



# 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!'*

## Klal Govoah

In Memory of Rav Meir Zlotowitz zt"l

Parashas Shoftim 5783 • August  
18th • Rosh Chodesh Elul

### Reminders

The first opportunity for Kiddush Levana is Motzaei Shabbos, August 19th. The final opportunity is Wednesday night, August 30th.

Pirkei Avos: Chapter 6.

Daf Yomi - Friday: Bavli: Kiddushin 5 • Yerushalmi: Kilayim 34 • Mishnah Yomis: Rosh Hashanah 2:7-8 • Oraysa: Rosh Hashanah 30a & 30b. The siyum on Masechta Rosh Hashanah is this Monday, Mazal Tov! Next is Masechta Yoma.

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

Rosh Hashanah begins on Friday evening, September 15th.

Yom Kippur begins on Sunday evening, September 24th.

Succos begins on Friday evening, September 29th.

### Parshah in a Paragraph

**SHOFTIM:** Establishing local courts • Penalties for idolatry • The Sanhedrin • The laws of Kings • Levi'im to receive no portion in the land, as Hashem is their portion • A Kohen or Levi's right to serve in the Beis Hamikdash at all times • Do not engage in sorcery like the gentiles; Hashem has granted you access to prophecy • Laws of witnesses • Preparation and laws of war • Take captives only from distant cities • See *Taryag Weekly* for the various mitzvos.

Haftarah: The Haftarah (Yeshaya 51:12-52:12) brings Hashem's promise that "I myself will bring you consolation", which will occur at the final redemption. Although the time of the arrival of Mashiach is unknown, it is a fact that he will arrive. Belief in this tenet brings a measure of consolation and spurs

one to anticipate Mashiach's arrival, and the salvation and relief that the redemption will bring.

### 613 Taryag Weekly

**SHOFTIM:** 97 Pesukim • 14 Obligations • 27 Prohibitions

- 1) Appoint judges and officers. 2) Do not plant trees in the courtyard of the Beis Hamikdash. 3) Do not create an altar from a single stone. 4) Do not sacrifice a blemished animal. 5-6) Heed the Beis Din Hagadol; do not disobey them. 7) Appoint a king. 8) Do not appoint a non-Jewish born king. 9) A king may not possess too many horses. 10) Do not return to settle in Egypt. 11-12) A king must not have too many wives, nor amass treasures beyond his needs. 13) A king should write a Sefer Torah and carry it with him. 14-15) Shevet Levi should not get a portion of the land nor share in the booty of war. 16-18) Give a Kohen specific portions of a slaughtered animal, Terumah from crops and the first shearing of wool. 19) Kohanim and Levi'im families should serve in the Beis Hamikdash in weekly shifts. 20-25) Do not engage in clairvoyance, magic, casting spells, *Ov v'Yidoni*, or speak with spirits of the deceased. 26) Heed true *nevi'im*. 27-28) Do not prophesy falsely, or in the name of *avodah zarah*. 29) Do not be fearful to execute a false navi. 30) Establish *Arei Miklat* for accidental murderers. 31) Beis Din shall not be merciful to a murderer. 32) Do not infringe on the boundaries of another's property. 33) Do not render judgment based on the testimony of a single witness. 34) Punish false witnesses with the punishment they tried to inflict. 35) Do not fear opposing nations. 36) Anoint a Kohen for wartime purposes. 37) Attempt peaceful outreach before attacking the nations. 38) Do not allow survivors in war with the 7 nations. 39) Do not needlessly cut down a fruit tree. 40) Perform the rite of *Eglah Arufah*. 41) Do not utilize the area where the *Eglah Arufah* rite was performed.

### For the Shabbos Table

וְכָל זִקְנֵי הָעִיר הַהוּא הַקְּרָבִים אֶל־הַחֹלֶל

"All the elders of the city nearest to the corpse" (Devarim 21:6)

When a corpse is found outside a city the Torah requires that the closest city perform the ritual of *Eglah Arufah*. This seems to indicate a degree of responsibility on the nearby city. Why does the Torah impose this atonement despite there being nothing to prove that the nearby city was the cause?

