



# 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 Vayakhel - Pekudei & HaChodesh 5783 March 17th • 24 Adar

## Shabbos Mevorchim

This week is Shabbos Mevorchim Chodesh Nissan. Rosh Chodesh is on Thursday, March 23rd. The molad is Wednesday morning at 1:24 AM and 12 chalakim.

## Reminders

Parashas HaChodesh is leined this Shabbos, the Shabbos which precedes Rosh Chodesh Nissan. Many congregations say Yotzros during Shacharis and Mussaf. Two Sifrei Torah are taken out, and the special maftir of Parashas HaChodesh (Shemos 12:1-20) is leined from the second sefer. The haftarah for Parashas HaChodesh is leined. Av Harachamim is omitted.

The first opportunity for Kiddush Levana is Motzaei Shabbos, March 25th. The final opportunity is Tuesday night, April 4th.

Many have the custom of reciting the Kel Mallei this Shabbos during Minchah for any yahrzeit which falls in Chodesh Nissan. This is done as Kel Mallei may not be said during Chodesh Nissan, and is also not recited before Mussaf when Mevorchim HaChodesh is said. Kel Mallei can also be said after Kerias Hatorah this Monday prior to Rosh Chodesh Nissan.

Chodesh Nissan begins on Wednesday night, March 22nd. For the duration of the month, Tachanun, as well as the Yehi Ratzons recited after Kerias Hatorah, are omitted from the weekday davening. On Shabbos, Av Harachamim (before Mussaf) and Tzidkoscha (after Minchah) are omitted as well. The Kel Malei recited by one who has a yahrzeit is also not said. Fasting and hespeidim are generally prohibited as well.

The berachah of Bircas Ilanos (a blessing on a newly blossomed fruit tree) should be said during the month of Nissan. Many have the minhag not to eat matzah from Rosh Chodesh Nissan (some do not eat matzah beginning from Shushan Purim).

One must donate money for Maos Chittim, money which will be used to provide the needy with food during Pesach. The donation may be given from maaser funds.

Next Friday morning, March 24th at 2:00 AM, Eretz Yisrael will move their clocks forward one hour to Daylight Savings Time.

Daf Yomi - Erev Shabbos: Bavli: Nazir 53. Yerushalmi: Pe'ah 30 | Mishnah Yomis - Erev Shabbos: Pesachim 1:5-6.

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 HaGadol is Shabbos Parashas Tzav, April 1st. Pesach begins on Wednesday evening, April 5th.

## Parshah in a Paragraph

**Vayakhel:** Moshe gathers the Bnei Yisroel and teaches them of Shabbos • The instructions for collecting materials and constructing the Mishkan • The men, and perhaps even more so, women, bring materials • The Nesi'im bring the precious stones for Avnei Shoham and the Avnei Miluim • Betzalel has been blessed with divine talent • Moshe tells the people to stop bringing materials; even more than needed was collected • Details of the Mishkan boards, curtains, Keilim, and the Courtyard curtains and pillars are all repeated.

**Pekudei:** An accounting of the precious metals and materials collected for the Mishkan • The Bigdei Kehunah are fashioned • Everything is completed as Hashem commanded • Moshe blesses the workers • Hashem commands Moshe to erect the Mishkan • On Rosh Chodesh Nissan, Moshe erects the Mishkan and anoints the Keilim • Moshe dresses Aharon and Aharon's sons in the Bigdei Kehunah and anoints them • The Ananei HaKavod rest on the Mishkan • Hashem's Glory fills the Mishkan and Moshe cannot enter • The Bnei Yisrael travel based on the movement of the Ananei HaKavod • Chazak Chazak V'nis'chazeik!

**Parashas HaChodesh:** This special keriah (Shemos 12:1-20) discusses the mitzvah of Kiddush HaChodesh, as well as the commandment in Mitzrayim to sacrifice a sheep for Korban Pesach.

