



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

Parashas

Nitzavim - Vayeilech 5784

September 28th • 25 Elul

Reminders

Selichos (for Ashkenazim) begin this Motzaei Shabbos, September 28th. *Selichos* are generally recited each morning before *davening*, although some say it the night before (after *chatzos*, according to many). One should say *Birchas Hatorah* each morning prior to reciting *Selichos*. *Selichos*, and especially the *Yud Gimmel Middos* (*Hashem, Hashem...*), should be said with concentration and sincerity. It is more worthwhile to *daven* at one's own pace than to rush through to keep up with the *minyán*. However, when the congregation reaches the *Yud Gimmel Middos*, one should say it along with them. When the congregation reaches *Tachanun*, one should say *Tachanun* along with the congregation and need not return to make up for what he skipped. Someone saying *Selichos* without a *minyán* omits the *Yud Gimmel Middos*, as well as the Aramaic passages following *Tachanun* (*Machei Umasei etc.*). There is a minhag for the *Sheliach Tzibbur* for the other *Tefillos* that day.

There is no Shabbos Mevorchim for Chodesh Tishrei. The *molad* for Chodesh Tishrei is Thursday morning 3:21 AM and 13 *chalakim*.

Vehi Noam is omitted on *Motzaei Shabbos*.

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 5-6 | **Daf Yomi - Shabbos:** Bavli: Bava Basra 95 • Yerushalmi: Orlah 9 • Mishnah Yomis: Bava Metzia 3:5-6 • Oraysa: Next week is Beitzta 5a-7a

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

Rosh Hashanah begins on Wednesday evening, October 2nd.

Tzom Gedaliah is on Sunday, October 6th (*nidcheh*).

Yom Kippur begins on Friday evening, October 11th.

Succos begins Wednesday evening, October 16th

Parshah in a Paragraph

Nitzavim: On the last day of his life, Moshe gathers the people to enter them into an eternal covenant • If one goes astray and serves other gods thinking he will be spared, the curses stated in the Torah will be visited upon him • Hashem will not punish for hidden sins of another, rather only for not uprooting known misdeeds • When you witness the fulfillment of the *berachos* and *kelalos* you will be inspired to repent • The mitzvah of Teshuvah (alternatively, learning Torah) is not difficult; it is well within reach • Hashem lets you choose between life and death; choose life!

Vayeilech: Moshe takes leave of Klal Yisrael • Moshe encourages Yehoshua in front of all of Klal Yisrael • Moshe writes a *Sefer Torah* • Moshe teaches the mitzvah of *Hakhel* • Moshe and Yehoshua enter the *Mishkan* together and receive prophecy • The mitzvah of writing a *Sefer Torah* • Moshe's *Sefer Torah* is placed alongside the *Aron* as a testimony

Haftarah: *The haftarah of Nitzavim is leined.* The *haftarah* of "Sos Asis" (Yeshaya 61:10-63:9) is the final *haftarah* of the *Shiva D'nechemta*. Yeshaya Hanavi proclaims that we will rejoice in Hashem with the final redemption when we emerge triumphant from exile, enveloped in glory and royalty, similar to a *chassan* and *kallah*.

613 Taryag Weekly

Nitzavim: 40 Pesukim • No Mitzvos listed

Vayeilech: 30 Pesukim • 2 Obligations

- 1) *Hakhel*: In the year after *shemittah*, on the second day of *Succos*, all of Klal Yisrael gathers to hear the king read portions of *Mishneh Torah* (Sefer Devarim).
- 2) Write a *Sefer Torah* or, alternatively, commission one to be written.

Mitzvah Highlight: The mitzvah to write new *Sifrei Torah* is for the purpose of making Torah accessible. Even if one inherited a *Sefer Torah*, the mitzvah still applies, as writing another *sefer* will allow others to benefit from it. A newer *sefer* is also more appealing to the reader. For these reasons it is important to publish new *sefarim* and publications on Torah topics (Sefer HaChinuch).

For the Shabbos Table

כְּדָלִים וּכְרָשִׁים דְּפָקְנוּ דְלָתֶיךָ
(Selichos)

We begin *Selichos* with the words, כְּדָלִים וּכְרָשִׁים דְּפָקְנוּ דְלָתֶיךָ - *Like poor and destitute people we knock on your door.*

A person who falls on hard times financially and finds himself in need of assistance is still very hesitant to approach others for help. At first, he'll perhaps try to drop a hint to people close to him that things aren't going well. Then perhaps he will try some other subtle attempt. However, once a poor man reaches 'rock-bottom', he'll just walk up to the nearest rich man's door and bang in desperation.

The Gemara (Rosh Hashana 16b) says *kol shana sherasha betchilasa misasheresh b'sofa*. Any year which begins in poverty, with weak financial markets, will ultimately be a prosperous year. In reality this doesn't seem to always be the case. How can we understand this gemara?

Rav Shlomo Heiman zt"l quotes Rav Naftali Trup zt"l: We often find that those with immediate needs, such as those facing a health crisis or who are in need of a *shidduch*, *daven* most intently on Rosh Hashanah. The person who just lost his job is concentrating much harder than the fellow next to him who is in a secure senior position at his firm. But this is not reflective of reality. The reality is that on Rosh Hashana we are all between years and thus we are all "between jobs". Although we often get to keep our positions, we are not guaranteed anything. *K'dalim uch'rashim dafaknu delasecha*, we come into *selichos* asking, begging, like one who knows that all their possessions are only due to Hashem's graciousness and mercy.

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Parshas Nitzavim-Vavelech | September 27-28

	ר"ת	שקיעה שבת	סקש גר"א שבת	סקש מ"א שבת	שקיעה Friday Night	הדלקה עש"ק	פג מנחה עש"ק
Atlanta	8:37	7:25	10:28	9:52	7:26	7:08	6:11
Baltimore	8:04	6:52	9:58	9:18	6:54	6:36	5:39
Boston	7:41	6:29	9:36	8:54	6:31	6:13	5:17
Catskills	7:56	6:44	9:50	9:09	6:46	6:28	5:31
Chicago	7:48	6:36	9:42	9:01	6:38	6:18	5:23
Cleveland	8:24	7:12	10:18	9:37	7:14	6:56	5:59
Detroit	8:29	7:17	10:24	9:42	7:19	7:01	6:05
Lakewood	7:55	6:43	9:48	9:08	6:44	6:26	5:30
Las Vegas	7:39	6:27	9:32	8:54	6:28	6:10	5:14
Los Angeles	7:52	6:40	9:44	9:07	6:41	6:23	5:27
Miami	8:21	7:09	10:11	9:37	7:11	6:53	5:56
Monsey	7:54	6:42	9:48	9:07	6:43	6:25	5:29
Montreal	7:51	6:39	9:46	9:02	6:41	6:23	5:26
New York	7:54	6:42	9:48	9:07	6:43	6:25	5:29
Orlando	8:26	7:14	10:16	9:41	7:15	6:57	6:00
Passaic	7:54	6:42	9:48	9:07	6:44	6:26	5:29
Philadelphia	7:58	6:46	9:52	9:12	6:48	6:30	5:34
Toronto	8:15	7:03	10:10	9:27	7:04	6:46	5:50
Yerushalayim	7:43	6:27	9:30	8:54	6:28	5:52	5:13

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