



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 Metzora 5784
Shabbos Hagadol
April 19th • 11 Nissan

Reminders

This final Shabbos before Pesach is known as Shabbos HaGadol. The *haftarah* of Shabbos HaGadol is read. The prevalent *minhag* is for the Rabbi of the community to give a *shiur* on Pesach topics. Many have a *minhag* to read the *Haggadah* - from "Avadim hayinu" through "Lechaper al Kol Avonoseinu" - over Shabbos afternoon. See *Parashah* in a *Paragraph* below for reasons why this Shabbos carries this name.

Av *Harachamim* (before *Mussaf*) and *Tzidkoscha* (after *Minchah*) are omitted, the *Kel Malei* recited by one who has a *yahrzeit* is also not said, and *Vihi Noam* is omitted at Maariv of Motzaei Shabbos.

Leil Bedikas Chametz is this Sunday evening, April 21st

Erev Pesach is this Monday, April 22nd. *Taanis Bechorim* is observed. No *chametz* may be consumed past the *sof z'man achilah* and the *chametz* must be fully burned by the set *z'man*. The first Pesach Seder is Monday evening, April 22nd. See the *Tidbits* on *Pesach* for more details.

The final opportunity for Kiddush Levana is Monday night, April 22nd.

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

Daf Yomi - Friday: Bavli: Bava Metzia 51 • Yerushalmi: Maasros 1. The Siyum on Masechtas Terumos was yesterday; mazal tov! • Mishnah Yomis: Nazir 4:4-5. • Oraysa: Next week is Yoma 86b-88a & Succah 2a. The Siyum on Yoma is next Thursday; mazal tov!

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

Leil Bedikas Chametz is this Sunday evening, April 21st.

Pesach begins on Monday evening, April 22nd.

Parashah in a Paragraph

METZORA: Details of the purification of the *Metzora* • *Tzara'as* on house structures in Eretz Yisrael • *Tumah* and *taharah* of a *Zav* and a *Baal Keri* • *Niddah* • *Zavah*

Haftarah: The *Haftarah* (Malachi 3:4-24) encourages our belief in Hashem and the Torah. The Tur says that Shabbos HaGadol (the "Great Shabbos") earned its name on account of the great miracle wherein the Egyptians could not react when Bnei Yisrael prepared sheep of *Korban Pesach* for slaughter. Sheep were among the idols of Egypt, but the Egyptians could not prevent the Jews from doing so. Taking the sheep was an act of faith and its success strengthened their *emunah* further by proving that the *Mitzriyim* were powerless to stop them. Additionally, some point to the *Haftarah's* concluding words, "*Yom HaGadol v'ha'Nora*", the *Great and Awesome day (of redemption)*, to explain why this Shabbos is called "Shabbos HaGadol".

The *haftarah* also includes the verse that promises wealth to one who sets aside funds for *maaser* and even allows one to "test" the validity of Hashem's promise. This timely message encourages us to fulfill our obligation to help our fellow Jews with *Maos Chittim*.

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METZORA: 90 Pesukim • 11 Obligations

1) A *metzora's* purification process. 2) A Kohen shall shave the *metzora*. 3) An impure person shall immerse in a *mikvah*. 4) A *metzora* shall bring *korbanos* as part of his purification. 5) Observe the laws of *tzara'as* of structures. 6) The laws of the *zav*. 7) A *zav* shall bring a *korban* as part of his purification. 8) *Tumah* of *shichvas zera*.

9) The laws of *niddah*. 10) The laws of *zavah*. 11) A *zavah* shall bring a *korban* as part of her purification.

Mitzvah Highlight: Hashem, in His great mercy, takes an incremental approach in reproving a sinner, first messaging him "softly" by putting *tzara'as* on a sinner's home, and only if he ignores the message, He punishes with *tzara'as* on clothing. Only as a last resort, He afflicts the sinner's body.

For the Shabbos Table

“וְאִם יְדֹלֵהוּ וְאִין יָדוֹ מִשְׁנֵהוּ”

"If he is impoverished and without the means" (Vayikra 14:21)


Halachah dictates that a *metzora* must bring a *korban* of three sheep. If the *metzora* cannot afford it, he can suffice by replacing two of the sheep with less expensive doves or turtledoves. But one who has the means to bring sheep but brings birds instead has not fulfilled his obligation.

The Chofetz Chaim comments on how we may erroneously compare ourselves to others in our *mitzvah* performance. Some may feel bad that they are doing less than others. Some may content themselves by doing only just as much as others around him. This halachah demonstrates the fault in this attitude. A person is obligated to "give" not based on what society around him is doing, but rather according to his own means and strengths. One must take stock of his own talents and resources, and act according to what he can do.

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Parshas Metzora | April 19-20

	ר"ת	שקיעה שבת	סקש גר"א שבת	סקש מ"א שבת	שקיעה Friday Night	הדלקה עש"ק	פוג מנחה עש"ק
Atlanta	9:24	8:12	10:18	9:39	8:12	7:54	6:49
Baltimore	9:01	7:49	9:43	9:00	7:48	7:30	6:24
Boston	8:44	7:32	9:19	8:33	7:30	7:12	6:06
Catskills	8:57	7:45	9:33	8:48	7:44	7:26	6:19
Chicago	8:49	7:37	9:25	8:40	7:36	7:16	6:11
Cleveland	9:25	8:13	10:02	9:17	8:12	7:54	6:47
Detroit	9:32	8:20	10:06	9:21	8:18	8:00	6:54
Lakewood	8:53	7:41	9:33	8:49	7:40	7:22	6:15
Las Vegas	8:31	7:19	9:19	8:39	7:18	7:00	5:55
Los Angeles	8:40	7:28	9:33	8:54	7:28	7:10	6:05
Miami	8:58	7:46	10:06	9:30	7:46	7:28	6:25
Monsey	8:54	7:42	9:32	8:47	7:41	7:23	6:16
Montreal	8:59	7:47	9:26	8:37	7:46	7:28	6:20
New York	8:53	7:41	9:32	8:48	7:40	7:22	6:15
Orlando	9:06	7:54	10:09	9:32	7:53	7:35	6:32
Passaic	8:53	7:41	9:32	8:48	7:40	7:22	6:16
Philadelphia	8:56	7:44	9:37	8:53	7:43	7:25	6:19
Toronto	9:19	8:07	9:51	9:04	8:06	7:48	6:41
Yerushalayim	8:28	7:11	9:21	8:43	7:10	6:35	5:49

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