The Ibn Ezra explains that for such an occurrence to take place near a city, it must be that the city has done certain sins that allowed such a tragedy to have occurred in its vicinity. Therefore the city must take part in atoning for the death. There once was a tragic accident on the Lower East Side of Manhattan where a young boy was struck by a car. Seeing a yarmulke on the ground near the child an onlooker assumed that it was a Jewish boy who was struck. The onlooker went into nearby Mesivta Tiferes Yerushalayim and advised the Rosh Yeshivah of the tragic event. Rav Moshe Feinstein responded that it's impossible for a Jewish boy to have been killed so close to a yeshivah where so many were learning Torah. The Rosh Yeshivah was confident that the merit of Torah study could not have allowed something like this to occur. Sure enough, it came to light that the yarmulke was there by chance and in fact it was not a Jewish boy that was struck.

Sign up for weekly Tidbits at [klalgovoah.org](http://klalgovoah.org)!

Ira Zlotowitz | 917.597.2197  
[iraz@gpacency.com](mailto:iraz@gpacency.com)

Ahron Dicker | 732.581.5830  
[adicker@klalgovoah.org](mailto:adicker@klalgovoah.org)

For a weekly audio Dvar Torah from R' Sruly Rosenfeld visit our site.

Lose the napkin. Calculate like a pro.

Underwrite and share your deal with investors in **minutes.**

[gpacency.com](http://gpacency.com)



# זמנים לשבת



Parshas Shoftim | August 18-19

	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>	9:31	8:19	10:21	9:41	8:20	8:02	6:57
<b>Baltimore</b>	9:08	7:56	9:46	9:02	7:58	7:40	6:32
<b>Boston</b>	9:51	7:39	9:21	8:35	7:41	7:23	6:14
<b>Catskills</b>	9:04	7P:52	9:36	8:50	7:54	7:36	6:28
<b>Chicago</b>	8:56	7:44	9:28	8:42	7:46	7:26	6:20
<b>Cleveland</b>	9:32	8:20	10:04	9:19	8:22	8:04	6:56
<b>Detroit</b>	9:39	8:27	10:09	9:23	8:28	8:10	7:02
<b>Lakewood</b>	9:09	7:48	9:36	8:51	7:49	7:31	6:24
<b>Los Angeles</b>	8:47	7:35	9:36	8:56	7:36	7:18	6:13
<b>Miami</b>	9:04	7:52	10:09	9:33	7:53	7:35	6:32
<b>Monsey</b>	9:01	7:49	9:34	8:49	7:50	7:32	6:25
<b>Montreal</b>	9:07	7:55	9:28	8:38	7:57	7:39	6:29
<b>New York</b>	9:00	7:48	9:34	8:49	7:49	7:31	6:24
<b>Orlando</b>	9:12	8:00	10:12	9:35	8:01	7:43	6:40
<b>Passaic</b>	9:01	7:49	9:35	8:50	7:50	7:32	6:25
<b>Philadelphia</b>	9:03	7:51	9:39	8:55	7:53	7:35	6:28
<b>Toronto</b>	9:27	8:15	9:53	9:05	8:16	7:58	6:50
<b>Yerushalayim</b>	8:35	7:18	9:24	8:45	7:19	6:44	5:57

Zmanim are taken from [Myzmanim.com](http://Myzmanim.com)

Weekly Zmanim  
is Sponsored by:



sign up @ [klalgovoah.org](http://klalgovoah.org)!

Ira Zlotowitz • [iraz@easternunion.com](mailto:iraz@easternunion.com) • 917.597.2197 | Ahron Dicker • [adicker@klalgovoah.org](mailto:adicker@klalgovoah.org) • 732.581.5830