



# 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 Shemos 5785**  
**January 18th • 18 Teves**

## Reminders

This week, the week of Parashas Shemos, we begin the weeks of *Shovavim*. *Shovavim* is an acronym for the six weekly Torah portions: Shemos, Vaera, Bo, Beshalach, Yisro and Mishpatim. *Shovavim* is an auspicious time to review the Laws of *Taharas Hamishpacha* and for introspection regarding our spiritual purity. Some say additional *tehillim* and other *tikkunim*, while others fast on Mondays and Thursdays during this period.

The final opportunity for Kiddush Levana is late Monday night, January 13th at 4:34 am.

Daf Yomi - Shabbos: Bavli: Sanhedrin 32 • Yerushalmi: Shabbos 53 • Mishnah Yomis: Sanhedrin 9:6-10:1 • Oraysa: Megilah 4a-6a • Kitzur Shulchan Aruch: 43:4-44:4

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 Shevat is next week, Shabbos Parashas Va'eira.

Tu B'Shevat is Thursday, February 13th.

## Parshah in a Paragraph

**Shemos:** B'nei Yisrael experiences explosive population growth • Pharaoh conspires to diminish the Jewish population by enslaving them • Shifrah and Puah ignore Pharaoh's command to kill the newborn boys • Pharaoh commands that all newborn boys be thrown into the Nile River • Moshe's birth • Yocheved places Moshe on the Nile; Miriam watches from afar • Pharaoh's daughter, Betsy, discovers and adopts Moshe • Moshe witnesses the oppression of B'nei Yisrael and kills an Egyptian beating a Jew • Moshe intercedes in a fight between two Jews • Moshe's killing of the Egyptian becomes known; Pharaoh seeks to kill him • Moshe escapes to Midyan, he comes to the aid of Yisro's daughters and marries Tziporah • Hashem speaks to Moshe at the burning bush • Moshe is appointed to act as Redeemer, with his brother Aharon assisting as his 'spokesman' • Moshe returns to Egypt and B'nei Yisrael are advised that they will be redeemed • Moshe and Aharon confront Pharaoh • Pharaoh increases the Jews' workload • Hashem promises the redemption

will be with a mighty arm.

Haftarah: The Parasha discusses how the B'nei Yisrael slowly descended into the *galus* of *Mitzrayim* and how the seeds of redemption were planted and began to sprout. The Navi Yeshaya (27:6-28:13, 29:22-23) tells the people that despite the desperate state of the nation there is a redemption looming - if only they cleave tightly to their spirituality.

## 613 Taryag Weekly

**Shemos:** 124 Pesukim • No Mitzvos listed

## For the Shabbos Table

“וַיְהִי בַּיָּמִים הָהֵם וַיִּגְדַּל מֹשֶׁה וַיֵּצֵא אֶל־אֶחָיו וַיֵּרָא בְּסֻכֹּתָם”

*“It happened in those days that Moshe grew up and went out to his brethren and he perceived their burdens”*  
(Shemos 2:11)

The Midrash relates that in the merit of Moshe going out - *in those days* - to observe the plight of his brethren, he merited Hashem's descent from the heavens to speak to him face-to-face. What was unique about Moshe Rabbeinu's action that earned him this great privilege? Also, what was significant about Moshe taking these actions in those days specifically?

Rav Yosef Elefant shlit"l quotes from Rav Wolbe zt"l that Moshe in those days was living 'the good life' in the house of Pharaoh and yet he sought out the state of his fellow Jews. Rashi says “*Nasan einav v'libo*”, he directed his eyes and his heart to their situation. Rav Wolbe quotes Rav Yerucham Levovitz zt"l as saying that this was the “*gantze Moshe Rabbeinu*”. This encapsulates the greatest leader of all time. The Alter from Kelm (Rav Simcha Zissel Ziv zt"l) further explains that being attentive to another is the first step in coming closer to our Creator. For if one cannot feel the pain of those close by, how can he possibly understand the distress and desires of the Ribbono Shel Olam, who may seem to be far more distant.

Moshe Rabbeinu, who in that era was living royally, left his own 'comfort zone' to seek out the plight of others. The Ribbono Shel Olam responded that in the merit of this action, He would descend from His domain on high to speak to Moshe 'face-to-face'. The situation in Eretz Yisrael remains

unresolved and so many are affected. May our taking to heart their tenuous situation bring about the desired response from Hashem in redeeming Acheinu Bnei Yisrael from danger.

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

*-Rabbi Meir Zlotowitz z"l*

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Parshas Shemos | January 17-18

	ר"ת	שקיעה שבת	סקש גר"א שבת	סקש מ"א שבת	שקיעה Friday Night	הדלקה עש"ק	פוג מנחה עש"ק
<b>Atlanta</b>	7:07	5:55	10:14	9:35	5:54	5:36	4:50
<b>Baltimore</b>	6:23	5:11	9:50	9:08	5:10	4:52	4:09
<b>Boston</b>	5:52	4:40	9:31	8:47	4:39	4:21	3:40
<b>Catskills</b>	6:08	4:56	9:45	9:01	4:55	4:37	3:56
<b>Chicago</b>	6:00	4:48	9:37	8:53	4:47	4:27	3:47
<b>Cleveland</b>	6:37	5:25	10:13	9:29	5:24	5:06	4:24
<b>Detroit</b>	6:40	5:28	10:19	9:35	5:27	5:09	4:28
<b>Lakewood</b>	6:11	4:59	9:41	8:59	4:58	4:40	3:57
<b>Las Vegas</b>	6:04	4:52	9:20	8:40	4:51	4:33	3:49
<b>Los Angeles</b>	6:22	5:10	9:30	8:51	5:09	4:51	4:05
<b>Miami</b>	7:06	5:54	9:50	9:14	5:53	5:35	4:46
<b>Monsey</b>	6:08	4:56	9:42	8:59	4:55	4:37	3:55
<b>Montreal</b>	5:53	4:41	9:46	9:00	4:40	4:22	3:42
<b>New York</b>	6:09	4:57	9:41	8:58	4:55	4:37	3:55
<b>Orlando</b>	7:05	5:53	9:57	9:20	5:52	5:34	4:46
<b>Passaic</b>	6:09	4:57	9:42	8:59	4:56	4:38	3:55
<b>Philadelphia</b>	6:15	5:03	9:45	9:02	5:02	4:44	4:01
<b>Toronto</b>	6:22	5:10	10:07	9:22	5:09	4:51	4:10
<b>Yerushalayim</b>	6:16	5:00	9:14	8:36	4:59	4:23	3:54

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