



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 Gvoah
In Memory of Rav Meir Zlotowitz zt"l

Parashas Achrei Mos
- Kedoshim 578
May 10th • 12 Iyar

Reminders

This Monday, May 12th, is **Pesach Sheini** (14th of Iyar). Many do not say *Tachanun*; even so, many still recite *Tachanun* on Sunday at Minchah. Some have the *minhag* to eat matzah on Pesach Sheini. Pesach Sheini provided a second opportunity to bring the Korban Pesach for those who were unable to bring the Korban Pesach on time (14th of Nissan).

The final Monday of *BeHaB* is this Monday, May 12th. As the final Monday of *BeHaB* this year coincides with the quasi-Yom Tov of Pesach Sheini (a calendrical rarity), some skip this day of *selichos* entirely, while others end the *selichos* after *vidui* and omit *Avinu Malkeinu*.

Lag Ba'omer begins this Thursday evening, May 15th. The Rema writes that the custom is to have a moderate increase in joy on this day. This day is the *yahrzeit* of Rabi Shimon bar Yochai. As well, this is the day when the students of Rabi Akiva stopped dying and is also the date when Rabi Akiva ordained his new generation of students. The restrictions of the Sefirah Aveilus period are relaxed on Lag Ba'omer (additionally, for those who observed the 'first half' this marks the end of their *aveilus* period). Many poskim do not allow listening to music until the morning of Lag Ba'omer. Ashkenazim permit cutting hair on the morning of Lag Ba'omer. As it is Erev Shabbos, if it won't be possible to get a haircut on Friday then one may get one on Thursday night. Although Sefardim normally wait until the morning of the 34th for haircuts, as the 34th is Shabbos many allow haircuts on Lag Ba'omer.

Tachanun is omitted on Lag Ba'omer. After *shekiyah* on the evening of Lag Ba'omer, one should refrain from saying "tonight is Lag Ba'omer" until after counting *sefirah*. However, if one inadvertently said "tonight is Lag Ba'omer", he may still count that night (and beyond) with a *berachah*.

At Minchah on Friday, May 9th, those davening Nusach Ashkenaz will have omitted **Mashiv Haruach** for the 90th time. Those davening Nusach Sefard will have included *Morid Hatal* for the 90th time during Shacharis on Friday, May 9th. At this point, one is considered accustomed to the new text and does not repeat Shemoneh Esrei if he is unsure if he davened correctly.

Wednesday, May 14th, marks 30 days since we began reciting **V'sein Berachah** in place of *V'sein Tal u'Matar*. After this point one is halachically considered to be accustomed to saying *V'sein Berachah*. Therefore, beginning with Maariv on Wednesday night, May 14th, one who is unsure if he davened correctly does not repeat Shemoneh Esrei.

The final opportunity for Kiddush Levana is Sunday night, May 11th.

Sefirah: On Friday night we count the 27th day of the Omer | Pirkei Avos: Perec 3 | **Daf Yomi - Shabbos**: Bavli: Shevuos 9 • Yerushalmi: Eruvin 52 • Mishnah Yomis: Avodah Zarah 5:6-7. Siyum is next Tuesday, May 13th. Maseches Avos begins next • Oraysa (coming week): Taanis 13a-15a • Kitzur Shulchan Aruch: 83:3-84:4

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

Pesach Sheini is on Monday, May 12th. This is the final

day of *BeHaB* as well (see above) | Lag Ba'omer is next Friday, May 16th | Shavuot is on Monday and Tuesday, June 2nd-3rd.

Parashah in a Paragraph

ACHAREI MOS: Avodas Yom Kippur • Fasting on Yom Kippur • Prohibition of eating blood • Laws of *Arayos* • Prohibition of sacrificing a child to *Molech* • See *Taryag Weekly* for the various mitzvos.

KEDOSHIM: Be holy • Korban of *Asham Shifcha Charufa* • Do not profane your child and defile the land • Love the *Ger* • Punishment for *Molech* worshipers and for bystanders unwilling to interfere • Forbidden relations • Our holiness and the resulting higher standard to which we are held • See *Taryag Weekly* for the various mitzvos.

Haftarah: (*The haftarah of Acharei Mos is leined.*) The end of Sefer Amos (9:7-15) discusses how, despite the lengthy exile, the Jewish identity remains distinct. The *haftarah* ends with the promise that Hashem will restore us to our heritage in Eretz Yisrael, never to be uprooted again.

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Acharei Mos: 80 Pesukim • 2 Obligations • 26 Prohibitions

1) A Kohen may not enter the Beis Hamikdash unnecessarily. 2) The Kohen Gadol shall perform the Yom Kippur service. 3) Do not slaughter offerings outside the Mikdash. 4) Cover the blood of a *chaya* or a bird after slaughter. 5) Forbidden relations, including any form of intimacy. 6-19) Prohibition on relations with one's: father, mother, father's wife, sister, son's daughter, daughter's daughter, daughter, father's daughter, father's sister, mother's sister, father's brother, father's brother's wife, daughter-in-law, brother's wife. 20-23) Prohibition of relations with a mother and daughter, a woman and her son's or daughter's daughter, or with one's wife's sister during his wife's lifetime. 24) Prohibition of relations with a *niddah*. 25) Do not sacrifice a child to *Molech*. 26) Prohibition of *mishkav zachar*. 27-28) Prohibition of bestiality.

