



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 Vayeishev
Shabbos Chanukah 5784
December 8th • 25 Kislev

Shabbos Chanukah

On Erev Shabbos Chanukah, many daven *Minchah* early in order for *Minchah* to precede the lighting of the *Menorah* (to avoid the appearance of a *tartei d'sasrei* - an inherent contradiction - of lighting Shabbos' *Menorah* lights and then davening Friday's *Minchah*). *Menorah* lighting may not occur before plag *hamincha* (approximately 1 hour before *shekiah*), and should be performed just before lighting Shabbos candles. The *Menorah* should contain enough oil to burn until a half hour after *tzeis hakochovim* (approximately 1 hour and 45 minutes after Candle Lighting; note that many shorter 'colored candles' do not meet this criterion).

Throughout Chanukah, *Al HaNissim* is added in *Bircas Hamazon* and *Shemoneh Esrei*. On Shabbos Chanukah, the complete *Hallel* is followed by two *Sifrei Torah* being taken out. Seven *Aliyos* are *leined* from the weekly *Parasha* (*Vayeishev*). *Maftir* of Chanukah is *leined* from the second Sefer Torah. The *haftarah* of Chanukah follows. *Av Harachamim* is omitted. (Some add Psalm 30 for Chanukah at the end of davening). *Tzidkas'cha* is omitted at *Minchah*.

On Motzaei Shabbos, one should return home without delay and light as soon as possible. The minhag varies as to whether *Havdalah* is followed by *Menorah* lighting, or *Menorah* lighting is followed by *Havdalah*. If one is away for Shabbos Chanukah, it may be preferable to light *Menorah* at his host on Motzaei Shabbos before departing, especially if one will be returning home late. Consult your Rav.

Shabbos Mevarchim

This week is Shabbos Mevorchim Chodesh Teves. Rosh Chodesh is on Wednesday, December 13th. The *molad* is Tuesday night at 8:01 pm and 3 *chalakim*.

Reminders

There is a praiseworthy *minhag* of giving gifts to our children's *melamdin* (R' C. Palaggi zt"l). This sets an example of *hakaras hatov* for your child and displays the importance of chinuch. A gift accompanied with warm words of thanks is a tremendous source of *chizuk* for our *Rebbeim* and teachers.

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

Daf Yomi - Friday: Bavli: Bava Kamma 36 • Yerushalmi: Shevi'is 62 • Mishnah Yomis: Yevamos 13:2-3 • Oraysa: Next week is Yoma 39ab-41a.

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 Chanukah is this Shabbos, Parashas Vayeishev, December 9th.

The fast of Asara B'Teves is on Friday, December 22nd.

Parshah in a Paragraph

Vayeishev: Yosef is the favorite son • Yosef's dreams • The brothers plan to kill Yosef • Reuven persuades them to put him instead in a pit • While Reuven is away, Yosef is sold to Egypt-descending merchants • Yehuda and Tamar • Tamar bears Yehuda twins, Peretz and Zerach • Yosef is sold to Potiphar and rises to become his trusted advisor • Potiphar's wife tempts Yosef • Yosef is wrongfully accused and imprisoned • Yosef is given responsibilities in the prison • Yosef correctly interprets the dreams of the wine steward and the baker • Yosef remains in prison.

The second Sefer Torah is opened for the *keriah* of Chanukah which corresponds to the *Korbanos Ha'nesiim* and corresponding day of the Chanukas Hamizbeiach.

Haftarah: The *haftarah* of Chanukah (Zecharia 2:14-4:7) is *leined*. The *haftarah* discusses the *Chanukas HaMenorah* during the Second Beis Hamikdash.

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Vayeishev: 112 Pesukim • No Mitzvos listed

For the Shabbos Table

מִסְרֵת גְּבוּרִים בְּיַד חֲלָשִׁים וְרַבִּים בְּיַד מְעֻשִׂים וְטַמְאִים בְּיַד טְהוּרִים

"You placed the mighty in the hands of the weak, the many in the hand of the few, the impure in the hands of the pure" (*Al HaNissim - Chanukah*)

While we understand that generally the more powerful army and the larger numbers of fighters would generally win the battle, righteousness and purity are not necessarily weaknesses in battle. Why then do we recount "וְטַמְאִים בְּיַד טְהוּרִים", which indicates that the pure defeating the impure is miraculous in nature?

Rav Yitzchak Feigelstock zt"l explains that aside from being far outnumbered by the nations of the world, Klal Yisrael faces another seemingly insurmountable problem in that essentially the art of war belongs to the nations of Esav and is their specialty (see Rashi Bereishis 49:5). When Klal Yisrael engaged in war, such as by Yehoshua at the City of Ay, they were eventually victorious only through miraculous means that only came about when the battle was fought according to the dictates of Hashem and with complete *emunah* and *bitachon*. When we engage in mere natural methods, Am Yisrael does not have the means to succeed. It is only when the battle is put forth with the proper spiritual structure that we can conquer our enemies. Therefore, we thank Hashem for enabling our victories by giving us the spiritual means and ability to supernaturally conquer our enemies.

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|--------------|------|--------------|-----------------|----------------|-----------------------|---------------|-----------------|
| Atlanta | 6:41 | 5:29 | 10:00 | 9:20 | 5:28 | 5:10 | 4:26 |
| Baltimore | 5:55 | 4:43 | 9:36 | 8:53 | 4:43 | 4:25 | 3:43 |
| Boston | 5:23 | 4:11 | 9:18 | 8:33 | 4:11 | 3:53 | 3:14 |
| Catskills | 5:39 | 4:27 | 9:32 | 8:47 | 4:27 | 4:09 | 3:30 |
| Chicago | 5:31 | 4:19 | 9:24 | 8:39 | 4:19 | 3:59 | 3:21 |
| Cleveland | 6:08 | 4:56 | 10:00 | 9:15 | 4:56 | 4:38 | 3:58 |
| Detroit | 6:11 | 4:59 | 10:06 | 9:21 | 4:59 | 4:41 | 4:02 |
| Lakewood | 5:43 | 4:31 | 9:28 | 8:44 | 4:31 | 4:13 | 3:32 |
| Las Vegas | 5:37 | 4:25 | 9:06 | 8:25 | 4:25 | 4:07 | 3:24 |
| Los Angeles | 5:55 | 4:43 | 9:16 | 8:36 | 4:43 | 4:25 | 3:41 |
| Miami | 6:42 | 5:30 | 9:34 | 8:57 | 5:30 | 5:12 | 4:23 |
| Monsey | 5:39 | 4:27 | 9:28 | 8:44 | 4:27 | 4:09 | 3:29 |
| Montreal | 5:22 | 4:10 | 9:34 | 8:46 | 4:10 | 3:52 | 3:15 |
| New York | 5:40 | 4:28 | 9:28 | 8:44 | 4:28 | 4:10 | 3:29 |
| Orlando | 6:41 | 5:29 | 9:42 | 9:04 | 5:28 | 5:10 | 4:23 |
| Passaic | 5:40 | 4:28 | 9:28 | 8:44 | 4:28 | 4:10 | 3:30 |
| Philadelphia | 5:47 | 4:35 | 9:31 | 8:48 | 4:35 | 4:17 | 3:36 |
| Toronto | 5:52 | 4:40 | 9:54 | 9:08 | 4:40 | 4:22 | 3:44 |
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