



# 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 Bo 5784  
January 19th • 9 Shevat

## Tu BiShvat

Tu BiShvat, the 15th day of the month of Shevat (*Tu* is an acronym for *tes-vav*, the numerical equivalent of 15), is this Thursday, January 25th. Tu BiShvat marks the New Year for trees. In honor of this day, many have the custom to eat fruits from trees, with some specifically eating fruit of the *shivas haminin* or a "new fruit" that carries the requirement to recite a *beracha* of *shehecheyanu*. Reciting a *shehecheyanu* on fruits which are available year round may be questionable; consult your Rav.

Some have the minhag to make a "seder" of sorts and eat fifteen different types of fruits. One should be cognizant of the issues of *tola'im* (insect) infestation in certain fruits. Some have the custom to eat esrog products on Tu BiShvat (*Kaf Hachaim*), and to daven for a beautiful esrog for the upcoming Succos (the Ben Ish Chai composed a special tefillah for this).

*Tachanun* is omitted on Tu BiShvat, as well as at *minchah* on Wednesday, January 24th, the day prior.

## Reminders

Some have the custom to recite Parashas HaMon (Shemos 16:4-36) on Tuesday of Parashas Beshalach, which is next Tuesday, January 23rd. This is considered a *segulah* for *parnassah*. Some read it *shenayim mikra v'echad targum* (reading the pasukim two times and the Targum Onkeles once).

As the precarious situation in Eretz Yisrael continues, each person should increase reciting *tehillim* or performing other *mitzvos* as a *zechus* for the many *Acheinu Beis Yisrael* 'in travail and captivity'.

The final opportunity for Kiddush Levanah in the USA is Thursday night, January 25th at 7:45 pm EST.

Daf Yomi - Friday: Bavli: Bava Kamma 78 • Yerushalmi: Terumos 17 • Mishnah Yomis: Kesubos 5:6-7 • Oraysa: Next week is Yoma 54a-56a.

Make sure to call your parents, in-laws, grandparents and Rebbi 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

Tu Bishvat is next Thursday, January 25th.

## Parshah in a Paragraph

**Bo:** Hashem tells Moshe that Pharaoh's obstinacy

will result in still more miraculous plagues • Moshe asks that the entire nation be allowed to leave Egypt, including the young and elderly; Pharaoh acquiesces to only the men leaving • *Arbeh:* A swarm of locust consumes all vegetation • *Choshech:* three days of utter darkness followed by three days of paralyzing darkness • Pharaoh agrees to let Bnei Yisrael go if their livestock stay behind • Pharaoh warns Moshe not to return to him • Jews are told to request expensive vessels from Egyptians before departing • Warning of the final *Makkah*, *Makkas Bechoros* • Hashem commands the mitzvos of Kiddush HaChodesh and *Korban Pesach* • Bnei Yisrael put blood from the korbon on their doorposts and lintel, as a sign for the destroyer to pass over their homes • Mitzvos of matzah and Pesach for generations • *Makkas Bechoros* • Pharaoh begs Bnei Yisrael to leave • Bnei Yisrael are rushed to leave, even before their dough can rise • More than 600,000 adult males leave along with their families • Commemorating the Exodus for all generations via Mitzvos of *Bechor*, *Chag HaPesach*, and *Tefillin*.

Haftarah: Eight hundred years after *Yetzias Mitzrayim*, the countries of Bavel and Mitzrayim were competing for global dominance. The *haftarah* is the prophecy to Yirmiya (46:13-28) that Mitzrayim will suffer a crushing downfall at the hands of Nevuchadnetzar of Bavel.

## 613 Taryag Weekly

**Bo:** 105 Pesukim • 9 Obligations • 11 Prohibitions

1) *Kiddush HaChodesh* - Beis Din shall sanctify the new moon each month. 2-3) Sacrifice the *korban pesach* on Erev Pesach and eat it on *Leil Pesach*. 4) Do not consume the *korban pesach* raw or cooked in water. 5) Do not leave over any *korban pesach* meat until morning. 6) Remove chametz from your possession on Erev Pesach. 7) Eat matzah on the night of the 15th of Nisan. 8-9) Chametz may not be found in a Jew's possession, nor may it be consumed for the duration of Pesach. 10-11) The *korban pesach* may not be eaten by a *mumar* (apostate), *ger toshav*, or non-Jew. 12) Do not remove the *korban pesach* from its designated eating place. 13) Do not break a bone of the *korban pesach*. 14) A non-circumcised person - as well as one who failed to circumcise his child or slave - may not eat the *korban pesach*. 15) Attend to the holiness of *bechor*, a first-born male person or (kosher) animal. 16) Do not derive any pleasure from *chametz*. 17) *Chametz* may not be found in plain sight. 18) Relate the story of *Yetzias Mitzrayim*

(to your child) on the night of Pesach. 19-20) Transfer the sanctity of a firstborn donkey onto a sheep via redemption; failing that, the donkey must be killed with a blow to the neck.

## For the Shabbos Table

”לֹא כֵן לְכוֹנֵא הַגְּבָרִים”

“No! Only the grown men may go” (Shemos 10:11)

In their conversation prior to *makkas arbeh*, Pharaoh agrees to allow the older generation to go, but not the youth. Moshe Rabbeinu responds that we will only go out “with our elders and our youth, with our sons and our daughters together.” What was the sticking point in this negotiation, and why was Pharaoh so insistent on keeping the youth behind?

The Maayan Hashavua quotes from the Rambam (Igeres HaRambam) that Pharaoh's tactics are reminiscent of the *yetzer hara*. In each generation the *yetzer hara* seeks to create a wedge between generations in order to disrupt the continuity from one generation to the next. Through a variety of tactics, such as convincing the youth that their elders are “out of touch” or creating other interruptions, the *yetzer hara* seeks to cause a *hefsek* in the *mesorah* of Am Yisrael. This was Pharaoh's scheme; to which Moshe responded that we will always keep our generations together so that we can pass the flame of *Yiddishkeit* eternally to our successive generations.

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Atlanta	7:08	5:56	10:14	9:35	5:55	5:37	4:51
Baltimore	6:24	5:12	9:50	9:08	5:11	4:53	4:10
Boston	5:54	4:42	9:31	8:47	4:41	4:23	3:41
Catskills	6:10	4:58	9:45	9:01	4:57	4:39	3:57
Chicago	6:02	4:50	9:37	8:53	4:49	4:29	3:49
Cleveland	6:39	5:27	10:13	9:29	5:26	5:08	4:26
Detroit	6:42	5:30	10:19	9:35	5:29	5:11	4:29
Lakewood	6:13	5:01	9:41	8:59	4:59	4:41	3:58
Las Vegas	6:06	4:54	9:20	8:40	4:53	4:35	3:50
Los Angeles	6:23	5:11	9:30	8:51	5:10	4:52	4:06
Miami	7:07	5:55	9:50	9:14	5:54	5:36	4:47
Monsey	6:09	4:57	9:42	8:59	4:56	4:38	3:56
Montreal	5:55	4:43	9:46	8:59	4:42	4:24	3:44
New York	6:10	4:58	9:41	8:58	4:57	4:39	3:56
Orlando	7:06	5:54	9:57	9:20	5:53	5:35	4:47
Passaic	6:10	4:58	9:42	8:59	4:57	4:39	3:57
Philadelphia	6:17	5:05	9:45	9:02	5:04	4:46	4:03
Toronto	6:24	5:12	10:07	9:22	5:10	4:52	4:12
Yerushalayim	6:17	5:01	9:14	8:36	5:00	4:25	3:55

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