



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 Bamidbar 5784
June 7th
Rosh Chodesh Sivan

Reminders

Tachanun is omitted from Rosh Chodesh Sivan through Isru Chag Shavuos. Some, including most Nusach Sefard congregations, omit *Tachanun* through the 12th of Sivan. The *Yehi Ratzons* recited after Kerias HaTorah on weekdays are also omitted, as well as *Tzidkas'cha* at Minchah on Shabbos.

The three days prior to Shavuos (this Sunday, Monday and Tuesday, June 9th-11th) are referred to as the **Sheloshes Y'mei Hagbalah**, the three days of separation. In the *Midbar*, the *Bnei Yisrael* utilized these three days to prepare themselves for *Kabbalas HaTorah*. For those who observed the Sefirah mourning restrictions beginning from the first day of Rosh Chodesh Iyar ("second half"), the restrictions end Sunday morning, the first day of the *Sheloshes Y'mei Hagbalah*. (For those who began observing the "second half" Sefirah mourning restrictions from after Rosh Chodesh Iyar, the restrictions end Tuesday morning, Erev Shavuos.)

Sefirah: On Friday night we count the 46th day of the omer.

The first opportunity for **Kiddush Levana** is Sunday, June 9th. The final opportunity is Thursday, June 20th.

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 6

Daf Yomi - Friday: Bavli: Bava Metzia 100 • Yerushalmi: Maaser Sheni 4 • Mishnah Yomis: Sotah 9:14-15. The *siyum* is today, Friday, June 7th; mazal tov. *Maseches Gittin* begins next • Oraysa: Next week is *Sucrah 17b-19b*.

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

The *Sheloshes Y'mei Hagbalah* are this Sunday, Monday and Tuesday, June 9th-11th.

Shavuos begins this Tuesday evening, June 11th.

Parshah in a Paragraph

Bamidbar: Each tribe, excluding Levi, is counted • The men ages 20-60 (besides Shevet Levi) amount to 603,550 • The arrangement of the tribes around the *Mishkan* • Shevet Levi replaces the firstborn in performing the *Mishkan* services • The special status of the Kohanim and Levi'im • Levi'im aged 30 days and up are counted; they total 22,300 • The firstborn of the 12 *shevatim* (besides Shevet Levi) are counted; they total 22,273 • 22,000 Levi'im each redeem a firstborn; the remaining 273 are redeemed with 5 silver coins (300 Levi'im were themselves firstborn, and could only "redeem themselves") • The family of Kehas is charged with carrying the sacred vessels • Kohanim are instructed regarding preparing the *Mishkan* vessels for travel • The family of Kehas is warned not to approach the *Kodesh Kodoshim*

Haftarah: The Bnei Yisrael in the *midbar* experienced a significant population growth. The *haftarah* begins by comparing the great numbers of Bnei Yisrael to the innumerable grains of sand at the shore.

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Bamidbar: 159 Pesukim • No Mitzvos listed

For the Shabbos Table

“פָּקֹד אֶת-בְּנֵי לְוִי...כִּלְ-זָכָר מִבְּרֵךְ הַדֶּשֶׁת וּמֵעֵלָה תִּפְקְדֵם”

“Record the children of Levi...all males from the age of one month and above you shall record” (Bamidbar 3:15)

The census of each *shevet* counted the adult males from the age of twenty years, with the exception of Shevet Levi, of which all boys were counted from thirty days and older. Why was the Shevet of Levi counted from the young age of thirty days while the other *shevatim* were counted only from the age of twenty years?

Rashi writes that from a young age a Levite is considered a “*shomer mishmeres hakodesh*” - watchman of the *kodesh*. Rav Moshe Feinstein zt"l explains that most of the nation led mundane lives subject to the challenge of balancing earning a livelihood alongside their spiritual pursuits. Therefore, until the age of twenty a person was not considered established enough to be considered a full-fledged member of the tribe. Members of Shevet Levi, however, were dedicated solely to *Avodas Hashem*. This position and lifestyle were their sole heritage, transmitted from father to son, therefore, even a young Levi was already considered dedicated and destined to be “*shomer mishmeres hakodesh*”. Rav Moshe explains that a parent's spiritual level and dedication to Torah is transmitted to his children, and secures their dedication to being a true Torah Jew. Chag Shavuos, the *Yom Tov* of *Kabbalas HaTorah*, is an opportune time for one to reaffirm his dedication to Torah and Torah learning, nurturing a Torah life for himself and the future of *klal yisrael*.

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| Atlanta | 9:59 | 8:47 | 10:01 | 9:16 | 8:46 | 8:28 | 7:17 |
| Baltimore | 9:43 | 8:31 | 9:22 | 8:31 | 8:31 | 8:13 | 6:58 |
| Boston | 9:31 | 8:19 | 8:55 | 7:58 | 8:19 | 8:01 | 6:44 |
| Catskills | 9:43 | 8:31 | 9:10 | 8:15 | 8:31 | 8:13 | 6:56 |
| Chicago | 9:36 | 8:24 | 9:02 | 8:06 | 8:23 | 8:03 | 6:49 |
| Cleveland | 10:11 | 8:54 | 9:39 | 8:44 | 8:58 | 8:40 | 7:24 |
| Detroit | 10:19 | 9:07 | 9:43 | 8:46 | 9:06 | 8:48 | 7:32 |
| Lakewood | 9:36 | 8:24 | 9:11 | 8:19 | 8:24 | 8:06 | 6:50 |
| Las Vegas | 9:08 | 7:56 | 9:01 | 8:13 | 7:56 | 7:38 | 6:25 |
| Los Angeles | 9:15 | 8:03 | 9:16 | 8:31 | 8:02 | 7:44 | 6:33 |
| Miami | 9:23 | 8:11 | 9:54 | 9:14 | 8:10 | 7:52 | 6:45 |
| Monsey | 9:39 | 8:27 | 9:09 | 8:15 | 8:26 | 8:08 | 6:52 |
| Montreal | 9:53 | 8:41 | 8:59 | 7:55 | 8:40 | 8:22 | 7:03 |
| New York | 9:37 | 8:25 | 9:10 | 8:16 | 8:25 | 8:07 | 6:51 |
| Orlando | 9:34 | 8:22 | 9:56 | 9:14 | 8:21 | 8:03 | 6:54 |
| Passaic | 9:38 | 8:26 | 9:10 | 8:16 | 8:26 | 8:08 | 6:52 |
| Philadelphia | 9:40 | 8:28 | 9:15 | 8:23 | 8:27 | 8:09 | 6:54 |
| Toronto | 10:09 | 8:57 | 9:26 | 8:26 | 8:57 | 8:39 | 7:21 |
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