



# 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 Tetzaveh 5785**  
**March 8th • 8 Adar**

## Reminders

We fulfill the positive Torah commandment of *Zechiras M'chiyas Amalek*, to remember to eradicate Amalek, through the special *kerias haTorah* of *Parashas Zachor* (Devarim 25:17-19). The *baal korei* must have in mind to be *motzi* the participants in this mitzvah through his *leining*. One should understand the meaning of the words of these *pasukim* (see Parashah section below). Many congregations say yotzros for *Parashas Zachor* during/after *shacharis*. Two *sifrei Torah* are taken out. The *haftarah* for *Parashas Zachor* is read. *Av Harachamim* is omitted.

Men who inadvertently missed the *leining* may be *yotzei* with the *kerias hatorah* of Purim morning (in this case one should advise the *baal korei* to be *motzi* him in that mitzvah). The obligation of women in this mitzvah is a matter of dispute. The *minhag* in many communities is for women to try to attend Shul for the *keriah*. Many communities hold a special *keriah* for women who could not attend Shul, although some *poskim* advise against this practice. If a woman does not hear the *leining*, many *poskim* advise that she can simply read the *pesukim* from a *chumash*.

At 2:00am this Motzaei Shabbos, March 9th, the USA (and Canada) will change the clock forward one hour, shifting from Standard Time to Daylight Savings Time. Eretz Yisrael won't change their clocks until Friday, March 29th; in the interim there will be a six hour time difference between the eastern time zone and Eretz Yisrael.

The final opportunity for Kiddush Levana in the USA is Thursday night, March 13th.

**Daf Yomi - Shabbos:** Bavli: Sanhedrin 81 • Yerushalmi: Shabbos 102 • Mishnah Yomis: Shavuos 7:6-7 • Oraysa: Megillah 21b-23b • Kitzur Shulchan Aruch: 71:1-4

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

Taanis Esther is on Thursday, March 13th.

Purim is on Friday, March 14th.

Shushan Purim falls on Shabbos, March 15th and people in Yerushalayim (and the like) celebrate a Purim Meshulash.

## Parshah in a Paragraph

**Tetzaveh:** First-squeezed olive oil should be used for the Menorah • Appointment of the Kohanim and description of their sacred clothing • Four additional garments worn only by the Kohen Gadol include: 1) the *Ephod* (an apron); 2) the *Choshen* (a breastplate with precious stones inscribed with the names of the Shevatim; it also holds the *Urim V'Tumim*, a parchment on which a most holy Name of Hashem was written); 3) the *Me'il* (a techeiles-dyed robe, its bottom hem adorned with gold

bells and cloth 'pomegranates'); 4) the *Tzitz* (a forehead-plate) • Consecration and anointing of Aharon and his four sons • The *Korban Tamid* • Description of the *Mizbeich Haketores* and the *Avodas Haketores* • The *Ketores* shall be offered twice daily, plus a third time on Yom Kippur.

Parashas Zachor (Devarim 25:17-19): *"Remember what Amalek did to you, on the way when you were departing Mitzrayim. He ambushed you on the way, and he killed some among you, all the weaklings (sinners - who are spiritually weak) trailing behind, when you were faint and tired; and he did not fear G-d. It shall be when Hashem your G-d gives you rest from all your surrounding enemies, in the land that Hashem your G-d gives you as an inheritance, you shall wipe out the remembrance of Amalek from under heaven - you should not forget!"*

Haftarah: Having recalled Amalek's brazen attack and our obligation to eradicate the nation, we recount the episode of Shaul HaMelech who was commanded to execute the Amaleiki nation along with their possessions. With misplaced mercy, Shaul Hamelech temporarily spared their king Agag (Shmuel Alef 15:1-34). We recall these events before Purim, as this failure led to Agag's descendant, Haman, coming into existence and plotting to wipe out the Jewish nation. Shaul's failure was redeemed by his descendants Mordechai Hatzadik and Queen Esther, who defeated Haman and foiled his wicked plan.

## 613 Taryag Weekly

**Tetzaveh:** 101 Pesukim • 4 Obligations • 3 Prohibitions

1) Prepare the Menorah in the morning and kindle it in the evening. 2) *Kohanim* must wear the *Bigdei Kehunah* when serving. 3) The *Choshen* shall not be detached from the *Ephod*. 4) Do not tear the *Me'il*. 5) *Kohanim* shall eat their portions of *korbanos* and *terumah*. 6) A Kohen shall offer *ketores* twice daily on the *Mizbeich Haketores*. 7) Do not bring any sacrifices on the *Mizbeich Haketores*.

Mitzvah highlight: By wearing the *Bigdei Kehuna*, the holy garments during the *avodah* (service), the Kohen is constantly reminded to approach this sacred duty with proper focus and reverence. Similarly, the mitzvah of *Tefillin* serves to direct one's mind, heart, and actions toward Hashem, guiding them to align their thoughts and deeds with *kedusha* and purpose.

