



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 Vayishlach 5785
December 14th • 13 Kislev

Reminders

The final opportunity for Kiddush Levanah is this Motzaei Shabbos Parashas Vayishlach, December 14th.

Daf Yomi - Shabbos: The *siyum* on Daf Yomi - Bava Basra & Mishna Yomi - Bava Basra is this Wednesday; *mazal tov!*

Bavli: Bava Basra 172 • Yerushalmi: Shabbos 18 • Mishnah Yomis: Bava Basra 9:9-10 • Oraysa: Next week is Beitza 30a-32a.

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.

Shabbos Chanukah is Shabbos Parashas Mitzot, December 28th

Parshah in a Paragraph

Vayishlach: Yaakov sends *malachim* to Eisav who is approaching with 400 men • Yaakov prepares for his confrontation with Eisav with gifts, prayer, and readying for war • Left alone on one side of the Yabok River, Yaakov battles and defeats the ministering angel of Eisav (see Taryag section) • Yaakov is given the name Yisrael • Yaakov encounters Eisav and they part in peace • Dina ventures out into the city of Shechem, and is assaulted by its leader's son, Shechem • The Shevatim are outraged and plan their revenge • Shechem and his people agree to be circumcised • Shimon and Levi annihilate the male inhabitants of the city of Shechem • Yaakov builds an altar in Bais-El • Rachel passes away during the birth of Binyamin • Reuven moves Yaakov's bed to Leah's tent • Yitzchak passes away at 180 years of age, and is buried by Yaakov and Eisav • The descendants of Eisav and the kingdoms of Edom.

Haftarah: Ovadiah (1:1-21) relates the prophecy about the rise and fall of the Kingdom of Edom, the descendants of Eisav. Ovadiah was himself a convert from Edom.

613 Taryag Weekly

Vayishlach: 154 Pesukim • 1 Prohibition

1. It is forbidden to eat the *Gid Hanasheh* (the sciatic nerve) of a kosher animal.

Mitzvah Highlight: Yaakov was saved from the *Malach* of Eisav, escaping with just a wound to his thigh. This mitzvah reminds us that despite the constant and ongoing persecution by Eisav's descendants, our nation will ultimately be spared and redeemed (Sefer HaChinuch).

For the Shabbos Table

“וַיִּהְיֶה לִי שׁוֹר וַחֲמֹר”

“And I acquired an ox and a donkey”
(Bereishis 32:6)

Rashi explains that it is “Derech Eretz” to reference many oxen in a singular form. Rav Moshe Feinstein zt”l explains that when a person references his own possessions, it is proper to be modest and not needlessly boast about them. Thus, Yaakov modestly used the singular form “ox,” although he had many oxen.

We find as well that Eisav proclaims to Yaakov “*Yesh Li Rav*,” “I have an abundance,” and Yaakov replies to Eisav, “*Yesh Li Kol*,” “I have everything.” An “abundance” is measured relative to what is common in society. Eisav looked to the world around him to measure his success and was only content when he exceeded societal standards. Yaakov, however, confidently proclaimed “I have everything,” as he was satisfied that all his needs were met. Yaakov saw no need to boast about his abundance, as he attached little importance to the status associated with material success and instead focused on everything he was given.

This concept can be illustrated by an incident which occurred in a ballroom in the United Kingdom. In attendance were many of the UK's dignitaries, including the Queen of England. Suddenly, a commotion erupted, as Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher entered the hall. The reason for the commotion? Madam Thatcher was wearing a dress identical to the Queen's! The very next day, the Prime Minister's office sent a letter to the Queen expressing her apologies over the incident. The response from the Queen's secretary was curt and quick in coming: “The Queen of England does not notice what other people are wearing.” Similarly, when we are aware of our own inherent importance and dignity, we are not threatened by the successes, possessions or achievements of others.

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Parshas Vayishlach | December 13-14

	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	10:03	9:23	5:30	5:12	4:27
Baltimore	5:56	4:44	9:40	8:56	4:43	4:25	3:44
Boston	5:24	4:12	9:22	8:37	4:12	3:54	3:15
Catskills	5:40	4:28	9:35	8:50	4:28	4:10	3:31
Chicago	5:32	4:20	9:28	8:43	4:20	4:00	3:22
Cleveland	6:09	4:57	10:03	9:19	4:57	4:39	3:59
Detroit	6:12	5:00	10:10	9:25	5:00	4:42	4:03
Lakewood	5:44	4:32	9:31	8:47	4:31	4:13	3:33
Las Vegas	5:39	4:27	9:09	8:28	4:26	4:08	3:25
Los Angeles	5:57	4:45	9:19	8:39	4:44	4:26	3:42
Miami	6:44	5:32	9:37	9:00	5:31	5:13	4:25
Monsey	5:40	4:28	9:32	8:48	4:28	4:10	3:30
Montreal	5:23	4:11	9:38	8:49	4:11	3:53	3:16
New York	5:41	4:29	9:31	8:47	4:29	4:11	3:31
Orlando	6:42	5:30	9:45	9:07	5:30	5:12	4:25
Passaic	5:41	4:29	9:32	8:48	4:29	4:11	3:31
Philadelphia	5:48	4:36	9:35	8:51	4:36	4:18	3:37
Toronto	5:53	4:41	9:58	9:11	4:41	4:23	3:45
Yerushalayim	5:52	4:36	9:02	8:23	4:36	4:00	3:33

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