



# 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 Shelach 5784**  
June 28th • 22 Sivan

## Shabbos Mevorchim

This week is Shabbos Mevorchim Chodesh Tamuz. Rosh Chodesh is next Shabbos & Sunday, July 6th and 7th. The *molad* is Shabbos afternoon at 1:09 PM and 10 *chalakim*.

Yom Kippur Katan is observed on Thursday, July 4th.

## Reminders

As the precarious situation in Eretz Yisrael unfortunately 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 3

**Daf Yomi - Friday:** Bavli: Bava Basra 3 • Yerushalmi: Maaser Sheni 18 • Mishnah Yomis: Gittin 6:2-3 • Oraysa: Next week is Succah 25a-27a.

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 fast of Shiva Asar B'Tamuz is on Tuesday, July 23rd and marks the beginning of the *Y'mei Bein Hametzarim*, the Three Weeks.

## Parshah in a Paragraph

**Shelach:** The Meraglim scout out the Land and return with a negative report • Klal Yisrael accepts their report and cries; Hashem says He will eradicate the nation • Moshe davens; *Vayomer Hashem Salachti Kidvarecha* • Kalev's reward • The decree of forty years of wandering • The *Ma'apilim* try to enter Eretz Canaan and are defeated • *Wine Nesachim* (libations) are to be brought along with offerings • Mitzvah of *Hafrashas Challah* • The offerings for an individual or

an entire community who commit idolatry • The *Mekosheish Eitzim* • The mitzvos of *Tzitzis* and *Techeiles* (that reminds us of all of Hashem's mitzvos)

Haftarah: The haftarah (Yehoshua 2:1-24) speaks of the Meraglim whom Yehoshua sent to scout out Eretz Yisrael before capturing it. While the Meraglim in Parashas Shelach were lacking faith in Hashem to some degree, the Meraglim sent by Yehoshua went with full faith in Hashem and sought only to assess the best way to launch Bnei Yisrael's conquest.

## 613 Taryag Weekly

**Shelach:** 119 Pesukim • 2 Obligations • 1 Prohibition

1) Separate *challah* from dough and give it to the *kohen*. 2) Place *tzitzis* on a four cornered garment. 3) Do not allow thoughts that are antithetical to the Torah to affect you; do not pursue materialism.

Mitzvah Highlight: The Sefer HaChinuch explains that *Hafrashas Challah* transforms bread from a physical entity alone to a vehicle through which Bnei Yisrael perform a mitzvah. The ubiquitous nature of bread as a source of sustenance allows for maximum performance of the mitzvah and constant opportunities to earn merit.

## For the Shabbos Table

בְּמִסְפַּר הַיָּמִים אֲשֶׁר-תִּרְדָּם אֶת-הָאָרֶץ אַרְבָּעִים  
יָוֵם יוֹם לַשָּׁנָה יוֹם לַשָּׁנָה תִּשְׂאוּ אֶת-עֲוֹנוֹתֵיכֶם  
אַרְבָּעִים שָׁנָה

*Like the number of the days that you spied out the land, forty days, a day for a year, a day for a year, you shall bear your iniquities forty years (Bamidbar 14:34)*

Bnei Yisrael were punished with wandering in the desert for forty years, corresponding to the forty days that the Meraglim traversed the land and returned with a bad report on Eretz Yisrael. Although the lashon hara

spoken against Eretz Yisrael was certainly wrong, it was spoken only upon their return. Why, then, was the punishment correspondent to the days they spent within Eretz Yisrael?

Rav Chaim Shmuelevitz zt"l answers that we learn from here that not only is lashon hara forbidden in speech, it is even forbidden to think and contemplate negative thoughts about a fellow Jew. Rashi (13:26) reveals to us that, in fact, the Meraglims' negative intentions were present from the time they entered the land. Therefore, the sin of lashon hara in the form of negative thoughts was present for all forty days. Rav Elya Baruch Finkel zt"l expounds further with the words of the Chofetz Chaim who writes that the underlying sin of lashon hara is the *ayin ra* - an eye with which one views his fellow negatively. This negative outlook is what causes one to develop negative views regarding a fellow Jew. The noted mechaneches, Rebbetzin Bruria David a"h, would tell her students that our hashkafos and feelings are also "lemaysa" and practical in nature, as they guide our actions and practice. One must be careful about thoughts in one's mind and heart in order to cultivate positive words and deeds.

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Atlanta	10:04	8:52	10:05	9:20	8:52	8:34	7:22
Baltimore	9:49	8:37	9:26	8:34	8:37	8:19	7:03
Boston	9:37	8:25	8:59	8:01	8:25	8:07	6:49
Catskills	9:49	8:37	9:14	8:18	8:37	8:19	7:02
Chicago	9:41	8:29	9:06	8:09	8:29	8:09	6:54
Cleveland	10:16	9:04	9:43	8:47	9:04	8:46	7:29
Detroit	10:24	9:12	9:47	8:49	9:12	8:54	7:37
Lakewood	9:42	8:30	9:15	8:22	8:30	8:12	6:56
Las Vegas	9:13	8:01	9:05	8:17	8:01	7:43	6:30
Los Angeles	9:20	8:08	9:20	8:34	8:08	7:50	6:38
Miami	9:28	8:16	9:58	9:18	8:16	7:58	6:50
Monsey	9:44	8:32	9:13	8:18	8:32	8:14	6:58
Montreal	9:58	8:46	9:03	7:57	8:47	8:29	7:09
New York	9:43	8:31	9:13	8:19	8:31	8:13	6:57
Orlando	9:39	8:27	10:00	9:18	8:27	8:09	7:00
Passaic	9:44	8:32	9:14	8:19	8:32	8:14	6:57
Philadelphia	9:45	8:33	9:19	8:26	8:33	8:15	6:59
Toronto	10:15	9:03	9:30	8:29	9:03	8:45	7:26
Yerushalayim	9:05	7:48	9:09	8:25	7:48	7:13	6:19

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