



# 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!'*



Parashas Behar 5784  
May 24th • 16 Iyar

## Reminders

**Lag Ba'omer** begins this Motzaei Shabbos, May 25th is. The restrictions of the Sefirah Aveilus period are relaxed on Lag Ba'omer (additionally, for those who observed the "first half" this marks the end of their *aveilus* period). Many Poskim allow haircuts and shaving on Friday, May 24th in honor of Shabbos (although many do not extend this leniency to Thursday evening). Speak to your Rav. Many poskim do not allow listening to music until the morning of Lag Ba'omer. The Rema writes that the custom is to have a moderate increase in joy on this day. This day is the *yahrzeit* of Rabi Shimon bar Yochai. As well, this is the day when the students of Rabi Akiva stopped dying and is also the date when Rabi Akiva ordained his new generation of students.

*Tzidkascha* is omitted at Mincha on Shabbos. Tachanun is omitted on Lag Ba'omer. After *shekiyah* on the evening of Lag Ba'omer, one should refrain from saying "tonight is Lag Ba'omer" until after counting Sefirah. However, if one inadvertently said "tonight is Lag Ba'omer", he may still count that night (and beyond) with a *berachah*.

Friday, May 24th, marks 30 days since we began reciting *V'sein Beracha* in place of *V'sein Tal u'Matar*. After this point one is halachically considered to be accustomed to saying *V'sein Beracha*. Therefore, beginning with Maariv on Motzaei Shabbos, May 25th, one who is unsure if he davened correctly does not repeat *Shemoneh Esrei*.

Sefirah: On Friday night we count the 32nd day of the omer.

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.

Pirkei Avos: Perek 4

Daf Yomi - Friday: Bavli: Bava Metzia 86 • Yerushalmi: Maasros 36 • Mishnah Yomis: Sotah 4:1-2 • Oraysa: Next week is Succah 12b-14b.

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

Lag Ba'omer is this Sunday, May 26th.

Shavuos is on Wednesday and Thursday, June 12th-13th.

## Parshah in a Paragraph

**Behar:** The laws of *Shemittah* and *Yovel* • Selling and redeeming ancestral properties and homes • Helping impoverished Jews • The Jew who is sold as a slave • We are slaves of Hashem who took us out of Mitzrayim • See *Taryag Section* for a complete review

Haftarah: The Parasha discusses the laws of redeeming land in Eretz Yisrael from a purchaser. This chapter in Yirmiyah (32:6-27) takes place during the siege of Yerushalayim by Nevuchadnetzar. Despite Klal Yisrael being under immediate threat of exile, Hashem commands Yirmiyah to redeem his uncle's field. Yirmiyah's act displayed for all to see that despite the impending exile the land would ultimately be redeemed and the nation would return there.

## 613 Taryag Weekly

**Behar:** 57 Pesukim • 7 Obligations • 17 Prohibitions

1-4) Do not work the field or trees or harvest aftergrowth or fruits during the *Shemittah* year. 5) *Sanhedrin* should count the years of *Shemittah* and *Yovel*. 6) Blow Shofar on Yom Kippur of the *Yovel* year. 7) Beis Din shall sanctify the *Yovel* year. 8-10) Do not work the field or trees during *Yovel*, or harvest aftergrowth or fruits. 11) Utilize halachic modes of acquisition. 12) Do not overcharge or defraud. 13) Do not harass or embarrass another. 14) Do not sell land in Eretz Yisrael in perpetuity. 15) Return all lands to their original owners at *Yovel*. 16) Right of redemption for one year on sold property in a walled city. 17) Do not alter the usage of properties of the *Levi'im*. 18) Do not lend with interest. 19-21) Do not employ or sell a Jewish slave in a degrading manner, but rather as a regular employee. 22) Retain your gentile slave. 23) Prevent a Jewish slave from mistreatment by a gentile overlord. 24) Do not prostrate on a stone floor.

## For the Shabbos Table

*"אֵת-בְּקָרְךָ לֹא-תִתֶּן לוֹ בְּנֶשֶׁךְ"*  
Do not give him your money for interest (*Vayikra* 25:37)

Students of the Tchebiner Rav once lent money to a local merchant with interest, using a *heter iska* (a halachic leniency that structures a typical loan as a business partnership). Unfortunately, the merchant fell on hard times and it became clear that the students' loan would not be repaid. The distraught students consulted the Tchebiner Rav about the matter. The Tchebiner Rav related to them that his father, the Kochav MiYaakov, noted that the language of our pasuk "Do not **give** your money for interest" seems incorrect. Should it not read "Do not **lend** your money for interest"?

The Kochav MiYaakov explained that when one loans money with interest, there is a real chance that his funds will be lost; those monies will thus be 'given' and lost to the borrower. In contrast, the pasuk in Mishlei (19:16) says "He who is generous to the poor makes a loan to Hashem; He will repay him his due". One who lends money to the poor without interest is assured that he will be repaid his due by Hashem Almighty - surely the safest investment possible.

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When you have nothing to say, say nothing.

-Rabbi Meir Zlotowitz z"l

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Parshas Behar | May 24-25

	ר"ת	שקיעה שבת	סקש גר"א שבת	סקש מ"א שבת	שקיעה Friday Night	הדלקה עש"ק	פג מנחה עש"ק
Atlanta	9:51	8:39	10:02	9:18	8:38	8:20	7:10
Baltimore	9:34	8:22	9:24	8:34	8:21	8:03	6:50
Boston	9:21	8:09	8:57	8:03	8:08	7:50	6:35
Catskills	9:33	8:21	9:12	8:20	8:20	8:02	6:47
Chicago	9:25	8:13	9:04	8:11	8:13	7:53	6:40
Cleveland	10:01	8:49	9:41	8:48	8:48	8:30	7:15
Detroit	10:09	8:57	9:45	8:51	8:56	8:38	7:23
Lakewood	9:26	8:14	9:13	8:23	8:14	7:56	6:42
Las Vegas	9:00	7:48	9:02	8:16	7:47	7:29	6:17
Los Angeles	9:07	7:55	9:17	8:33	7:54	7:36	6:26
Miami	9:16	8:04	9:54	9:15	8:04	7:46	6:39
Monsey	9:29	8:17	9:11	8:19	8:16	7:58	6:44
Montreal	9:41	8:29	9:02	8:02	8:28	8:10	6:53
New York	9:27	8:15	9:11	8:20	8:15	7:57	6:43
Orlando	9:27	8:15	9:56	9:16	8:14	7:56	6:48
Passaic	9:28	8:16	9:12	8:20	8:16	7:58	6:43
Philadelphia	9:30	8:12	9:17	8:27	8:17	7:59	6:45
Toronto	9:58	8:46	9:29	8:32	8:45	8:27	7:11
Yerushalayim	8:52	7:35	9:06	8:24	7:34	6:59	6:07

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