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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!'



Parashas Vayakhel 5785 March 22nd • 22 Adar

Reminders

Parashas Parah is *leined* this week (the Shabbos before Parashas Hachodesh). Two Sifrei Torah are taken out, and the *maftir* of Parashas Parah (Bamidbar 19:1-22) is read from the second *sefer*. Parashas Parah discusses the preparation and use of the *parah adumah* ashes. Some maintain that this *k'riah* is a *mitzvah d'Oraisa*. Many congregations say *Yotzros* during Shacharis. *Av Harachami*m is omitted.

Some have the custom to recite a *Kel Malle*i this Shabbos during Minchah for any *yahrzeit* which will fall in the coming weeks, through Chodesh Nissan. This is because *Kel Mallei* may not be said during Chodesh Nissan and is also not recited before Mussaf when one of the Daled Parshiyos are *leined*. (Next Shabbos, Parashas Pekudei is both Shabbos Mevorchim and Parashas Hachodesh, and Shabbos Minchah next week coincides with Erev Rosh Chodesh). A *Kel Mallei* can also be said after *Kerias Hatorah* on Monday or Thursday prior to Chodesh Nissan.

Daf Yomi - Shabbos: Bavli: Sanhedrin 95 • Yerushalmi: Eruvin 3 • Mishnah Yomis: Eduyos 2:6-7 • Oraysa: Megillah 26b-28b • Kitzur Shulchan Aruch: 76:5-13.

Make sure to call your parents, in-laws, grandparents and Rebbi to wish them a good Shabbos. If you didn't speak to your kids today, make sure to connect with them as well!

Mext on the Calendar

Parashas Parah is this Shabbos Parashas Vayakhel | Parashas Hachodesh is *leined* next 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.

🗐 Parshah in a Paragraph

Vayakhel: Moshe gathers the Bnei Yisroel and teaches them about Shabbos - and in particular, the prohibition against igniting a fire • The instructions for collecting materials and constructing the Mishkan • Men, and perhaps even more so, women, bring materials • The Nesi'im bring the precious stones for Avnei Shoham and the Avnei Miluim • Betzalel has been blessed with Divine inspiration and capabilities • Moshe tells the people to stop bringing materials, as even more than needed was collected • Details of the Mishkan boards, curtains, vessels, and the

Courtyard curtains and pillars are all repeated.

Parashas Parah: An unblemished, completely red heifer that has never done any work is slaughtered on Har Hazeisim, a mountain opposite the Beis Hamikdash, and its blood is sprayed in the direction of the *Ulam* doors • The cow is burned there together with cedar wood, hyssop, and a thread of dyed crimson wool; the resulting ashes are mixed into spring water • This mixture is sprayed onto one who is impure with *tumas meis*, on the third and seventh days of the seven-day purification process • An impure person (including *tumas meis*) who enters the *Mikdash* is punished by *kareis* • Laws of *tumas meis*

Haftarah: The *haftarah* relates the prophecy of Yechezkel (36:16-38), listing the purification process that Hashem will perform upon us at the time of the final redemption.

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Vayakhel: 122 Pesukim • 1 Prohibition

1) Do not carry out a death penalty on Shabbos. Despite the grave sin which deserves severe punishment, the *kedushah* and serenity of the Shabbos grants a day of rest even to evildoers.

11 For the Shabbos Table

"וַיָּבֹאוֹ כַּלֶ־אִישׁ אֲשֵׁר־נִשָּׁאוֹ לְבּוֹ וְכֹל אֲשֵׁר נָדְבָה רוּחוֹ אֹתוֹ הַבִּיאוּ אֲת־תִּרוּמַת ה"

"Every man whose heart inspired him came; and everyone whose spirit moved him, brought the portion of Hashem" (Shemos 35:21)

The Torah describes the contributors to the construction of the Mishkan, as individuals who were "Nesa'o Libo" and "Nad'va Rucho". What are these descriptions referring to?

The Ramban explains that *nedivus halev* refers to those who contributed materials and nesa'o *libo* refers to the craftsmen who performed the actual work. The Ramban writes that in Mitzrayim the Bnei Yisrael worked only with brick and mortar. Nevertheless, craftsmen emerged able to work skillfully with gold, silver and other fine materials. While the Torah acknowledges that, in the case of Betzalel, his ability was a direct blessing from Hashem, how did Betzalel's assistants acquire their new talents?

The Chofetz Chaim (in Toras Habayis §7) writes that people who come forward with dedication to any

form of avodas Hashem are granted the abilities to fulfill the tasks that they undertook. One who possesses a true desire and dedication to rise to the task will merit Divine assistance to fulfill his goals. Even one who seems to be lacking in talent will merit Divine assistance and blessing to be able to grow and achieve.

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When you have nothing smart to say, say nothing.

-Rabbi Meir Zlotowitz z"l

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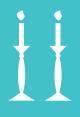
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Parshas Vayakhel | March 21-22

	ת״ר	שקיעה שבת	סקש גר״א שבת	סקש מ״א שבת	שקיעה Friday Night	הדלקה עש״ק	פלג מנחה עש״ק
Atlanta	9:02	7:50	10:41	10:04	7:50	7:32	6:34
Baltimore	8:32	7:20	10:09	9:30	7:19	7:01	6:03
Boston	8:11	6:59	9:47	9:05	6:57	6:39	5:41
Catskills	8:25	7:13	10:01	9:20	7:12	6:54	5:55
Chicago	8:17	7:05	9:53	9:12	7:04	6:44	5:47
Cleveland	8:53	7:41	10:30	9:48	7:40	7:22	6:24
Detroit	8:59	7:47	10:35	9:53	7:45	7:27	6:29
Lakewood	8:23	7:11	10:00	9:19	7:10	6:52	5:54
Las Vegas	8:06	6:54	9:44	9:05	6:53	6:35	5:37
Los Angeles	8:18	7:06	9:56	9:19	7:05	6:47	5:49
Miami	8:45	7:33	10:24	9:50	7:32	7:14	6:16
Monsey	8:22	7:10	9:59	9:18	7:09	6:51	5:53
Montreal	8:21	7:09	9:57	9:12	7:08	6:50	5:52
New York	8:22	7:10	9:59	9:18	7:09	6:51	5:53
Orlando	8:50	7:38	10:29	9:54	7:37	7:19	6:21
Passaic	8:23	7:11	9:59	9:19	7:10	6:52	5:53
Philadelphia	8:27	7:15	10:04	9:23	7:14	6:56	5:57
Toronto	8:44	7:32	10:20	9:37	7:31	7:13	6:15
Yerushalayim	7:08	5:51	8:43	8:07	5:51	5:15	4:35

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