



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 Vayigash 5785
January 4th • 4 Teves

Reminders

After Chanukah, used wicks, cups and oil should be disposed of in a respectful manner (i.e. by placing them in a plastic bag before disposing of them). Some have the minhag to burn the wicks on the last day of Chanukah; others do so at *Bi'ur Chametz* before Pesach.

As of this Motzaei Shabbos, January 4th, thirty days will have passed with the inclusion of *V'sein Tal U'matar*. From Maariv on Motzaei Shabbos and onward, one who is unsure if he correctly said *V'sein Tal U'matar* (instead of *V'sein berachah*) does not need any corrective measures, since he is considered "accustomed" to have davened properly.

Next Friday, January 10th is the fast of Asara B'Teves. (This is the only fast day that can fall on Erev Shabbos.) During *Chazaras HaShatz* of *Shacharis*, only the *Shaliach Tzibbur* adds *Aneinu*. *Chazaras HaShatz* is followed by *Selichos*, *Avinu Malkeinu*, *Tachanun*, and *Krias Hatorah*. *Mincha* includes *Krias Hatorah* followed by the *Haftarah*. Those fasting add *Aneinu* in *Shemoneh Esrei*. *Nusach Ashkenaz* says *Sim Shalom* in place of *Shalom Rav*. The *Shaliach Tzibbur* adds *Aneinu* and *Bircas Kohanim* in *Chazaras HaShatz*. As it is Erev Shabbos, *Avinu Malkeinu* and *Tachanun* are omitted. All the regular Shabbos preparations such as hot showers etc. are permitted.

While the fast ends at the regular *z'man* for a *Ta'anis* (*tzeis hakochavim*), one may not eat or drink until after he hears *Kiddush*.

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

Daf Yomi - Shabbos: Bavli: Sanhedrin 18 • Yerushalmi: Shabbos 39 • Mishnah Yomis: Sanhedrin 6:2-3 • Oraysa: Next week is Beitza 37b-39b.

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

The fast of Asara B'Teves is next Friday, January 10th.

Parshah in a Paragraph

Vayigash: Yehudah protests Yosef's persecution of

the shevatim • Yosef reveals his identity • Yosef instructs the family to settle in Goshen • Yosef sends wagons with provisions for the brothers' journey to Canaan • Yosef gives the brothers gifts • Yaakov is informed that Yosef is alive • The members of Yaakov's family descending to Egypt are listed; they number 70 all together • Yehuda travels ahead to open a Yeshiva • Yosef and Yaakov's reunion • Yosef instructs his brothers how to speak with Pharaoh • Yaakov meets with and blesses Pharaoh • At the beginning of the years of hunger, the Egyptians can no longer afford food • Pharaoh supports the priests • The Egyptians seek to sell themselves and their property to Yosef and Pharaoh.

Haftarah: The Parashah relates the episode of the brothers' reunion in Mitzrayim after years of separation. *Yechezkel* (37:15-28) relates the prophecy that the *Shevatim* will one day join with true unity under the *Melech HaMashiach*.

613 Taryag Weekly

Vayigash: 106 Pesukim • No Mitzvos Listed

For the Shabbos Table

"וַיֵּרָא אֶת־הַעֲגֻלֹּת אֲשֶׁר־שָׁלַח יוֹסֵף"

"And he saw the wagons which Yosef sent" (*Bereishis* 45:27)

Chazal explain that Yaakov was rejuvenated when he saw the wagons his son Yosef sent, as they symbolized the last Torah topic they had studied together: *Eglah Arufah*. What was this message which Yosef was sending to his father?

Rav Uren Reich shlit"a answers: Chazal say that when Yosef set out to find his brothers, his father began escorting him out. Yosef protested, "I do not require this escort, as I am not a guest, but rather a member of the household." Yaakov responded that a lone traveler may face dangerous circumstances along the way. Escorting a departing traveler even just a short distance provides a symbolic accompaniment and a sense that he is not alone, giving him confidence to persevere on his journey. Thus, it was important that he escort Yosef as well. This discussion of Yaakov and Yosef regarding escorting guests was thus related to the laws of *Eglah Arufah*, which pertains to properly escorting a departing traveler.

By sending the wagons, Yosef hinted to his father that he was, in fact, alive and well, both physically and spiritually. For despite their geographical distance, he constantly felt his father's presence, as this feeling of never being alone enabled him to withstand the spiritual challenges he faced over the many lonely years in a land devoid of spirituality.

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

-Rabbi Meir Zlotowitz z"l

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Parshas Vayigash | January 3-4

	ר"ת	שקיעה שבת	סקש גר"א שבת	סקש מ"א שבת	שקיעה Friday Night	הדלקה עש"ק	פוג מנחה עש"ק
Atlanta	6:54	5:42	10:12	9:33	5:41	5:23	4:39
Baltimore	6:08	4:56	9:49	9:06	4:56	4:38	3:56
Boston	5:37	4:25	9:31	8:46	4:24	4:06	3:27
Catskills	5:53	4:41	9:44	9:00	4:40	4:22	3:42
Chicago	5:45	4:33	9:37	8:52	4:32	4:12	3:34
Cleveland	6:22	5:10	10:12	9:28	5:09	4:51	4:11
Detroit	6:25	5:13	10:19	9:34	5:12	4:54	4:15
Lakewood	5:56	4:44	9:40	8:57	4:44	4:26	3:45
Las Vegas	5:51	4:39	9:18	8:38	4:38	4:20	3:37
Los Angeles	6:09	4:57	9:28	8:48	4:56	4:38	3:54
Miami	6:55	5:43	9:47	9:10	5:43	5:25	4:36
Monsey	5:53	4:41	9:41	8:57	4:40	4:22	3:42
Montreal	5:36	4:24	9:46	8:59	4:23	4:05	3:28
New York	5:54	4:42	9:40	8:56	4:41	4:23	3:42
Orlando	6:54	5:42	9:54	9:17	5:41	5:23	4:36
Passaic	5:54	4:42	9:41	8:57	4:41	4:23	3:43
Philadelphia	6:01	4:49	9:44	9:00	4:48	4:30	3:49
Toronto	6:06	4:54	10:07	9:20	4:53	4:35	3:57
Yerushalayim	6:04	4:48	9:12	8:33	4:47	4:12	3:44

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