction • Mitzvah of Shabbos • Forty days after Moshe went up the mountain, Bnei Yisrael fear that Moshe will not return • The *Chet HaEigel* • Hashem states His intention to destroy His people • Moshe intercedes • Moshe descends from the mountain and, seeing people celebrating the *Eigel*, shatters the *Luchos* • The Leviim execute 3,000 idol worshippers • Plague strikes Bnei Yisrael • An angel, not the *Shechinah*,

will accompany Bnei Yisrael • Moshe sets up his tent outside the camp • Moshe successfully intercedes to have the *Shechinah* escort the Bnei Yisrael • The second *Luchos* • The Thirteen Attributes of Mercy • Bnei Yisrael should not learn from the nations • Observe the *Shalosh Regalim* • *Aliyah l'Regel* • Firstborn animals are to be brought as a *korban* • Shabbos • *Basar b'Chalav* • Moshe's face shines from the *Shechinah* and he wears a veil to hide it

Parashas Parah: An unblemished completely red heifer that has never done any work is slaughtered on a mountain opposite the Beis Hamikdash, and its blood is sprayed in the direction of the *Ohel Moed* • The cow is burned together with cedar wood, hyssop, and a thread of dyed crimson wool; the resulting ashes are mixed into spring water • This mixture is sprayed onto one who is impure with *tumas meis*, on the third and seventh days of the seven-day purification process • An impure person (including *tumas meis*) who enters the *Mikdash* is punished by *kareis* • Laws of *tumas meis*

Haftarah: The *haftarah* relates the prophecy of Yechezkel (36:16-38) the purification process that Hashem will perform upon us at the time of the final redemption.

613 Taryag Weekly

Ki Sisa: 139 Pesukim • 4 Commandments • 5 Prohibitions

- 1) *Machatzis HaShekel* - A yearly contribution by each individual to the Beis Hamikdash treasury for communal offerings.
- 2) A Kohen must wash his hands and feet before performing *avodah*.
- 3) Produce oil for *Shemen HaMishchah*, produce oil for anointing.
- 4) Do not anoint a non-Kohen with *Shemen HaMishchah*.
- 5) Do not produce this oil for private use.
- 6) Do not produce *ketores* for private use.
- 7) Do not derive benefit from foods used for *avodah zarah*.
- 8) Observe the *shemittah*.
- 9) Do not eat or derive benefit from milk and meat cooked together. (The prohibition to cook them together is listed elsewhere.)

Mitzvah highlight: Through his half-shekel contribution, every member of Klal Yisrael has a portion in the communal Beis Hamikdash offerings. Each individual participates equally, as both the rich and poor give the same fixed amount of a half-shekel, symbolizing that each of us is recognized by Hashem equally.

For the Shabbos Table

וַיֵּרָא אֶת־הָעֵגֶל וּמְחֹלַת וַיַּחַר־אֶף מֹשֶׁה וַיִּשְׁלַךְ מִיָּדוֹ אֶת־הַלֻּחֹת וַיִּשְׂבֶּר אֹתָם

"And he saw the Golden Calf and the dancing, and Moshe became upset and threw the *Luchos* from his hands and broke them" (Shemos 32:19)

Surely the worship of the Golden Calf was egregious enough, why does the Torah highlight that Moshe witnessed the dancing accompanying the sin?

The Seforno writes that when Moshe witnessed their *simchah* in doing the sin, he understood that the sin would have a permanent and lasting impact. Rav Ahron Dovid Willner shlit'a explains that while a sin may be reversible, when performed joyfully it causes the sin to become deeply ingrained in a person's psyche.

The same is true regarding the effect of a mitzvah that is performed joyously. The joy infuses the *mitzvah* into a person. The Arizal is quoted as saying that his lofty levels were attained through performing *mitzvos* with great *simchah* (M.B. 669:11). As we are *marbim b'simchah* in Chodesh Adar, the great *simchah shel mitzvah* should infuse the effect of these mitzvos into our hearts.

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Parashas Ki Sisah | March 10

	ר"ת	שקיעה שבת	סקש גר"א שבת	סקש מ"א שבת	שקיעה Friday Night	הדלקה עש"ק	פוג מנחה עש"ק
Atlanta	7:54	6:42	9:50	9:13	6:41	6:23	5:27
Baltimore	7:21	6:09	9:20	8:41	6:08	5:50	4:54
Boston	6:57	5:45	8:59	8:17	5:44	5:26	4:31
Catskills	7:12	6:00	9:13	8:32	5:59	5:41	4:46
Chicago	7:04	5:52	9:05	8:24	5:51	5:31	4:38
Cleveland	7:40	6:28	9:41	9:00	6:27	6:09	5:14
Detroit	7:45	6:33	9:46	9:05	6:32	6:14	5:19
Lakewood	7:11	5:59	9:11	8:31	5:58	5:40	4:45
Los Angeles	7:09	5:57	9:06	8:29	5:56	5:38	4:43
Miami	7:39	6:27	9:32	8:58	6:27	6:09	5:12
Monsey	7:10	5:58	9:10	8:30	5:57	5:39	4:44
Montreal	7:06	5:54	9:09	8:26	5:53	5:35	4:40
New York	7:10	5:58	9:10	8:30	5:57	5:39	4:44
Orlando	7:43	6:31	9:37	9:03	6:30	6:12	5:17
Passaic	7:10	5:58	9:10	8:30	5:57	5:39	4:44
Philadelphia	7:15	6:03	9:14	8:35	6:02	5:44	4:48
Toronto	7:30	6:18	9:32	8:50	6:17	5:59	5:04
Yerushalayim	7:00	5:43	8:52	8:16	5:43	5:07	4:29

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