



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 Re'eh 5784
August 31st • 27 Av

Shabbos Mevarchim

This week is Shabbos Mevorchim Chodesh Elul. Rosh Chodesh is on Tuesday & Wednesday, September 3rd-4th. The *molad* is Tuesday afternoon 2:37 PM and 12 *chalakim*.

Some are particular to observe Yom Kippur Katan particularly for the month of Elul, to inaugurate the month as a month of Teshuvah. Yom Kippur Katan is Monday, September 2nd.

Reminders

On the second day of Rosh Chodesh, we begin adding *LeDavid Hashem Ori* at the end of davening. Nusach Ashkenaz adds *LeDavid* at Maariv and Shacharis, and will begin on Tuesday night during Maariv. Nusach Sefard adds *LeDavid* at Shacharis and Minchah, and will begin with Shacharis on Wednesday. The Shofar is sounded along with *LeDavid* at Shacharis on weekdays. *LeDavid* is added through Shemini Atzeres. Many Sefardim begin saying *Selichos* on the second day of Chodesh Elul.

The first opportunity for Kiddush Levana is next Motzaei Shabbos, September 7th. The final opportunity is late Tuesday night, September 17th at 2:38 AM EST.

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 6 **Daf Yomi - Shabbos:** Bavli: Bava Basra 67 • Yerushalmi: Challah 30 • Mishnah Yomis: Bava Kama 7:4-5 • Oraysa: Next week is Succah 47b-49b.

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 this Shabbos, Parashas Re'eh, August 31st.

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Parshah in a Paragraph

Re'eh: The blessings for those who keep the *mitzvos* and the curses for those who reject them • Upon

entering the land, you must accept the *mitzvos* upon yourself at Har Gerizim and Har Eival, and recognize their accompanying reward and punishment • Drive out the nations and destroy their gods • In a designated place [the Beis Hamikdash] you will serve Hashem • Laws of *Korbanos* • Do not practice idolatry • Keeping kosher • Laws of a Jewish slave • Firstborn animals • Yomim Tovim • See *Taryag Weekly* for the various *mitzvos*.

Haftarah: The *haftarah* (Yeshaya 54:11-55:5) relays the promise that Hashem will one day redeem us from exile. During all the years of exile He will safeguard us from the spiritual and physical oppression brought by other nations.

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Re'eh: 126 Pesukim • 17 Obligations • 38 Prohibitions

1) Destroy *avodah zarah*. 2) Do not destroy holy items. 3) Fulfill vows for *korbanos* or *bedek habayis* on the first *chag* after the vow is made. 4-5) Bring *korbanos* to the *Beis HaMikdash*; do not bring *korbanos* elsewhere. 6) Blemished *korbanos* should be redeemed and purchased anew. 7-9) Do not eat *Ma'aser Sheini* outside of Yerushalayim. 10) Do not eat a *Bechor* animal outside Yerushalayim. 11) Do not eat *Kodashim* outside their designated place. 12) Do not eat from a *korban olah*. 13) Do not eat meat of a *korban* before the sprinkling of its blood. 14) Do not eat *Bikkurim* prior to placing them in the Temple Courtyard. 15) Do not withhold the Levi'im's gifts. 16) Perform *Shechitah* prior to eating meat. 17) Do not eat *Eiver Min Hachai* (meat from a living animal). 18) Bring *korbanos* personally to the *Mikdash*. 19-20) Do not add or subtract *mitzvos* from the Torah. 21) Do not listen to a prophet of *avodah zarah*. 22-26) Do not heed or befriend a *meisis* (one who influences others to sin); do not absolve your hatred for him; do not save his life or defend him in judgment. 27) Do not missionize for idolatry or become missionized. 28) Review witnesses' testimony. 29-31) Burn down an idolatrous city; do not rebuild it or benefit from its spoils. 32-33) Do not cut yourself or pull out hair in grief. 34) Do not eat disqualified *Kodashim*. 35) Check birds for signs of kashrus. 36) Do not eat flying insects. 37) Do not eat *Neveilah*. 38) Separate *Ma'aser Sheini*. 39) Give *Ma'aser Ani*. 40,42) Do not collect a debt after *shemittah*, rather consider it dismissed. 41) Collect debt from a non-Jew promptly. 43-44) Do not withhold charity or kindness from any Jew; give charity generously and graciously. 45) Do not refrain from lending

before *shemittah*. 46-47) Do not send away a servant or maid-servant empty handed; rather, provide them with gifts. 48-49) Do not work with a *korban* animal or shear its wool. 50) Do not eat *chametz* after midday on Erev Pesach. 51) Do not leave over meat from the *korban Chagigah*. 52) Do not sacrifice a *korban pesach* on a private *Bamah*. 53) *V'samachta B'chagecha*. 54-55) Go up for *Aliyah L'regel* and do not come empty handed.

For the Shabbos Table

”גַּלְגְּלָה אֲחֵרֵי אֱלֹהִים אֲחֵרִים אֲשֶׁר לֹא יִדְעֶתֶם וְנִעְבְּדֶם”
Let us seek foreign gods whom are foreign to us and serve them (Devarim 13:3)

Rav Chatzkel Levenstein zt"l would explain that this *pasuk* admonishes an idol worshiper: Aside from the gravity of the sin, a lack of focus and basic “*seichel*” caused him to overlook the obvious and serve a powerless idol and an entity with no real power. Man's greatness is seen in his ability to override his inclination and desires and act according to his intellect. Any deficiency in this regard is a display of animal-like behavior and a lacking in the greatness of man.

Rav Chatzkel would comment that upon beginning the month of Elul, one must contemplate the absurdity of coming before Hashem on the upcoming holiday of Rosh Hashanah to ask of him for continued blessing without contemplating and making an accounting of his deeds and activities. Only after stopping and thinking what one can offer Hashem is it possible to ask Him for a sweet new year.

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Parshas Re'eh | August 30-31

	ר"ת	שקיעה שבת	סקש גר"א שבת	סקש מ"א שבת	שקיעה Friday Night	הדלקה עש"ק	פלג מנחה עש"ק
Atlanta	9:15	8:03	10:24	9:45	8:04	7:46	6:44
Baltimore	8:49	7:37	9:50	9:08	7:39	7:21	6:17
Boston	8:30	7:18	9:26	8:42	7:20	7:02	5:58
Catskills	8:44	7:32	9:41	8:57	7:34	7:16	6:11
Chicago	8:36	7:24	9:33	8:49	7:26	7:06	6:03
Cleveland	9:12	8:00	10:09	9:26	8:02	7:44	6:39
Detroit	9:18	8:06	10:14	9:30	8:08	7:50	6:45
Lakewood	8:41	7:29	9:40	8:57	7:30	7:12	6:08
Las Vegas	8:20	7:08	9:26	8:46	7:10	6:52	5:48
Los Angeles	8:31	7:19	9:39	9:01	7:20	7:02	5:59
Miami	8:52	7:40	10:10	9:35	7:41	7:23	6:22
Monsey	8:41	7:29	9:39	8:56	7:31	7:13	6:08
Montreal	8:44	7:32	9:34	8:47	7:34	7:16	6:11
New York	8:40	7:28	9:39	8:56	7:30	7:12	6:08
Orlando	8:59	7:47	10:14	9:38	7:48	7:30	6:28
Passaic	8:41	7:29	9:39	8:56	7:31	7:13	6:08
Philadelphia	8:44	7:32	9:44	9:01	7:34	7:16	6:12
Toronto	9:05	7:53	9:59	9:13	7:55	7:37	6:32
Yerushalayim	8:20	7:03	9:26	8:49	7:04	6:29	5:44

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