



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!'

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In Memory of Rav Meir Zlotowitz zt"l

Shabbos Parashas Devarim
5784 • August 10th • 6 Av

Shabbos Chazon

The Nine Days began at *shekiya* on the evening of Rosh Chodesh Av, Sunday, August 4th. The restrictions of the Three Weeks of course remain in effect (*see the recent editions of Tidbits for more information*). There is a dispute among the Poskim if one may take a regular hot shower this Friday, August 9th, Erev Shabbos Chazon. Regardless, the shower should be taken as quickly as possible.

As meat may not be consumed during the Nine Days, one may not taste meat foods on Erev Shabbos. In the context of food preparation one may taste the food, but may not swallow it (no *berachah* is recited in this case).

The *haftarah* of *Chazon Yeshayahu* is *leined*. It describes the nation's sins and the resulting tragic Churban and Galus. Many read it to the tune of *Eichah*. The Sefer Eretz Tzvi explains that this Shabbos is called *Shabbos Chazon*, Shabbos of Vision, as Hashem always keeps us in His line of vision. Although suffering may be meted out, we are never abandoned. Rather, divine retribution will ultimately be followed by our redemption.

One who customarily uses wine for Havdalah may drink the wine. However, many have the *minhag* to give it to a boy who is a minor of *chinuch* age - 6 or 7 years old (it would be preferable if that child does not understand the concept of mourning). Some use beer for havdalah instead.

Reminders

The prevalent *minhag* is to wait until Motza'ei Tisha B'av to recite Kiddush Levana. The first opportunity for Kiddush Levana is Wednesday night, August 7th at 9:59 PM EDT. The final opportunity is Sunday night, August 18th.

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 - Shabbos:** Bavli: Bava Basra 46 • Yerushalmi: Challah 8 • Mishnah Yomis: Bava Kama 2:1-2 • Oraysa: Next week is

Succah 40a-42a.

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

Tisha B'av begins this Monday evening, August 12th | Shabbos Nachamu is next Shabbos Parashas Va'eschanan, August 17th

Parshah in a Paragraph

Devarim: Moshe begins the final month of his life and speaks to the Bnei Yisrael • A review of the events of the past forty years includes: Klal Yisrael leaves Sinai • Judges are appointed to assist Moshe • Klal Yisrael reaches Kadesh Barnea • The incident of the Meraglim • The decree that this generation, including Moshe, would not enter the land • Klal Yisrael travels for 40 years • The history of the lands of Ammon and Moav • Sichon and Og are defeated • Reuven and Gad receive their portion East of the Yarden • Moshe encourages Yehoshua

Haftarah: The *haftarah* of Chazon Yeshayahu is *leined* (Yeshayah 1:1-27) and is the third and final *haftarah* of the series of the *shalosh d'puranusa*. The Navi bemoans the sins and the resulting downfall of the Jewish nation that led to the tragic destruction which occurred primarily during The Three Weeks. The *haftarah* ends with the promise that we will be redeemed through righteous acts.

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Devarim • 105 Pesukim • 2 Prohibitions

- 1) Do not appoint a judge who is unqualified.
- 2) Do not deviate from delivering true justice.

Mitzvah Highlight: A judge may not refrain from serving justice even if he fears for his safety. Additionally, one who has relevant information must share it with the judge and not be fearful of an angered litigant.

For the Shabbos Table

"וַתִּקְרַבְנוּ אֵלַי כָּלֶכֶם"

"All of you approached me" (Devarim 1:22)

Rashi quotes the Midrash that relates that Moshe in his rebuke noted that Klal Yisrael approached Moshe with the idea of sending the Meraglim in a disorganized manner, the youth pushing the elders and the elders shoving the leaders. As the magnitude of the sin of the Meraglim was exceptionally great, why was it important to note this small detail regarding the lack of *derech erez*?

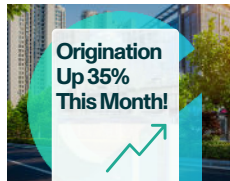
Rav Yitzchok M'Volozhin zt"l explains that Moshe was telling Klal Yisrael not to excuse themselves by saying that their original motivation for sending the Meraglim was noble and virtuous, but went sour at a later stage. The lack of *derech erez* from the onset proves that their intentions were less than virtuous from the very beginning. At times it can be difficult to discern the nobility of an action or cause. Often the proof lies in the minor details of how the initiative is being carried out. Similarly, the Baalei Mussar advise that one can confirm that he is being motivated by his *yetzer hara* if he finds himself acting impulsively and immediately without proper consideration. The lack of decorum should have proven to the nation to reassess the nobility of their actions.

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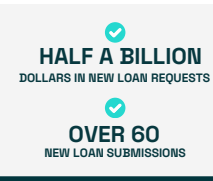
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Parshas Devarim | August 9-10

	ר"ת	שקיעה שבת	סקש גר"א שבת	סקש מ"א שבת	שקיעה Friday Night	הדלקה עש"ק	פגל מנחה עש"ק
Atlanta	9:40	8:28	10:19	9:38	8:29	8:11	7:04
Baltimore	9:19	8:07	9:43	8:58	8:08	7:50	6:41
Boston	9:03	7:51	9:17	8:29	7:52	7:34	6:24
Catskills	9:16	8:04	9:32	8:45	8:05	7:47	6:37
Chicago	9:08	7:56	9:24	8:37	7:58	7:38	6:30
Cleveland	9:44	8:32	10:01	9:14	8:33	8:15	7:05
Detroit	9:51	8:39	10:05	9:17	8:40	8:22	7:12
Lakewood	9:11	7:59	9:32	8:47	8:00	7:42	6:33
Las Vegas	8:47	7:35	9:20	8:37	7:36	7:18	6:11
Los Angeles	8:56	7:44	9:34	8:53	7:45	7:27	6:20
Miami	9:11	7:59	10:08	9:32	8:00	7:42	6:38
Monsey	9:12	8:00	9:31	8:44	8:02	7:44	6:34
Montreal	9:20	8:08	9:24	8:31	8:10	7:52	6:40
New York	9:11	7:59	9:31	8:44	8:01	7:43	6:33
Orlando	9:20	8:08	10:11	9:33	8:09	7:51	6:46
Passaic	9:12	8:00	9:31	8:45	8:01	7:43	6:34
Philadelphia	9:15	8:03	9:36	8:51	8:04	7:46	6:37
Toronto	9:39	8:27	9:49	9:00	8:29	8:11	7:00
Yerushalayim	8:43	7:27	9:22	8:43	7:28	6:52	6:04

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