



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!'

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In Memory of Rav Meir Zlotowitz zt"l

Parashas Vayikra 5785
April 5th • 7 Nissan

Pesach

Taanis Bechorim: This year, since Erev Pesach is also Shabbos, the fast and the Siyum are held on **Thursday, April 10th** instead.

Mechiras Chametz: One should complete his Mechiras Chametz with his own Rav. The time-honored custom to pay the Rav for this service is a valuable opportunity to show appreciation for his year-round dedication.

Bedikas Chametz: As the 14th of Nissan is Friday night, Bedikas Chametz takes place on **Thursday night, April 10th**, the 13th night of Nisan.

Bittul and Biur Chametz: Biur Chametz (burning) takes place on **Friday, April 11th**, the 13th of Nissan.

See Tidbits for Pesach 5785 for a full review.

Reminders

Although Shabbos Hagadol is next Shabbos, many communities have the customary Shabbos Hagadol Derashah delivered this week in advance to provide earlier instruction about Pesach. Some communities recite the *yotzros* for Shabbos Hagadol this week as well. However, the *haftarah* of Shabbos Hagadol is not leined this Shabbos and the practice of reciting the Haggadah is not observed this week.

Chodesh Nissan began this past Sunday. 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 *Tzidko'scha* (after *Minchah*) are omitted as well. The *Kel Malei* recited by one who has a *yahrzeit* is also not said. Fasting and *hespeidim* are generally prohibited as well.

Bircas Ilanos (a blessing on a newly blossomed fruit tree) should ideally be said during the month of Nissan. Many have the *minhag* not to eat matzah from Rosh Chodesh Nissan (some have been forgoing matzah beginning from Shushan Purim).

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

Vehi Noam is recited on Motzaei Shabbos (since Yom Tov does not occur during the ensuing week).

The final opportunity for Kiddush Levana is at 7:47 PM on Leil Haseder, Motzaei Shabbos, April 12th.

Daf Yomi - Shabbos: Bavli: Sanhedrin 109. The *siyum* is this Wednesday, April 9th; *mazal tov!* Maseches Makkos begins next and contains just 23 blatt! • Yerushalmi: Eruvin 17 • Mishnah Yomis: Eduyos 4:12-5:1 • Oraysa (coming week): Megillah 31a - Tannis 2b. Siyum is this Tuesday, April 8th; *mazal tov!* • Kitzur Shulchan Aruch: 116:15-117:4

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 Bechorim is observed on Thursday, April 10th | Leil Bedikas Chametz is on Thursday evening, April 10th | Sereifas Chametz is conducted on Friday morning, April 11th | Shabbos Hagadol is next Shabbos, Erev Pesach. Pesach begins on Motzaei Shabbos, April 12th.

Parshah in a Paragraph

Vayikra: *Korban Olah* from cattle (bulls), flock (rams, sheep or goats) and birds (doves) • Various kinds of *Korban Minchah*: unbaked flour, baked doughs (loaves and wafers), and fried doughs (shallow-pan and deep-pan) • The *Korban Omer* • No yeast or honey may go on the *Mizbeiach* • Salting *korbanos* • *Korban Shelamim* from cattle, sheep and goats • Two *Korbanos Chatas Penimi*: the Kohen Gadol's, and if a wider community sins; two *Korbanos Chatas Chitzon*: the king's, and a private individual's • The *Korban Chatas Oleh v'Yored* for three sins: swearing falsely to not knowing testimony, exposure to *Kodesh* while *tamei*, and transgressing a vow; and its three levels of offerings: animal, bird, and *minchah* • A *Korban Asham's* three sins: inadvertently benefiting from *kodesh*, uncertainty if one sinned, and swearing falsely to not owing money • One who inadvertently benefitted from *hekdesh* and one who swears falsely to not owing money must pay an additional fine of a *chomesh* (an additional 25%).

Haftarah: The parshah discusses the service of Hashem through *korbanos*. The *haftarah* relates the prophecy of Yeshaya (43:2144:23) who rebukes those who turn away from this *avodah* and serve idols instead. The *navi* promises that Hashem will forgive and accept those who return to him encouraging them to recognize the futility of these idols.

