



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 Toldos 5785
November 30th • 29 Cheshvan

Shabbos Mevarchim

This week is Shabbos Mevorchim Chodesh Kislev. Rosh Chodesh is this Sunday & Monday, December 1st-2nd. The *molad* is Sunday morning at 4:49 AM and 15 *chalakim*.

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

V'Sein Tal U'matar

This Wednesday night, December 4th at Maariv, we begin saying *V'sain Tal U'matar* in *Bareich Aleinu* (those in Eretz Yisrael began last month on 7 Cheshvan). If one forgets *V'sain Tal U'matar* in *Bareich Aleinu*, he can make it up by saying it in *Shema Koleinu*. If one remembers his omission only after passing *Shema Koleinu*, he must go back to the *berachah* of *Bareich Aleinu*. If one has already finished *Shemoneh Esrei*, he must repeat *Shemoneh Esrei*. If one is unsure what he said, until thirty days have passed (Maariv on Motzaei Shabbos, January 4th, 2025), we assume that he *did not say V'sain Tal U'matar*. However, one who repeats the phrase "*V'es Kol... V'sein Tal U'matar*" ninety times (ideally 101 times) is thereafter - in case of doubt - halachically presumed to have said it properly and thus would need not repeat if unsure.

Reminders

Tzidkas'cha is omitted at Minchah on Shabbos.

As Rosh Chodesh begins on Motzaei Shabbos, one who extends his *seudah shelishis* eating past sundown is in a quandary whether to say *Retzei* or *Ya'aleh Veyavo* (or both) in *bentching*. Some are careful not to eat bread after *tzeis hakochavim* (for this purpose 35-40 minutes after shekiya) and then only say *Retzei*. Speak to your Rav.

The first opportunity for Kiddush Levanah is Tuesday evening, December 3rd. The final opportunity is Motzaei Shabbos Parashas Vayishlach, December 14th.

Daf Yomi - Shabbos: Bavli: Bava Basra 158 • Yerushalmi: Shabbos 4 • Mishnah Yomis: Bava Basra 6:1-2 • Oraysa: Next week is Beitza 25a-27a.

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

Chanukah begins on Wednesday evening, December 25th.

Parashah in a Paragraph

Toldos: Yitzchak and Rivkah pray for children • Rivkah is expecting a child, experiences pain, receives word of twin children • Birth of Eisav, followed by Yaakov • Eisav sells his firstborn rights for lentil soup • Hashem commands Yitzchak not to leave Eretz Yisrael • Yitzchak settles in Gerar • Fearful for his life, Yitzchak claims Rivkah is his sister • Avimelech realizes their relationship and assures their protection • Yitzchak prospers and the envious Avimelech sends him away • Avimelech's men claim Yitzchak's wells • Avimelech comes to make a treaty • Yitzchak's men find water at Be'er Sheva • Eisav marries at the age of forty • Yitzchak wishes to bless his son, Eisav • Rivkah commands Yaakov to intercept the blessings • Eisav is bitterly disappointed and vows to kill Yaakov • Rivkah sends Yaakov to stay with her brother Lavan • Yitzchak exhorts Eisav not to marry a Canaanite woman • Eisav marries Yishmael's daughter in addition to his other wives

Haftarah: As Shabbos is Erev Rosh Chodesh, the *haftarah* of *Machar Chodesh* (Shmuel Alef 20:18-42) replaces the regular *haftarah*. It discusses the interaction that took place on Erev Rosh Chodesh between David Hamelech and Yehonasan, son of King Shaul. Although David would become king instead of Yehonasan, they remained as close as brothers. The *haftarah* tells the story of how Yehonasan saved David's life from King Shaul.

Taryag Weekly

Toldos: 106 Pesukim • No mitzvos listed

For the Shabbos Table

וַיַּעֲתָר יִצְחָק לְנֶכֶד אִשְׁתּוֹ...וַיַּעֲתָר לוֹ ה' וַתֵּהָרֵךְ רִבְקָה אִשְׁתּוֹ

"Yitzchak pleaded with Hashem [for a child] opposite his wife... Hashem accepted his prayers, and his wife Rivkah conceived" (Bereishis 25:21)

Rashi quotes the Midrash that notes that although they both davened earnestly for a child, it was Yitzchak's *tefillas*, not Rivkah's, that effected salvation, as Yaakov was the son of a *Tzaddik* and Rivkah was the daughter of Besuel, a wicked man. One may question that if it was Yitzchak's *tefillas*

that accomplished a *yeshuah* and not those of Rivkah, why does the Torah even mention that Rivkah prayed at all? Similarly, we find that the Torah describes that Hagar davened for Yishmael who was deathly ill in the desert. However, the Torah says that Hashem heard "*kol hana'ar*", that it was Yishmael's prayers that were accepted. So why does the Torah tell us about Hagar's *tefillas*?

Rav Yitzchak Feigelstock zt"l answers that we can derive from here that certainly Rivkah's prayers played a role in securing their salvation. However, ultimately, it was Yitzchak who secured salvation from Hashem. Hagar's prayers were vital as well, yet ultimately it was the ill person, Yishmael himself, whose cries accomplished the salvation. Rav Yitzchak zt"l explains that every *tefillah* is received by Hashem and there is no such thing as a prayer going to waste. Although we may not notice the effectiveness, each and every *tefillah* brings about a measure of good and salvation.

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

-Rabbi Meir Zlotowitz z"l

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Parshas Toldos | November 29-30

	ר"ת	שקיעה שבת	סקש גר"א שבת	סקש מ"א שבת	שקיעה Friday Night	הדלקה עש"ק	פוג מנחה עש"ק
Atlanta	6:40	5:28	9:55	9:15	5:29	5:11	4:25
Baltimore	5:55	4:43	9:30	8:48	4:44	4:26	3:43
Boston	5:24	4:12	9:13	8:28	4:13	3:55	3:14
Catskills	5:40	4:28	9:26	8:42	4:29	4:11	3:30
Chicago	5:32	4:20	9:18	8:34	4:20	4:00	3:22
Cleveland	6:09	4:57	9:54	9:10	4:58	4:40	3:59
Detroit	6:12	5:00	10:01	9:16	5:01	4:43	4:02
Lakewood	5:43	4:31	9:22	8:39	4:32	4:14	3:32
Las Vegas	5:38	4:26	9:01	8:20	4:26	4:08	3:24
Los Angeles	5:55	4:43	9:10	8:31	4:43	4:25	3:40
Miami	6:41	5:29	9:29	8:53	5:29	5:11	4:22
Monsey	5:40	4:28	9:23	8:39	4:28	4:10	3:29
Montreal	5:24	4:12	9:28	8:40	4:13	3:55	3:16
New York	5:41	4:29	9:22	8:39	4:29	4:11	3:30
Orlando	6:40	5:28	9:37	9:00	5:28	5:10	4:22
Passaic	5:41	4:29	9:23	8:39	4:29	4:11	3:30
Philadelphia	5:48	4:36	9:26	8:43	4:36	4:18	3:36
Toronto	5:54	4:42	9:48	9:02	4:42	4:24	3:44
Yerushalayim	5:51	4:34	8:54	8:15	4:34	3:59	3:30

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