



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 Pekudei 5785

March 29th • 29 Adar

Shabbos Mevarchim

This week is Shabbos Mevorchim Chodesh Nissan. Rosh Chodesh is on Sunday, March 30th. The *molad* is Shabbos morning at 7:46 AM and 1 *chelek*. The actual *molad* will have already occurred before *Birkas HaChodesh* is recited. Some *gabbaim* note this by announcing that "the *molad* was" or "*der molad iz gevehn*".

The first opportunity for Kiddush Levana is Tuesday evening, April 1st. The final opportunity is at 7:47 PM on Leil Haseder, Motzaei Shabbos, April 26th.

Reminders

Parashas HaChodesh is *leined* this Shabbos, the Shabbos preceding Rosh Chodesh Nissan. Many congregations say Yotzros during Shacharis and Mussaf. Two Sifrei Torah are taken out, and the special *maftir* of *Parashas HaChodesh* (Shemos 12:1-20) is *leined* from the second sefer. The haftarah for *Parashas HaChodesh* is *leined*. *Av Harachamim* is omitted.

Kel Mallei (recited by one who has *yahrzeit*) may not be said during Chodesh Nissan and is also not recited before Mussaf when *Mevorchim HaChodesh* is said. It may not be recited at Mincha on Shabbos due to it being Erev Rosh Chodesh.

Chodesh Nissan begins this Motzaei Shabbos, March 29th. For the duration of the month, *Tachanun*, as well as the *Yehi Ratzons* recited after *Kerias Hatorah*, are omitted from the weekday davening. On Shabbos, *Av Harachamim* (before *Mussaf*) and *Tzidkoscha* (after *Minchah*) are omitted as well. The *Kel Mallei* recited by one who has a *yahrzeit* is also not said. Fasting and *hespeidim* are generally prohibited as well.

As Rosh Chodesh begins on Motzaei Shabbos, one who extends his *seudas 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 hakoachavim* (for this purpose 35-40 minutes after shekiya) and then only say *Retzei*. Speak to your Rav.

The *berachah* of *Birkas Ilanos* (a blessing on a newly blossomed fruit tree) is commonly said beginning in the month of Nissan. Some say it should specifically be said during Nissan.

Many have the *minhag* not to eat matzah from Rosh Chodesh Nissan (some do not eat matzah beginning from Shushan Purim).

One must donate money for *Maos Chittim*, money which will be used to provide the needy with food during Pesach. The donation may be given from *maaser* funds.

Daf Yomi - Shabbos: Bavli: Sanhedrin 102 • Yerushalmi: Eruvin 10 • Mishnah Yomis: Eduyos 3:10-11 • Oraysa (coming week): Megillah 28b-30b • Kitzur Shulchan Aruch: 111:14-112:4

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

Parashas HaChodesh is *leined* this Shabbos Parashas Pekudei; it is Shabbos Mevorchim Chodesh Nissan as well | Leil Bedikas Chametz is Thursday night, April 10th | Shabbos Hagadol is Erev Pesach. Pesach begins on Motzaei Shabbos, April 12th.

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Pekudei: 92 Pesukim • No mitzvos listed

Parshah in a Paragraph

Pekudei: An accounting of the precious metals and materials collected for the Mishkan • The *Bigdei Kehunah* are fashioned • Everything is completed as Hashem commanded • Moshe blesses the workers • Hashem commands Moshe to erect the Mishkan • On Rosh Chodesh Nissan, Moshe erects the Mishkan and anoints the *Keilim* • Moshe dresses Aharon and Aharon's sons in the *Bigdei Kehunah* and anoints them • The *Ananei HaKavod* rest on the Mishkan • Hashem's Glory fills the Mishkan and Moshe cannot enter • The Bnei Yisrael travel based on the movement of the *Ananei HaKavod* • Chazak Chazak V'nis'chazeik!