## For the Shabbos Table

*"וְאָתָה תִּצְוֶה אֶת־בְּנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל וְיָקְחוּ אֵלֵיהֶם שֶׁמֶן זַיִת זָךְ."*  
And you will command the Bnei Yisrael that they shall take for you clear olive oil" (Shemos 27:20)

The Baal Haturim explains that "Tzav" in this *pasuk* means to be *mezarez*, to encourage and persuade in this mitzvah of Menorah. By the *Korban Tamid* as well, the word Tzav indicates the same, as these two daily mitzvos entailed a seemingly inefficient expense. For the Menorah only the first drop of each olive was used, and the *korbanos tamid* did not provide leftover meat or the like for the Kohanim's consumption. Therefore, the performance of these mitzvos required Moshe's encouragement. Now, one may wonder that surely the actual building of the Mishkan amounted to a far greater expense than these amounts of oil, and

yet the Torah did not find the need to add any encouragement to donating construction materials. If so, why is there a concern for laxity in this area in the area of the Menorah or the Tamid?

Rav Elya Baruch Finkel z"l explains that something which occurs daily and comes at a cost is prone to lose its excitement and gleam quite quickly. It is common that when institutions begin a 'once-in-a-lifetime' building campaign or similar campaign, people are likely to give easily and generously. Yet, when the same institution requires funds for the day-to-day expenses, people have a harder time contributing. We must recognize that the entire purpose of the edifice is only to facilitate the continued learning and growth within it. The Midrash in *Vayikra* in fact explains that our *pasuk* is referring not only to the *Mishkan*, but also to the *Mikdash Me'at* in all future generations - meaning, our Shuls and Batei Medrash. One should overcome feelings of staleness and recognize the opportunity he has in facilitating and fueling *Harbatzas Torah* and communal causes on a constant and regular basis.

## 30 Yom Kodem L'chag

**Mikra Megillah:** One must focus and hear every word of *Megillas Esther*. The *minhag* to *klap* when Haman's name is mentioned may not interfere with the obligation to hear every word. As this level of concentration can be difficult to maintain, some advise that those with a kosher *megillah* should read along with the *baal korei* (while being careful not to disturb others). Alternatively, following the text with one's finger can help maintain concentration throughout the reading. One should have in mind to be *yotzei* the *keriah* and the berachos recited by the *baal korei*. Additionally, during the daytime recitation, one should have in mind that the *Shehecheyanu* berachah applies as well to the other three *mitzvos* of Purim day (*Mishloach Manos*, *Matanos L'evyonim* and *Seudas Purim*). When the Megillah is read for women, the *berachah* of *Lishmo'ah Megillah* is made instead of *Al Mikra*. A child mature enough to listen to the reading is obligated. Those who bring younger children as well should take care that they do not disturb others.

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| Atlanta      | 7:52 | 6:40         | 9:52            | 9:15           | 6:39                  | 6:21          | 5:26             |
| Baltimore    | 7:18 | 6:06         | 9:22            | 8:43           | 6:05                  | 5:47          | 4:53             |
| Boston       | 6:54 | 5:42         | 9:01            | 8:20           | 5:41                  | 5:23          | 4:29             |
| Catskills    | 7:09 | 5:57         | 9:15            | 8:34           | 5:56                  | 5:38          | 4:44             |
| Chicago      | 7:01 | 5:49         | 9:07            | 8:26           | 5:48                  | 5:28          | 4:36             |
| Cleveland    | 7:37 | 6:25         | 9:43            | 9:02           | 6:24                  | 6:06          | 5:12             |
| Detroit      | 7:42 | 6:30         | 9:49            | 9:07           | 6:29                  | 6:11          | 5:17             |
| Lakewood     | 7:08 | 5:56         | 9:13            | 8:33           | 5:55                  | 5:37          | 4:43             |
| Las Vegas    | 6:54 | 5:42         | 8:56            | 8:18           | 5:41                  | 5:23          | 4:28             |
| Los Angeles  | 7:07 | 5:55         | 9:08            | 8:31           | 5:54                  | 5:36          | 4:41             |
| Miami        | 7:38 | 6:26         | 9:34            | 9:00           | 6:25                  | 6:07          | 5:12             |
| Monsey       | 7:07 | 5:55         | 9:13            | 8:32           | 5:54                  | 5:36          | 4:42             |
| Montreal     | 7:03 | 5:51         | 9:12            | 8:28           | 5:49                  | 5:31          | 4:38             |
| New York     | 7:07 | 5:55         | 9:12            | 8:32           | 5:54                  | 5:36          | 4:42             |
| Orlando      | 7:42 | 6:30         | 9:39            | 9:04           | 6:29                  | 6:11          | 5:15             |
| Passaic      | 7:07 | 5:55         | 9:13            | 8:32           | 5:54                  | 5:36          | 4:42             |
| Philadelphia | 7:12 | 6:00         | 9:17            | 8:37           | 5:59                  | 5:41          | 4:46             |
| Toronto      | 7:27 | 6:15         | 9:35            | 8:52           | 6:14                  | 5:56          | 5:02             |
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