



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 Chayei Sara 5785
November 23rd • 22 Cheshvan

Reminders

As of Maariv this past Wednesday, November 20th, *Shemoneh Esrei* will have been recited ninety times with the inclusion of *Mashiv HaRuach U'Morid HaGesheim*. Therefore, after this point, one who is unsure if he added *Mashiv HaRuach* can halachically be presumed to have said it correctly, and need not repeat *Shemoneh Esrei* (applicable for Nusach Ashkenaz; Nusach Sefard *misalleim* [who say *Morid Hatal* in the summer months] never need to correct). Note: One who served as a *sheliach tzibbur* during this period may count his *chazaras hashatz* towards his count of ninety.

Yom Kippur Katan is observed on Thursday, November 28th.

Daf Yomi - Shabbos: Bavli: Bava Basra 151 • Yerushalmi: Bikkurim 23. The *siyum* on Bikkurim and Seder Zerayim is this Tuesday; *mazal tov!* Seder Moed begins next with Masechta Shabbos • Mishnah Yomis: Bava Basra 4:7-8 • Oraysa: Next week is Beitza 22b-24b.

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

Shabbos Mevorchim Chodesh Kislev is next Shabbos, Parashas Toldos.

Chanukah begins on Wednesday evening, December 25th.

Parshah in a Paragraph

Chayei Sarah: Sarah passes away • Avraham acquires the Me'aras Hamachpeilah from Efron and buries Sarah there • Avraham sends Eliezer to find a wife for Yitzchak • Eliezer prays to find a girl who excels in kindness • Rivka, daughter of Besuel, offers Eliezer

and his camels water to drink • Eliezer gives her gifts of jewelry • Rivka's brother Lavan hears of the gifts and enthusiastically invites Eliezer to stay with them • Eliezer relates the day's events to Rivka's family and proposes her marriage to Yitzchak • Lavan attempts to delay the marriage, but Rivka chooses to leave immediately • The blessings of Sarah's tent return upon Rivka's arrival • Avraham marries Keturah and bears six sons; they are sent away with gifts • Avraham passes away at the age of 175; Yitzchak and Yishmael bury him in the Me'aras Hamachpeilah • Yishmael's 12 children • Yishmael dies at the age of 137

Haftarah: By carefully selecting an appropriate soulmate for his son Yitzchak, Avraham Avinu sought to ensure the continuity of Klal Yisrael as well as its growth, both in numbers and in nobility. David Hamelech (Melachim Alef 1:1-31) sought continuity of his kingdom and the Jewish nation as well by designating his son Shlomo Hamelech as heir to the throne.

613 Taryag Weekly

Chayei Sarah: 105 Pesukim • No Mitzvos listed

For the Shabbos Table

"וַאֲשָׁל אֶתָּהּ וְאָמַר בְּתוּמִי אֵת ... וְאָשֵׁם הָנָס עַל-אָפָה"

"And I asked her who's daughter she was... and I placed the nose ring on her nose..." (Berieishis 24:47)

In recounting his encounter with Rivka, Eliezer tells her family that he first conversed with her and afterward gave her the jewelry. However, according to the preceding account in the Torah he gave her the jewelry, even before conversing with her. Rashi explains that he did so out of concern that they would take issue with the fact that he gave the jewelry without knowing her identity. One may question that Besuel had already stated that *"mei'Hashem yatza hadavar"* and the *hashgacha* was

obvious to all. If so, why would this minor inconsistency in Eliezer's approach derail the *shidduch*? Furthermore, Chazal say that through divine intervention, Besuel was poisoned in order that he would not stop the *shidduch*. Did he not already agree that this match was heavenly ordained?

Rav Yitzchok Feigelstock zt"l explains that *negiyos* (personal biases) and ulterior motives negatively affect other nations to a higher degree. Even though through logic they can see the truth, when it comes to taking action, these subconscious feelings take hold of their decisions and direction. Although it was obvious to all parties that this *shidduch* was destined to be, Eliezer's minor inconsistency may have caused them to move away from pursuing this marriage.

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*When you have
nothing smart
to say, say nothing.*

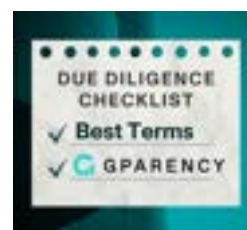
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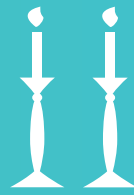
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Parshas Chayei Sarah | November 22-23

	ר"ת	שקיעה שבת	סקש גר"א שבת	סקש מ"א שבת	שקיעה Friday Night	הדלקה עש"ק	פגל מנחה עש"ק
Atlanta	6:42	5:30	9:50	9:11	5:30	5:12	4:26
Baltimore	5:58	4:46	9:26	8:44	4:46	4:28	3:45
Boston	5:27	4:15	9:08	8:23	4:16	3:58	3:16
Catskills	5:43	4:31	9:21	8:37	4:32	4:14	3:32
Chicago	5:35	4:23	9:13	8:29	4:24	4:04	3:24
Cleveland	6:12	5:00	9:49	9:05	5:01	4:43	4:01
Detroit	6:15	5:03	9:55	9:11	5:04	4:46	4:04
Lakewood	5:46	4:34	9:17	8:35	4:35	4:17	3:34
Las Vegas	5:39	4:27	8:56	8:16	4:28	4:10	3:25
Los Angeles	5:57	4:45	9:06	8:27	4:45	4:27	3:41
Miami	6:41	5:29	9:26	8:50	5:29	5:11	4:22
Monsey	5:43	4:31	9:18	8:35	4:31	4:13	3:31
Montreal	5:28	4:16	9:22	8:35	4:17	3: 59	3:19
New York	5:44	4:32	9:17	8:34	4:32	4:14	3:32
Orlando	6:41	5:29	9:33	8:56	5:29	5:11	4:23
Passaic	5:44	4:32	9:18	8:35	4:32	4:14	3:32
Philadelphia	5:50	4:38	9:21	8:38	4:39	4:21	3:38
Toronto	5:57	4:45	9:43	8:58	4:46	4:28	3:47
Yerushalayim	5:52	4:36	8:50	8:12	4:36	4:00	3:31

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