**Special Haftarah:** The haftarah (Yechezkel 45:16-46:18) details the inauguration of the third Beis Hamikdash that will take place in Chodesh Nissan and the Korban Pesach that will be brought then, in the days of Mashiah.

## 613 Taryag Weekly

**Vayakhel:** 122 Pesukim • 1 Prohibition

1) Do not carry out a death penalty on Shabbos. Despite the grave sin deserving of severe punishment, the kedushah and serenity of the Shabbos grants a day of rest even to evildoers.

**Pekudei:** 92 Pesukim • No mitzvos listed

## For the Shabbos Table

וַיְבֹאוּ כָל־אִישׁ אֲשֶׁר־נִשְׁאוֹ לְבֹו וְכָל אִשֶׁר נָדְבָה רוּחוֹ אֹתוֹ הִבְיִאוּ אֶת־תְּרוּמַת ה'

"Every man whose heart inspired him came; and everyone whose spirit moved him, brought the portion of Hashem" (Shemos 35:21)

Here the Torah describes the contributors to the construction of the Mishkan, as "Nesa'o Libo" and "Nad'va Rucho". What are these descriptions referring to?

The Ramban explains that nedivus halev refers to those who contributed materials and nesa'o libo refers to the Chachamim who performed the actual work. The Ramban writes that in Mitzrayim the Bnei Yisrael worked only with brick and mortar. Nevertheless, this team of Chachamim were able to work skillfully with gold, silver and other fine materials. The Torah acknowledges that in the case of Betzalel this was a direct blessing from Hashem that he be granted this ability. But how did Betzalel's assistants acquire their newly found talents?

Some understand Ramban to be saying (see Sichos Mussar [Rav Chaim Shmulevitz]), that those who were nasa'o libo and came forward with dedication to this avodas Hashem of building the Mishkan, were granted the abilities to fulfill the tasks that they undertook. The same applies in all areas of avodas Hashem. One who possesses a true desire and dedication to rise to the task will merit Divine assistance to fulfill his goals. Even one who seems lacking in talent will merit Divine assistance and blessing to be able to grow and achieve. See also Chofetz Chaim [Toras Habayis ch. 7].

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# זמנים לשבת



Parashas Vayakhel-Pekudei | March 17

	ר"ת	שקיעה שבת	סקש גר"א שבת	סקש מ"א שבת	שקיעה Friday Night	הדלקה עש"ק	פגל מנחה עש"ק
Atlanta	8:59	7:47	10:45	10:08	7:46	7:28	6:31
Baltimore	8:28	7:16	10:14	9:34	7:15	6:57	6:00
Boston	8:05	6:53	9:52	9:10	6:52	6:34	5:37
Catskills	8:20	7:08	10:06	9:25	7:07	6:49	5:52
Chicago	8:12	7:00	9:58	9:17	6:59	6:39	5:44
Cleveland	8:48	7:36	10:34	9:53	7:35	7:17	6:20
Detroit	8:53	7:41	10:39	9:58	7:40	7:22	6:25
Lakewood	8:18	7:06	10:04	9:24	7:05	6:47	5:50
Los Angeles	8:15	7:03	10:00	9:23	7:04	6:44	5:47
Miami	8:42	7:30	10:28	9:54	7:30	7:12	6:15
Monsey	8:18	7:06	10:04	9:23	7:04	6:46	5:49
Montreal	8:15	7:03	10:02	9:18	7:02	6:44	5:47
New York	8:17	7:05	10:03	9:23	7:04	6:46	5:49
Orlando	8:47	7:35	10:32	9:58	7:35	7:17	6:19
Passaic	8:18	7:06	10:04	9:23	7:05	6:47	5:50
Philadelphia	8:22	7:10	10:08	9:28	7:09	6:51	5:54
Toronto	8:39	7:27	10:25	9:42	7:26	7:08	6:11
Yerushalayim	7:05	5:48	8:46	8:10	5:47	5:12	4:32

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