



The sorts of tidbits

my father, Rav 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 Shelach 5783
June 16th • 27 Sivan

Shabbos Mevorchim

This week is Shabbos Mevorchim Chodesh Tamuz. Rosh Chodesh is on Monday and Tuesday, June 19th and 20th. The *molad* is Sunday afternoon at 3:36 PM and 15 *chalakim*.

Reminders

Eretz Yisrael remains one Parashah ahead and will lein Parashas Korach this week.

The first opportunity for Kiddush Levana is Wednesday night, June 21st. The final opportunity is late Sunday night, July 2nd at 3:37 AM EDT.

Pirkei Avos: Chapter 3.

Daf Yomi - Friday: Bavli: Gittin 31 • Yerushalmi: Demai 48 • Mishnah Yomis: Yoma 6:7-8.

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 connect with them as well!

Next on the Calendar

The fast of Shiva Asar B'Tamuz is on Thursday, July 6th and marks the beginning of the Y'mei Bein Hametzarim, the Three Weeks.

Parshah in a Paragraph

Shelach: The Meraglim scout out the land and return with a negative report • Klal Yisrael accepts their report and cries; Hashem says He will eradicate the nation • Moshe davens; *Vayomer Hashem Salachti Kidvarecha* • Kalev's reward • The decree of forty years of wandering • The *Ma'apilim* try to enter Eretz Canaan and are defeated • *Wine Nesachim* (libations) are to be brought along with offerings • Mitzvah of *Hafrashas Challah* • The offerings for an individual or an entire community who sin in idolatry • The *Mekosheish Eitzim* • The mitzvah of *Tzitzis* and *Techeiles* (that reminds us of all of Hashem's mitzvos)

Haftarah: The haftarah (Yehoshua 2:1-24) speaks of the Meraglim whom Yehoshua sent to scout out Eretz Yisrael before capturing it. Although the Meraglim in the parashah were lacking faith in Hashem, the Meraglim sent by Yehoshua were sent with full faith in Hashem and sought only to assess the exact time to launch Bnei Yisrael's conquest.

613 Taryag Weekly

Shelach • 119 Pesukim • 2 Obligations • 1 Prohibition

1) Separate *challah* from dough and give it to the *kohen*. 2) Place *tzitzis* on a four cornered garment. 3) Do not allow thoughts that are antithetical to the Torah to affect you; do not pursue materialism.

Mitzvah Highlight: The Sefer HaChinuch explains that *Hafrashas Challah* transforms bread from a physical entity alone to a vehicle through which Bnei Yisrael perform a mitzvah. The ubiquitous nature of bread as a source of sustenance allows for maximum performance of the mitzvah and constant opportunities to earn merit.

For the Shabbos Table

בְּמִסְפַּר הַיָּמִים אֲשֶׁר-תִּתְּרָם אֶת-הָאָרֶץ אַרְבָּעִים יוֹם יוֹם
לְשָׁנָה יוֹם לְשָׁנָה תִּשְׂאוּ אֶת-עֲוֹנוֹתֵיכֶם אַרְבָּעִים שָׁנָה
Like the number of the days that you spied out the land, forty days, a day for a year, a day for a year, you shall bear your iniquities forty years (Bamidbar 14:34)

Bnei Yisrael were punished with wandering in the desert for forty years, corresponding to the forty days that the Meraglim traversed the land and returned with a bad report on Eretz Yisrael. Although the *lashon hara* spoken against Eretz Yisrael was certainly wrong, it was spoken only upon their return. Why, then, was the

punishment correspondent to the days they spent within Eretz Yisrael?

Rav Chaim Shmuelevitz zt"l answers that we learn from here that not only is *lashon hara* forbidden in speech, it is even forbidden to think and contemplate negative thoughts about a fellow Jew. Rashi (13:26) writes that the Meraglim's negative intentions were present from the time they entered the land. Therefore, the sin of *lashon hara* in the form of negative thoughts was in fact present for all forty days. Rav Elya Baruch Finkel zt"l expounds further with the words of the Chofetz Chaim who writes that the underlying sin of *lashon hara* is the *ayin ra* - an evil eye with which one views his fellow negatively. This negative outlook is what causes one to develop negative views regarding a fellow Jew. The noted mechaneches, Reb. B. David a"h, would tell her students that our *hashkofos* and feelings are also "*lemaysa*" and practical in nature, as they guide our actions and practice. One must be careful about thoughts in mind and heart in order to cultivate positive words and deeds.

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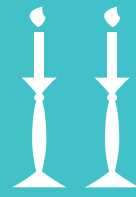
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Parashas Shelach | June 16-17

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Atlanta	10:02	8:50	10:02	9:17	8:49	8:31	7:20
Baltimore	9:47	8:35	9:23	8:31	8:35	8:17	7:01
Boston	9:35	8:23	8:56	7:58	8:23	8:05	6:47
Catskills	9:47	8:35	9:11	8:15	8:35	8:17	7:00
Chicago	9:40	8:28	9:03	8:06	8:27	8:07	6:52
Cleveland	10:15	9:03	9:40	8:44	9:02	8:44	7:27
Detroit	10:23	9:11	9:44	8:46	9:10	8:52	7:35
Lakewood	9:40	8:28	9:12	8:19	8:28	8:10	6:54
Los Angeles	9:18	8:06	9:17	8:31	8:06	7:48	6:36
Miami	9:26	8:14	9:55	9:15	8:13	7:55	6:47
Monsey	9:43	8:31	9:10	8:15	8:30	8:12	6:56
Montreal	9:57	8:45	9:00	7:54	8:45	8:27	7:07
New York	9:41	8:29	9:10	8:16	8:29	8:11	6:54
Orlando	9:37	8:25	9:57	9:15	8:24	8:06	6:57
Passaic	9:42	8:30	9:10	8:16	8:30	8:12	6:55
Philadelphia	9:43	8:31	9:16	8:23	8:31	8:13	6:57
Toronto	10:13	9:01	9:27	8:26	9:01	8:43	7:24
Yerushalayim	9:03	7:46	9:06	8:22	7:45	7:11	6:17

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