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 Kedoshim 5784
May 10th • 2 Iyar

Reminders

The first opportunity for Kiddush Levana is this Motzaei Shabbos, May 11th. The final opportunity is Wednesday May 22nd at 11:42 PM Eastern Time.

Sefirah: On Friday night we count the 18th day of the omer.

BeHaB begins this coming Monday, May 13th. *BeHaB* is a series of three fast days on the Monday, Thursday and subsequent Monday following the months of Tishrei and Nissan (*BeHaB* is an acronym for *Beis* (Monday), *Hei* (Thursday), *Beis* (Monday)). A *Mi Shebeirach* is recited before *Mussaf* this Shabbos for those who fast on these days. Many congregations recite *Selichos* on these days. The reasons given for *BeHaB* include: 1) to atone for any sins that one may have committed over Yom Tov; 2) to atone for work performed over Chol Hamoed; or 3) to strengthen the health of the body in anticipation of the change of season.

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 2
Daf Yomi - Friday: Bavli: Bava Metzia 72 • Yerushalmi: Maasros 22 • Mishnah Yomis: Sotah 2:1-2 • Oraysa: Next week is Succah 7b-9b.

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

The series of fast days of *BeHaB* begin this Monday, May 13th.

Pesach Sheini is on Wednesday, May 22nd.
Lag Ba'omer is on Sunday, May 26th.
Shavuos is on Wednesday and Thursday, June 12th-13th.

Parshah in a Paragraph

Kedoshim: Be holy • Korban of *Asham Shifcha Charufa* • Do not profane your child and defile the land • Love the *Ger* • Punishment for *Molech* worshipers and for silent bystanders • Forbidden relations • Our holiness and the resulting higher standard to which we are held • *See Taryag Weekly for the various mitzvos.*

Haftarah: The Navi Yechezkel (20:2-20) speaks of the lofty nature of the nation and how they were chosen by Hashem. [It also includes a specific warning not to lend on interest.] This obligates us to hold ourselves to a higher standard and adhere to the dictates befitting the Kedoshim that we are.

This *haftarah* is notable because it is the *least often* lained of all possible Haftaras; on average, it is lained once every 17 years (next time will be in 2041)! [So cut your Baal Koreh some slack if he is not up to his usual level of excellence.] The Levush quotes the Mateh Moshe, who explains that this is based on a Gemara (Megillah 25b) which tells of a *talmid* of R' Eliezer who lained as a random *haftarah* a certain (other) Navi section that focused on the lowly sins of Yerushalayim. R' Eliezer was unhappy with his choice, and he exclaimed, "Before you speak about the lowly sins of Yerushalayim, let's investigate the sins of your own mother!" They indeed investigated that *talmid's* genealogy, and they found that his mother had transgressed severely. Thus, when Parshiyos Acharei Mos and Kedoshim are *leined* together (as in most other years), we choose to *lein* the 'less accusatory' *haftarah* of Parshas Acharei Mos. Thus, this *haftarah* is *leined* only when Acharei Mos and Kedoshim are separate, and even then when no other *haftarah* (such as those related to Rosh Chodesh) supersedes it. This Mateh Moshe teaches yet another important lesson in *bein adam l'chaveiro:* don't be too quick to point out another person's shortcomings!