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Vayikra: 111 Pesukim • 11 Obligations • 5 Prohibitions

1-2) *Korban Olah* and *Korban Minchah*. 3) Do not include honey or yeast with any *korban*. 4-5) Do not bring *korbanos* without salt; rather, add salt. 6) A congregation's *Korban Chatas* of a congregation. 7) An individual's *Korban Chatas*. 8) A witness is obliged to testify. 9) *Korban Olah V'Yored*. 10) Do not sever a bird's head during *melikah*. 11-12) Do not add oil or *levonah* to a *Minchas Chotei*. 13) Repay inadvertent use of *hekdesh* with an additional *chomesh* (25%). 14) *Korban Asham Talui*. 15) Return stolen items. 16) *Korban Asham*.

Mitzvah Highlight: The *Korban Asham Talui* is brought when one is unsure if he committed a *kareis* level sin. The Sefer HaChinuch explains that the sacrifice is not brought for the sin itself, as, in fact, he may not have even transgressed the sin! Rather, the

lack of diligence that caused the *possibility* of its commission is in itself a sin and requires atonement. Therefore, if it becomes clear later on that the sin was indeed committed, a *chatas* must be brought.

For the Shabbos Table

"נפש כִּי־תִחָטֵא בְשִׁגָּגָה"

A soul which sins inadvertently (Vayikra 4:2)

The Daas Zekeinim explains that the Torah refers to the sinner as a "Nefesh", as we find in the pasuk (Yechezkel 18:4) "Nefesh hachoteis hi tamus", a soul that sins should die, for the soul, that is holy and recognizes its Creator, is mostly at fault for the sin. One may question why the pasuk in Yechezkel indicates that the sinner deserves death, while in our parashah the Torah advises the sinner to bring a *korban* for atonement?

The Sforno explains that Hashem redeemed Klal Yisrael from Mitzrayim after hearing "na'akasm", their outcries, as these outcries made Klal Yisrael deserving of redemption. Rav Yerucham Olshin shlit"a explains that the power of prayer isn't solely that Hashem grants a response, rather that the outcry changes the person internally, transforming one into a believer who recognizes his Creator. This change in the person makes him deserving of redemption and salvation. So, too, a sinner may truly be deserving of death, as Yechezkel said, yet his teshuvah and *korban* change him into a new person, one who is closer to Hashem and deserving of forgiveness, as said in the parashah. Our tefillos today take the place of *korbanos* and thus have the power to change us, making us deserving of the *refuos* and *yeshuos* we so desperately need.

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Atlanta	9:13	8:01	10:29	9:52	8:00	7:42	6:41
Baltimore	8:46	7:34	9:56	9:15	7:33	7:15	6:13
Boston	8:26	7:14	9:33	8:50	7:13	6:55	5:53
Catskills	8:40	7:28	9:47	9:05	7:27	7:09	6:07
Chicago	8:32	7:20	9:39	8:57	7:19	6:59	5:59
Cleveland	9:08	7:56	10:16	9:33	7:55	7:37	6:35
Detroit	9:14	8:02	10:21	9:38	8:01	7:43	6:41
Lakewood	8:37	7:25	9:46	9:05	7:24	7:06	6:04
Las Vegas	8:18	7:06	9:31	8:52	7:05	6:47	5:45
Los Angeles	8:29	7:17	9:45	9:07	7:16	6:58	5:57
Miami	8:51	7:39	10:15	9:40	7:39	7:21	6:20
Monsey	8:37	7:25	9:45	9:03	7:24	7:06	6:04
Montreal	8:40	7:28	9:41	8:56	7:26	7:08	6:05
New York	8:37	7:25	9:45	9:03	7:24	7:06	6:04
Orlando	8:57	7:45	10:19	9:43	7:45	7:27	6:26
Passaic	8:37	7:25	9:46	9:04	7:24	7:06	6:04
Philadelphia	8:41	7:29	9:50	9:09	7:28	7:10	6:08
Toronto	9:01	7:49	10:06	9:21	7:48	7:30	6:27
Yerushalayim	8:17	7:01	9:32	8:55	7:00	6:24	5:41

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