



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 Vayechi 5784
December 29th • 17 Teves

Reminders

As of Thursday night, January 4th, thirty days will have passed with the inclusion of *V'sein Tal U'matar*. From Maariv on January 4th and on, one who is unsure if he correctly said *V'sein Tal U'matar* (instead of *V'sein berachah*) does not need any corrective measures, since he is considered "accustomed" to have davened properly.

The weeks of *Shovavim-TaT* begin this Sunday, with the week of *Parashas Shemos*. *Shovavim* is an acronym for the six weekly Torah portions: Shemos, Vaera, Bo, Beshalach, Yisro and Mishpatim - as well as Terumah and Tetzaveh in a Jewish leap year, such as this year. *Shovavim* is an auspicious time to review the Laws of *Taharas Hamishpacha* and for introspection regarding our spiritual purity. Some say additional *tehillim* and other *tikkunim*, while others fast on Mondays and Thursdays during this period.

As the precarious situation in Eretz Yisrael continues each person should increase in reciting Tehillim or other *mitzvos* as a *zechus* for the many of *Acheinu Beis Yisroel* who are facing serious danger and difficulty.

Daf Yomi - Friday: Bavli: Bava Kamma 57 • Yerushalmi: Shevi'is 83. The *siyum* on Maseches Shevi'is is this Tuesday, January 2nd - Mazal Tov! Next is Maseches Terumos • Mishnah Yomis: Kesubos 1:5-6 • Oraysa: Next week is Yoma 46b-48b.

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

Shabbos Mevorchim Chodesh Shevat is next Shabbos, Parashas Shemos.

Parshah in a Paragraph

Vayechi: Yaakov adjures Yosef not to bury

him in Egypt • Yaakov blesses Yosef's children, Ephraim and Menashe • Yaakov promises the city of Shechem to Yosef • *Bircas Yaakov*: Reuven, Shimon, and Levi are rebuked for their misdeeds • Yehudah is blessed with kingship • Levi, with priesthood • Zevulun, with successful trade • Yissachar, with Torah • Dan, with judges • Gad, with success at war • Asher, with fertile land • Naphtali, with swiftness • Yosef, with beauty and fertility • Binyamin, with strong will • Yaakov's final instruction to his sons • Yaakov dies and is embalmed • He is mourned for forty days • Yosef receives permission to go bury his father in *Canaan* • After the great mourning at *Goren HaAtad*, it was renamed "*Avel Mitzrayim*" • The brothers fear Yosef's revenge, Yosef reassures them • Yosef asks Bnei Yisrael to take his remains with them when they leave Egypt and bury him in Eretz Yisrael • Yosef passes away and his casket is placed in the Nile River • *Chazak Chazak Venis'chazek!*

Haftarah: The *parashah* relates the *tzava'ah* (final wishes) of Yaakov Avinu that he gave his children shortly before his passing. The *haftarah* (*Melachim Alef* 2:1-12) similarly relates the *tzava'ah* that David Hamelech gave to his son Shlomo Hamelech.

613 Taryag Weekly

Vayechi: 85 Pesukim • No Mitzvos listed

For the Shabbos Table

"וַיֹּאמֶר לְיוֹסֵף הִנֵּה אָבִידָה חֹלָה"

"And they told Yosef behold your father is ill" (*Bereishis* 48:1)

The Gemara (Bava Metzia 87a) teaches us that prior to Yaakov Avinu the natural order for a person was a relatively sudden death. Yaakov prayed and instead became old and frail before his passing. Rashi explains that this period of weakness is to be a time for a person to leave his will and testament to his children. If this twilight period was important for humanity, why did it only begin from the time of Yaakov Avinu?

Rav Yitzchok Feigelstock zt"l explains that this period is primarily so one can transmit his strengths and heritage to the next generation. Avraham, Yitzchok and Yaakov were all considered Avos - Fathers in their own right, as each one primarily established *Chesed*, *Gevurah* and *Emes* respectively. *Am Yisrael*, beginning with the *Shevatim*, took hold of the *middos* of their forefathers and transmitted them in turn to the next generation. Therefore, only with the Shevatim did this transmission of *mesorah* become the lifeline and the *nitzchiyus* of *Klal Yisrael*.

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*When you have
nothing to say,
say nothing.*

-Rabbi Meir Zlotowitz z"l

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Parshas Vayichi | December 29-30

	ר"ת	שקיעה שבת	סקש גר"א שבת	סקש מ"א שבת	שקיעה Friday Night	הדלקה עש"ק	פלג מנחה עש"ק
Atlanta	6:50	5:38	10:10	9:31	5:37	5:19	4:35
Baltimore	6:04	4:52	9:47	9:04	4:51	4:33	3:52
Boston	5:32	4:20	9:29	8:44	4:19	4:01	3:22
Catskills	5:48	4:36	9:43	8:58	4:35	4:17	3:38
Chicago	5:40	4:28	9:35	8:50	4:27	4:07	3:30
Cleveland	6:17	5:05	10:11	9:26	5:04	4:46	4:07
Detroit	6:20	5:08	10:17	9:32	5:07	4:49	4:10
Lakewood	5:52	4:40	9:39	8:55	4:39	4:21	3:40
Las Vegas	5:47	4:35	9:17	8:36	4:34	4:16	3:33
Los Angeles	6:05	4:53	9:26	8:46	4:52	4:34	3:50
Miami	6:51	5:39	9:45	9:08	5:39	5:21	4:33
Monsey	5:48	4:36	9:39	8:55	4:35	4:17	3:37
Montreal	5:31	4:19	9:45	8:57	4:18	4:00	3:24
New York	5:49	4:37	9:39	8:55	4:36	4:18	3:38
Orlando	6:50	5:38	9:52	9:15	5:37	5:19	4:33
Passaic	5:49	4:37	9:39	8:55	4:36	4:18	3:38
Philadelphia	5:56	4:44	9:42	8:59	4:43	4:25	3:45
Toronto	6:01	4:49	10:05	9:19	4:48	4:30	3:52
Yerushalayim	6:00	4:44	9:10	8:31	4:43	4:08	3:40

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