613 *Taryag Weekly*

Kedoshim: • 64 Pesukim • 13 Obligations • 38 Prohibitions

1) Fear your parents. 2-3) Do not recognize or manufacture idols. 4) Do not eat *Nossar* (leftovers) from a Korban. 5-6) Do not harvest a field entirely; leave a *Pe'ah* area for the poor. 7-12) Do not gather remnants of the harvest or vineyard, as well as the malformed grapes; leave them for the poor. 13) Do not steal covertly. 14-15) Do not deny or swear falsely about financial claims. 16) Do not swear falsely in Hashem's Name. 17) Do not retain others' possessions forcibly. 18) Do not steal openly. 19) Do not withhold wages. 20) Do not curse anyone, even a deaf man. 21) Do not "place a stumbling block before the blind" by giving bad advice. 22) Do not corrupt the judicial process. 23) Do not treat wealthy and poor litigants unequally. 24) Judge people favorably. 25) Do not speak Lashon Hora. 26) Do not stand by when another's life is in jeopardy. 27) Do not harbor hatred against a fellow Jew. 28-29) Deliver effective rebuke; do not rebuke in an embarrassing manner. 30-31) Do not exact revenge or harbor resentment. 32) Love your friend like yourself. 33-34) Do not crossbreed livestock or plants. 35) Do not benefit from a tree's first-3-years' produce. 36) Eat a tree's 4th year fruit in Yerushalayim. 37) Do not eat in the gluttonous manner of a *ben sorer umoreh*. 38-39) Do not act based on omens or lucky times. 40) Do not cut off peyos of the head. 41) Do not shave a beard with a razor. 42) Do not tattoo. 43) Revere the Temple. 44) Do not inquire about the future by means of the occult. 45) Do not engage in necromancy. 46) Stand up for Torah scholars and elders. 47-48) Do not use inaccurate tools of measurement in business; ensure that they are accurate. 49) Do not curse parents. 50) Beis Din should mete out the punishment of *sereifa*. 51) Do not follow the lowly ways of the nations.

For the Shabbos Table

"וְאָמַרְתָּ אֲלֵהֶם קְדֹשִׁים תִּהְיוּ"
"Say to them "you shall be holy". (Vayikra 19:2)

The parashah begins by stating the importance of a Jew living a life of holiness. Yet, the parashah continues and discusses many mitzvos that, perhaps, would seem to be intuitive in any ethical society such as honoring parents and the prohibitions against thievery and falsehood. Why are these mitzvos considered to be those of holiness?

Rav Moshe Feinstein zt"l explains that a mitzvah is *a tzivui*, a command, and a Jew performs a mitzvah not because he perceives it as moral and correct but rather because that is what he was commanded by Hashem. Even mitzvos between man and his fellow man, that seem ethical and necessary for society, must not be followed out of goodness and fairness but rather because this is Hashem's will and we exist to serve Him. (Kol Ram)

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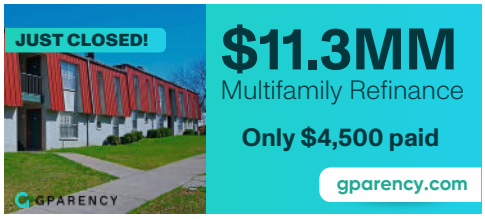

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Parshas Kedoshim | May 10-11

	ר"ת	שקיעה שבת	סקש גר"א שבת	סקש מ"א שבת	שקיעה Friday Night	הדלקה עש"ק	פלג מנחה עש"ק
Atlanta	9:40	8:28	10:06	9:24	8:28	8:10	7:01
Baltimore	9:21	8:09	9:29	8:42	8:08	7:50	6:40
Boston	9:07	7:55	9:03	8:13	7:54	7:36	6:23
Catskills	9:19	8:07	9:18	8:29	8:06	7:48	6:37
Chicago	9:12	8:00	9:10	8:21	7:59	7:39	6:29
Cleveland	9:47	8:35	9:47	8:58	8:34	8:16	7:04
Detroit	9:55	8:43	9:51	9:01	8:42	8:24	7:11
Lakewood	9:14	8:02	9:19	8:31	8:01	7:43	6:32
Las Vegas	8:49	7:37	9:07	8:23	7:36	7:18	6:08
Los Angeles	8:57	7:45	9:21	8:39	7:44	7:26	6:17
Miami	9:09	7:57	9:57	9:19	7:57	7:39	6:33
Monsey	9:16	8:04	9:17	8:28	8:03	7:45	6:33
Montreal	9:26	8:14	9:09	8:14	8:12	7:54	6:40
New York	9:14	8:02	9:17	8:29	8:01	7:43	6:32
Orlando	9:19	8:07	9:59	9:20	8:06	7:48	6:42
Passaic	9:15	8:03	9:17	8:29	8;02	7:44	6:33
Philadelphia	9:17	8:05	9:23	8:35	8:04	7:46	6:35
Toronto	9:44	8:32	9:35	8:43	8:31	8:13	7:00
Yerushalayim	8:42	7:26	9:10	8:29	7:25	6:50	6:00

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