



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 Pekudei 5784
March 15th • 5 Adar II

Reminders

The final opportunity for Kiddush Levana is at 10:14 PM Eastern Daylight Time on March 24th.

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'.

Daf Yomi - Friday: Bavli: Bava Metzia 16. • Yerushalmi: Terumos 73 • Mishnah Yomis: Nedarim 7:4-5 • Oraysa: Next week is Yoma 74a-76a.

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

Parashas Zachor, is next Shabbos, Parashas Vayikra.

Taanis Esther is observed this Thursday, March 21st (it is observed earlier due to Shabbos).

Purim begins Motzaei Shabbos, March 23rd.

Shushan Purim is on Monday, March 25th.

Parshah in a Paragraph

Pekudei: An accounting of the precious metals and materials collected for the Mishkan • The *Bigdei Kehunah* are fashioned • Everything is completed as Hashem commanded • Moshe blesses the workers • Hashem commands Moshe to erect the Mishkan • On Rosh Chodesh Nissan, Moshe erects the Mishkan and anoints the *Keilim* • Moshe dresses Aharon and Aharon's sons in the *Bigdei Kehunah* and anoints them • The *Ananei HaKavod* rest on the Mishkan • Hashem's Glory fills the Mishkan and Moshe cannot enter • The Bnei Yisrael travel based on the movement of the *Ananei HaKavod* • *Chazak Chazak V'nis'chazeik!*

Haftarah: The *haftarah* of "Vatishlam" (*Melachim I, 7:51*) is *leined*. It describes the *chanukas habayis* of the First Beis Hamikdash conducted by Shlomo Hamelech. (Sefardim *lein* the *haftarah* of "Vaya'as Chiram" - *Melachim I, 7:40-50*).

613 Taryag Weekly

Pekudei: 92 Pesukim • No mitzvos listed

For the Shabbos Table

"תְּדַעַה נְכֻשָׁמ נְכֻשָׁמָה יְדִיקָפּ הַלְיָא"

"These are the accountings of the Mishkan, the Mishkan of the testimony" (*Shemos 38:22*)

The Midrash on this *pasuk* explains that the repetition of the words "*HaMishkan, Mishkan*" are an allusion to the two Batei Mikdash, that were tragically destroyed due to sin. Why at this juncture of the inauguration of the Mishkan does the Torah seek to allude to the destruction of the Batei Mikdash?

Rav Moshe Feinstein zt"l explains: in our parashah, Moshe Rabbeinu made a public accounting of all the materials donated to the Mishkan, and in what way they were used. This public accounting served a dual purpose: one being that no one should suspect him of misappropriating the materials, and secondly, that he himself should not be tempted to do so! Surprisingly, Moshe Rabbeinu, the greatest of our prophets and a Godly man, felt it worthwhile to place precautions to ensure he would not succumb to petty thievery.

Rav Moshe zt"l explains that the generation of the Churban were lax in instituting safeguards from sin; the polar opposite of the *zehirus* and vigilance demonstrated by Moshe Rabbeinu in our *parashah*. Tragically, by placing too much faith in their ability to resist temptation, they neglected to set up adequate protections against transgressions that they eventually

succumbed to. Ultimately, this led to the destruction of the Batei Mikdash, that the Midrash says our *pasuk* is alluding to. One must be careful to never 'let the guard down' as these *gedarim* are a primary component of *Avodas Hashem*. Through proper *zerizus* and *zehirus*, we will bez"H be *zocheh* to the rebuilding of the Bais HaMikdash speedily in our days.

30 Yom Kodem L'Chag

Matanos L'evyonim: *It is preferable to spend more money on gifts to the poor than on one's seudah and mishloach manos, as there is no greater joy than making the poor and less fortunate happy*" (*Rambam - Hilchos Purim 2:17*). On Purim day, each man and woman must give to two needy people the monetary equivalent of a small meal. An 'individual in need' is classified as someone who is struggling to cover his day-to-day expenses. *Maaser* funds may not be used for the obligatory amount. One should ensure that his wife and *bar/bas mitzvah* children fulfill this mitzvah (one can simply ask the *gabbai tzedakah* to acquire the monies on behalf of his wife or child and provide it to a needy recipient on their behalf). It is proper to train one's chinuch age children in this mitzvah, although the obligation regarding minors is a matter of dispute. Throughout the day, one should give freely to any needy individual who solicits without examining their legitimacy, just as Hashem performed the miracle of Purim without over examining our merits and deeds.



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Parshas Pekudai | March 15-16

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Atlanta	8:58	7:46	10:46	10:09	7:45	7:27	6:30
Baltimore	8:26	7:14	10:15	9:35	7:13	6:55	5:59
Boston	8:04	6:52	8:53	9:11	6:51	6:33	5:36
Catskills	8:18	7:06	10:07	9:26	7:05	6:47	5:51
Chicago	8:10	6:58	9:59	9:18	6:57	6:37	5:43
Cleveland	8:47	7:35	10:35	9:54	7:34	7:16	6:19
Detroit	8:54	7:40	10:41	9:59	7:39	7:21	6:24
Lakewood	8:17	7:05	10:05	9:25	7:04	6:46	5:49
Las Vegas	8:01	6:49	9:49	9:11	6:48	6:30	5:33
Los Angeles	8:14	7:02	10:01	9:24	7:01	6:43	5:46
Miami	8:42	7:30	10:28	9:54	7:29	7:11	6:14
Monsey	8:16	7:04	10:05	9:24	7:03	6:45	5:48
Montreal	8:14	7:02	10:03	9:19	7:00	6:42	5:46
New York	8:16	7:04	10:04	9:24	7:03	6:45	5:48
Orlando	8:46	7:34	10:33	9:58	7:34	7:16	6:19
Passaic	8:16	7:04	10:05	9:24	7:03	6:45	5:49
Philadelphia	8:21	7:09	10:09	9:29	7:08	6:50	5:53
Toronto	8:37	7:25	10:26	9:44	7:24	7:06	6:10
Yerushalayim	7:04	5:47	9:47	8:11	5:46	5:11	4:32

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