PARASHAS HACHODESH: This special *maftir kariah* (Shemos 12:1-20) discusses the mitzvah of Kiddush HaChodesh, as well as the commandment in *Mitzrayim* to sacrifice a sheep for *Korban Pesach*.

HAFTARAH OF PARASHAS HACHODESH: The *haftarah* (Yechezkel 45:16-46:18) details the inauguration of the third Beis Hamikdash that will take place in Chodesh Nissan and the *Korban Pesach* that will be brought then, in the days of *Mashiach*.

For the Shabbos Table

"אלה פקודי המשכן משכן העדת"

"These are the accountings of the Mishkan, the Mishkan of the testimony" (Shemos 38:22)

The Midrash on this *pasuk* explains that the repetition of the words "*HaMishkan, Mishkan*" alludes to the two Batei Mikdash that were tragically destroyed due to sin. Why, at this

juncture of the inauguration of the Mishkan, does the Torah allude to the destruction of the Batei Mikdash?

Rav Moshe Feinstein zt"l explains: In our *parashah*, Moshe Rabbeinu made a public accounting of all the materials donated to the Mishkan, and detailed the way in which they were used. This public accounting served a dual purpose: firstly, that no one should suspect him of misappropriating the materials, and secondly, that he personally should not be tempted to do so! Surprisingly, Moshe Rabbeinu, the greatest of our prophets and a G-dly man, felt it appropriate to safeguard himself from succumbing to petty thievery.

Rav Moshe zt"l explains that the generation of the Churban was lax in instituting safeguards from sin; this was the polar opposite of the *zehirus* and vigilance demonstrated by Moshe Rabbeinu in our *parashah*. Tragically, by placing too much faith in their ability to resist temptation, they neglected to establish adequate protections against transgressions to which they eventually succumbed. Ultimately, this led to the destruction of the Batei Mikdash, that, the Midrash says, our *pasuk* is alluding to. One must be careful to never 'let his guard down' as these *gedarim* are a primary component of *Avodas Hashem*. Through proper *zerizus* and *zehirus*, we will bez"H be *zocheh* to the rebuilding of the Bais HaMikdash speedily in our days.

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Parshas Pekudei | March 28-29

	ר"ת	שקיעה שבת	סקש גר"א שבת	סקש מ"א שבת	שקיעה Friday Night	הדלקה עש"ק	פוג מנחה עש"ק
Atlanta	9:08	7:56	10:35	9:58	7:55	7:37	6:37
Baltimore	8:39	7:27	10:03	9:22	7:26	7:08	6:08
Boston	8:19	7:07	9:40	8:57	7:05	6:47	5:46
Catskills	8:33	7:21	9:54	9:12	7:19	7:01	6:01
Chicago	8:25	7:13	9:46	9:04	7:12	6:52	5:53
Cleveland	9:01	7:49	10:23	9:41	7:48	7:30	6:29
Detroit	9:07	7:55	10:28	9:45	7:53	7:35	6:35
Lakewood	8:30	7:18	9:53	9:12	7:17	6:59	5:59
Las Vegas	8:12	7:00	9:37	8:59	6:59	6:41	5:41
Los Angeles	8:23	7:11	9:50	9:13	7:11	6:53	5:53
Miami	8:48	7:36	10:20	9:45	7:35	7:17	6:18
Monsey	8:30	7:18	9:52	9:11	7:17	6:59	5:59
Montreal	8:31	7:19	9:49	9:04	7:17	6:59	5:58
New York	8:29	7:17	9:52	9:11	7:16	6:58	5:58
Orlando	8:54	7:42	10:24	9:49	7:41	7:23	6:24
Passaic	8:30	7:18	9:52	9:11	7:17	6:59	5:59
Philadelphia	8:34	7:22	9:57	9:16	7:21	7:03	6:03
Toronto	8:53	7:41	10:13	9:29	7:40	7:22	6:21
Yerushalayim	8:12	6:56	9:37	9:01	6:55	6:20	5:38

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