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# tidbits

my father, R' Meir Zlotowitz zt"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 zt"l

Parashas Behar - Bechukosai 5783  
May 12th • 21 Iyar

## Reminders

Sefirah: On Friday night we count the 37th day of the omer.

In most congregations the *aliyah* that includes the *Tochachah* in Parashas Bechukosai is taken by the *baal koreh* or the *gabbai* (in many shuls they do so without being called up). The *pesukim* of the *Tochachah* are read in a slightly quicker and lower tone (while ensuring that the words are audible).

Pirkei Avos: Perek 5.

Daf Yomi - Erev Shabbos: Bavli: Sotah 44. The Daf Yomi Siyum on Masechta Sotah is next Wednesday, May 17th. The next Masechta is Gittin which is 89 blatt • Daf Yerushalmi: Demai 13 • Mishnah Yomis: Shekalim 5:3-4.

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

Yom Kippur Katan for Chodesh Sivan is observed on Thursday, May 18th.

Shabbos Mevorchim Chodesh Sivan is next Shabbos, Parashas Bamidbar.

Shavuot begins on Thursday evening, May 25th.

## Parshah in a Paragraph

**Behar:** The laws of *Shemittah* and *Yovel* • Selling and redeeming ancestral properties and homes • Helping impoverished Jews • The Jew who is sold as a slave • We are slaves of Hashem who took us out of Mitzrayim • See *Taryag Section for a complete review*

**Bechukosai:** Reward for following the Torah • The *Tochachah*, admonition against abandoning the Torah and the details of the punishment for doing so • The laws of *Arachin* and *Hekdesh* • See *Taryag Weekly for the various mitzvos* • *Chazak Chazak V'nis'chazeik!*

Haftarah: The *haftarah* of Parashas Bechukosai (Yirmiyah 16:19 - 17:14) contains a theme similar to

the parashah - those who adhere to the mitzvos will be rewarded with great blessings, while those who abandon the path of Torah will be punished.

## 613 Taryag Weekly

**Behar** • 57 Pesukim • 7 Obligations • 17 Prohibitions

1-4) Do not work the field or trees or harvest aftergrowth or fruits during the *Shemittah* year. 5) *Sanhedrin* should count the years of *Shemittah* and *Yovel*. 6) Blow Shofar on Yom Kippur of the *Yovel* year. 7) Beis Din shall sanctify the *Yovel* year. 8-10) Do not work the field or trees during *Yovel*, or harvest aftergrowth or fruits. 11) Utilize halachic modes of acquisition. 12) Do not overcharge or defraud. 13) Do not harass or embarrass another. 14) Do not sell land in Eretz Yisrael in perpetuity. 15) Return all lands to their original owners at *Yovel*. 16) Right of redemption for one year on sold property in a walled city. 17) Do not alter the usage of properties of the *Levi'im*. 18) Do not lend with interest. 19-21) Do not employ or sell a Jewish slave in a degrading manner, but rather as a regular employee. 22) Retain your gentile slave. 23) Prevent a Jewish slave from mistreatment by a gentile overlord. 24) Do not prostrate on an earthen floor.

**Bechukosai** • 78 Pesukim • 7 Obligations • 5 Prohibitions

1) Fulfill monetary vows of *Arachin*. 2) Do not transfer *kedushah* between animals (*Temurah*). 3) Accord *kedushah* to a *Temurah*. 4) Redeem unfit *Korbanos*. 5) Redeem consecrated property with the Kohen's appraisal and add one fifth of the value. 6) Redeem consecrated fields at the prescribed amounts. 7) Do not re-designate a *Korban*. 8-10) Give *Cherem* consecrated items to the Kohen; do not sell or redeem them. 11) Separate *Maaser Behaimah*. 12) Do not redeem or sell *Maaser Behaimah*.

## For the Shabbos Table

"וְנִתְּנָה הָאָרֶץ בְּבוּלָהּ וְעַץ הַשָּׂדֶה יִתֵּן פְּרִי"ו"

"If he is impoverished and without the means" (Vayikra 14:21)

"The earth shall give forth its produce and the tree of the field shall give forth its fruit" (Vayikra 26:4)

As reward for observing the mitzvos the Torah promises that the land will produce fruit and a person will have sustenance. In Parashas Ki Savo (Devarim 28:3-8) however, the Torah promises even more, describing tremendous wealth and abundance for one who keeps the mitzvos. What accounts for the difference in the description of the reward?

Rav Chaim Kanievsky zt"l explains that in Parashas Ki Savo the Torah is addressing Klal Yisrael in general, for whom abundance and wealth is considered a great blessing. The *pesukim* in our parashah however, are referring to *talmidei chachamim*, as Rashi explains, "*Im bechukosai teileichu*", is referring to *Amalei Torah*, those who toil in Torah. For *talmidei chachamim*, material abundance of wealth can be a distraction and a hindrance to their spiritual pursuits rather than a blessing. The *pasuk* instead accords the greatest blessing to a *talmid chacham*, that he simply has no less and no more than he needs. The greatest blessing of all is to have precisely what one truly needs for one's own material and spiritual wellbeing (*Taamah Dikra*).

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Parashas Behar-Bechukosai | May 12-13

	ר"ת	שקיעה שבת	סקש גר"א שבת	סקש מ"א שבת	שקיעה Friday Night	הדלקה עש"ק	פוג מנחה עש"ק
<b>Atlanta</b>	9:41	8:29	10:06	9:24	8:29	8:11	7:02
<b>Baltimore</b>	9:23	8:11	9:29	8:42	8:10	7:52	6:41
<b>Boston</b>	9:08	7:56	9:03	8:12	7:55	7:37	6:25
<b>Catskills</b>	9:21	8:09	9:18	8:28	8:08	7:50	6:38
<b>Chicago</b>	9:13	8:01	9:10	8:20	8:00	7:40	6:30
<b>Cleveland</b>	9:48	8:36	9:46	8:57	8:35	8:17	7:05
<b>Detroit</b>	9:56	8:44	9:50	9:00	8:43	8:25	7:12
<b>Lakewood</b>	9:15	8:03	9:18	8:30	8:02	7:44	6:33
<b>Los Angeles</b>	8:58	7:46	9:21	8:38	7:45	7:27	6:18
<b>Miami</b>	9:10	7:58	9:56	9:19	7:57	7:39	6:34
<b>Monsey</b>	9:17	8:05	9:16	8:27	8:04	7:46	6:34
<b>Montreal</b>	9:27	8:15	9:08	8:13	8:14	7:56	6:42
<b>New York</b>	9:16	8:04	9:16	8:28	8:03	7:45	6:33
<b>Orlando</b>	9:19	8:07	9:59	9:20	8:07	7:49	6:42
<b>Passaic</b>	9:17	8:05	9:17	8:28	8:04	7:46	6:34
<b>Philadelphia</b>	9:18	8:06	9:22	8:34	8:05	7:47	6:36
<b>Toronto</b>	9:45	8:33	9:34	8:42	8:32	8:14	7:01
<b>Yerushalayim</b>	8:44	7:27	9:10	8:29	7:26	6:51	6:00

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