



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 Miketz 5784
December 15th • 4 Teves Kislev

Reminders

After Chanukah, used wicks, cups and oil should be disposed of in a respectful manner (i.e. by placing them in a plastic bag before disposing of them). Some have the minhag to burn them on the last day of Chanukah; others do so at *B'ur Chametz* before Pesach.

The first opportunity for Kiddush Levanah is this Motzaei Shabbos Parashas Miketz, December 16th. The final opportunity in the USA is Tuesday, December 26th.

Next Friday, December 22nd is the fast of Asara B'Teves. (This is the only fast day that can fall on Erev Shabbos.) During *Chazaras HaShatz of Shacharis*, only the *Shaliach Tzibbur* adds *Aneinu*. *Chazaras HaShatz* is followed by *Selichos*, *Avinu Malkeinu*, *Tachanun*, and *Krias Hatorah*. *Mincha* includes *Krias Hatorah* followed by the *Haftarah*. Those fasting add *Aneinu* in *Shemoneh Esrei*. *Nusach Ashkenaz* says *Sim Shalom* in place of *Shalom Rav*. The *Shaliach Tzibbur* adds *Aneinu* and *Bircas Kohanim* in *Chazaras HaShatz*. As it is Erev Shabbos, *Avinu Malkeinu* and *Tachanun* are omitted. All the regular Shabbos preparations such as hot showers etc. are permitted.

While the fast ends at the regular *z'man* for a *Ta'anis* (*tzais hakochavim*), one may not eat or drink until after he hears *Kiddush*.

Daf Yomi - Friday: Bavli: Bava Kamma 43 • Yerushalmi: Shevi'is 69 • Mishnah Yomis: Yevamos 14:3-4 • Oraysa: Next week is Yoma 41b-43b.

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

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Parshah in a Paragraph

Miketz: Pharaoh's dreams • The Sar Hamashkim refers Pharaoh to Yosef • Yosef interprets Pharaoh's

dreams as predicting 7 years of plenty and 7 years of hunger • Yosef is appointed viceroy over Mitzrayim • Yosef marries Osnas • Menashe and Efraim are born • The famine begins • Yaakov sends the brothers to Mitzrayim for food • Yosef accuses the brothers of spying • Yosef commands them to bring Binyamin • Yosef has their monies returned to their sacks; the brothers fear this is a ploy to harm them • Yaakov resists sending Binyamin • The famine worsens • Yehudah accepts responsibility for Binyamin • The brothers set out with gifts and the returned monies • Yosef is overwhelmed upon seeing Binyamin • The brothers are treated royally and sent home with abundant provisions • Binyamin is framed as stealing the goblet and the Shevatim are returned to Mitzrayim.

Haftarah: The *haftarah* from Melachim Alef (3:15-4:1) tells the well-known story of Shlomo Hamelech's wise advice to "cut the baby in half". (This haftarah is rarely leined, as usually Parashas Miketz is Shabbos Chanukah.)

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Miketz: 146 Pesukim • No Mitzvos listed

For the Shabbos Table

וישלח פרעה ויִקְרָא אֶת-יוֹסֵף וַיְרִיצֵהוּ מִן-הַבּוֹר

Pharaoh sent and called for Yosef and he was hurried from the pit... (Bereishis 41:14)

Yosef was languishing in a pit serving a life sentence. Suddenly he is removed and brought in front of the great Pharaoh himself. Immediately thereafter he is appointed leader over the entire land. The speed in this change of circumstances is incredible. The Seforno expounds on this *pasuk* and writes this is the manner of *Yeshuas Hashem*, salvation of the Almighty as we find when the Jews left Mitzrayim in such a hurry that their dough did not have time to rise before the moment of freedom arrived. So too will be the final redemption, "*Pisom yavo el Heichalo*", *Suddenly we will enter the Beis Hamikdash*. Why is this the manner in which redemption and salvation are introduced, instead of taking place in a more natural and measured way?

Rav Yitzchok Feigelstock zt"l explains that generally

the world is run with *derech hateva*, a natural progression of events and the appointment of leaders follows a gradual process whereby the individual climbs the hierarchical ladder. However, in essence, Hashem is not confined to the nature of the world; He can make instant and immediate changes, and does so when carrying out certain salvations.

Mrs. Rochel Zlotowitz a"h sought the counsel of Rav Moshe Feinstein zt"l when she felt the shidduch process with her prospective husband R' Meir z"l was going rather quickly. Rav Moshe responded with Chazal's words, "*Yeshuas Hashem k'Heref Ayin*" - *salvation from Hashem comes in the blink of an eye*, and explained that when events move quickly, one can trust that this is a sign that this salvation is being orchestrated by Hashem.

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When you have nothing to say, say nothing.

-Rabbi Meir Zlotowitz z"l

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Atlanta	6:42	5:30	10:04	9:24	5:30	5:12	4:28
Baltimore	5:56	4:44	9:40	8:57	4:44	4:26	3:45
Boston	5:24	4:12	9:23	8:37	4:12	3:54	3:15
Catskills	5:40	4:28	9:36	8:51	4:28	4:10	3:31
Chicago	5:32	4:20	9:28	8:43	4:20	4:00	3:23
Cleveland	6:09	4:57	10:04	9:19	4:57	4:39	4:00
Detroit	6:12	5:00	10:11	9:25	5:00	4:42	4:03
Lakewood	5:44	4:32	9:32	8:48	4:32	4:14	3:33
Las Vegas	5:39	4:27	9:10	8:29	4:27	4:09	3:26
Los Angeles	5:57	4:45	9:20	8:40	4:45	4:27	3:43
Miami	6:44	5:32	9:38	9:01	5:32	5:14	4:26
Monsey	5:40	4:28	9:33	8:48	4:28	4:10	3:30
Montreal	5:23	4:11	9:39	8:50	4:11	3:53	3:16
New York	5:41	4:29	9:32	8:48	4:29	4:11	3:31
Orlando	6:43	5:31	9:46	9:08	5:30	5:12	4:26
Passaic	5:41	4:29	9:33	8:48	4:29	4:11	3:31
Philadelphia	5:48	4:36	9:35	8:52	4:36	4:18	3:37
Toronto	5:53	4:41	9:59	9:12	4:41	4:23	3:45
Yerushalayim	5:53	4:36	9:03	8:24	4:36	4:01	3:33

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