Kedoshim: 64 Pesukim • 13 Obligations • 38 Prohibitions

1) Fear your parents. 2-3) Do not recognize or manufacture idols. 4) Do not eat *Nossar* (leftovers) from a Korban. 5-6) Do not harvest a field entirely; leave a *Pe'ah* area for the poor. 7-12) Do not gather remnants of the harvest or vineyard, as well as the malformed grapes; leave them for the poor. 13) Do not steal covertly. 14-15) Do not deny or swear falsely about financial claims. 16) Do not swear falsely in Hashem's Name. 17) Do not retain others' possessions forcibly. 18) Do not steal openly. 19) Do not withhold wages. 20) Do not curse anyone, even a deaf man. 21) Do not "place a stumbling block before the blind" by giving bad advice. 22) Do not corrupt the judicial process. 23) Do not treat wealthy and poor litigants unequally. 24) Judge people favorably. 25) Do not speak Lashon Hora. 26) Do not stand by when another's life is in jeopardy. 27) Do not harbor hatred against a fellow Jew. 28-29) Deliver effective rebuke; do not rebuke in an embarrassing manner. 30-31) Do not exact revenge or harbor resentment. 32) Love your friend like yourself. 33-34) Do not crossbreed livestock or plants. 35) Do not benefit from a tree's first-3-years' produce. 36) Eat a tree's 4th year fruit in Yerushalayim. 37) Do not eat in the gluttonous manner of a *ben sorer umoreh*. 38-39) Do not act based on omens or lucky times. 40) Do not

cut off peyos of the head. 41) Do not shave a beard with a razor. 42) Do not tattoo. 43) Revere the Temple. 44) Do not inquire about the future by means of the occult. 45) Do not engage in necromancy. 46) Stand up for Torah scholars and elders. 47-48) Do not use inaccurate tools of measurement in business; ensure that they are accurate. 49) Do not curse parents. 50) Beis Din should mete out the punishment of *sereifa*. 51) Do not follow the lowly ways of the nations.

For the Shabbos Table

”וַאֲמַרְתָּ אֲלֵהֶם קְדוֹשִׁים תִּהְיוּ”

“Say to them “you shall be holy”.” (Vayikra 19:2)

The parashah begins by stating the importance of a Jew living a life of holiness. Yet, the parashah continues and discusses many mitzvos that, perhaps, would seem to be intuitive in any ethical society such as honoring parents and the prohibitions against thievery and falsehood. Why are these mitzvos considered to be those of holiness?

Rav Moshe Feinstein zt"l explains that a mitzvah is a *tzivui*, a command, and a Jew performs a mitzvah not because he perceives it as moral and correct but rather because that is what he was commanded by Hashem. Even mitzvos between man and his fellow man that seem ethical and necessary for society, must not be followed out of goodness and fairness, but rather because this is Hashem's will and we exist to serve Him. (Kol Rom)

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Parshas Acharei Mos - Kedoshim | May 9-10

	ר"ת	שקיעה שבת	סקש גר"א שבת	סקש מ"א שבת	שקיעה Friday Night	הדלקה עש"ק	פוג מנחה עש"ק
Atlanta	9:40	8:28	10:07	9:25	8:27	8:09	7:01
Baltimore	9:20	8:08	9:30	8:43	8:07	7:49	6:39
Boston	9:06	7:54	9:04	8:14	7:52	7:34	6:22
Catskills	9:18	8:06	9:19	8:30	8:05	7:47	6:35
Chicago	9:11	7:59	9:11	8:22	7:58	7:38	6:28
Cleveland	9:46	8:34	9:48	8:59	8:33	8:15	7:03
Detroit	9:53	8:41	9:52	9:02	8:40	8:22	7:10
Lakewood	9:13	8:01	9:19	8:32	8:00	7:42	6:31
Las Vegas	8:48	7:36	9:07	8:24	7:35	7:17	6:08
Los Angeles	8:56	7:44	9:22	8:40	7:43	7:25	6:17
Miami	9:08	7:56	9:57	9:20	7:56	7:38	6:33
Monsey	9:14	8:02	9:18	8:29	8:01	7:43	6:32
Montreal	9:24	8:12	9:10	8:15	8:11	7:53	6:39
New York	9:13	8:01	9:18	8:30	8:00	7:42	6:31
Orlando	9:18	8:06	9:59	9:21	8:05	7:47	6:41
Passaic	9:14	8:02	9:18	8:30	8:01	7:43	6:32
Philadelphia	9:16	8:04	9:23	8:36	8:03	7:45	6:34
Toronto	9:42	8:30	9:36	8:44	8:29	8:11	6:59
Yerushalayim	8:42	7:25	9:10	8:30	7:24	6:49	5:59

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