



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

Shabbos Parashas Eikev 5784
August 24th • 20 Av

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 5

Daf Yomi - Shabbos: Bavli: Bava Basra 60 • Yerushalmi: Challah 23 • Mishnah Yomis: Bava Kama 7:4-5 • Oraysa: Next week is Succah 45a-47a.

Make sure to call your parents, in-laws, grandparents and Rebbe 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

Shabbos Mevorchim Chodesh Elul is next Shabbos, Parashas Re'eh, August 31st.

Rosh Chodesh Elul is on Tuesday & Wednesday, September 3rd-4th.

Parshah in a Paragraph

Eikev: If you follow Hashem's commandments, He will display His love for you and bless you • Do not be afraid of the nations • The nations of Canaan will be uprooted little by little to save you from the peril of wild animals • Do not be enticed by idols; destroy them completely • Remember these forty years • Remember the Mann - and that it is not food but Hashem's word that sustains man • Hashem's chastisements are those of a loving father • Hashem is bringing you to a good land especially blessed with the *Shivas Haminim* • Bircas Hamazon • Don't forget Hashem when you prosper; recognize that everything is from Hashem • If you follow idols, Hashem will utterly destroy you • The great nations will be destroyed because of their wickedness and not due to your righteousness • Remember how you constantly provoked Hashem these past forty years (e.g., at Taveira, Massah, Kivros HaTaavah and Kadeish Barnei'a) • When I witnessed the idol worship of the Eigel, I shattered the Luchos • Only through intense prayer were you spared from Hashem's wrath • The Second Luchos • "Now Israel, what is it that G-d demands of you..." • Everything belongs to Hashem, yet He delights only in you, the offspring

of the forefathers • Love and fear Hashem with all your hearts • All of you saw Hashem's miracles with your own eyes • If you will listen to Hashem, the land will flourish; otherwise you will suffer (*V'haya Im Shamo'a*) • If you will carefully heed the words of Hashem, you will triumph!

Haftarah: The haftarah begins with lamenting Hashem's apparent abandonment of His nation; forgetting His chosen people. The *pesukim*, however, continue to explain that Hashem never forsakes His nation and ultimately happiness and joy will return to Zion. (Yeshaya 49:15-51:3)

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Eikev • 111 Pesukim • 6 Obligations • 2 Prohibitions

1) Do not derive benefit from adornments of *avodah zarah*. 2) Do not derive benefit from *avodah zarah* or its accessories and do not bring them into your property. 3) Recite Bircas Hamazon after a 'filling' meal. 4) Love the Ger. 5) Fear G-d. 6) Serve G-d through Tefillah and praise. 7) Attach yourself to Torah scholars and benefit them. 8) When swearing an oath or promise, do so in Hashem's name.

Mitzvah Highlight: Through *davening* we inculcate within ourselves a recognition of Hashem's existence and His benevolence in providing for us. This recognition, in and of itself, brings about blessing (*Sefer HaChinuch*).

For the Shabbos Table

כִּי תֹאמַר בְּלִבְבְּךָ רַבִּים הַגּוֹיִם הָאֵלֶּה מִמֶּנִּי אֵיכָה אוֹכֵל לְהוֹרִישָׁם: לֹא תִירָא מֵהֶם זָכֹר תִּזְכֹּר אֶת אֲשֶׁר-עָשָׂה ה' אֱלֹהֶיךָ לַפְרָעָה וּלְכָל-מִצְרָיִם

"Perhaps you will say in your heart, 'These nations are more numerous than I; how will I be able to drive them out?' Do not fear them, you shall remember what Hashem your G-d did to Pharaoh and Mitzrayim" (Devarim 7:17-18)

The importance of believing in Hashem and not fearing our enemies is a basic tenet of our faith, as is recalling the miraculous redemption from Mitzrayim. Why does the Torah command here specifically in response to those questioning the nation's ability to conquer the land?

Rav Moshe Feinstein zt"l explains that in essence

one would think that having experienced so many great miracles in Mitzrayim, as well as in the desert, the nation's faith in Hashem would be strong. Yet in truth, without internalizing the miracles, man's nature is to be weak in faith, to the extent that even a witness to the miracles will question Hashem's future actions. To this end, the Torah implores a person to work on his faith by remembering Hashem and recalling the great miracles we saw in Mitzrayim. This will internalize his faith in Hashem to the point where no adversary can make him feel threatened. While it may be true that there are no atheists in a foxhole, true believers may not be present either. True *emunah* and *bitachon* come from a person training himself to recognize Hashem and His total control overall.

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-Rabbi Meir Zlotowitz z"l

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