



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 Bamidbar 5785
May 31st • 4 Sivan

Reminders

Tachanun is omitted from Rosh Chodesh Sivan through Isru Chag Shavuot. Some, including most Nusach Sefard congregations, omit *Tachanun* through the 12th of Sivan. The *Yehi Ratzons* recited after Kerias HaTorah on weekdays are also omitted, as well as *Tzidkas'cha* at Minchah on Shabbos.

The three days prior to Shavuot (this year, Friday, Shabbos & Sunday, May 30th - June 1st) are referred to as the *Sheloshes Y'mei Hagbalah*, the three days of separation. In the *Midbar*, the *Bnei Yisrael* utilized these three days to prepare themselves for *Kabbalas HaTorah*. For those who observed the Sefirah mourning restrictions beginning from the first day of Rosh Chodesh Iyar ("second half"), the restrictions end Friday morning, the first day of the *Sheloshes Y'mei Hagbalah*. (For those who began observing the "second half" Sefirah mourning restrictions from after Rosh Chodesh Iyar, the restrictions end Sunday morning, Erev Shavuot.)

Vehi Noam is omitted on Motzaei Shabbos.

Sefirah: On Friday night we count the 48th day of the Omer.

Pirkei Avos: Perek 6

The final opportunity for Kiddush Levana is at 9:15 PM ET on Wednesday night, June 10th.

Daf Yomi - Shabbos: Bavli: Shevuos 30 • Yerushalmi: Pesachim 2 • Mishnah Yomis: Avos 3:2-3 • Oraysa (coming week): Taanis 20b-22b • Kitzur Shulchan Aruch: 95:12-end

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

The *Sheloshes Y'mei Hagbalah* are Friday, Shabbos and Sunday, May 30th - June 1st.

Shavuot begins on Sunday evening, June 1st.

Parshah in a Paragraph

Bamidbar: Each tribe, excluding Levi for now, is counted • The men aged 20-60 (besides Shevet Levi) amount to 603,550 • There are 4 degalim groups of 3 tribes each on the *Mishkan's* 4 sides • Shevet Levi replaces the firstborn in performing the *Mishkan* services • The special status of the Kohanim and Levi'im • Levi'im aged 30 days and up are counted; they total 22,300 • The firstborn of the 12 *shevatim* (besides Shevet Levi) are counted; they total 22,273 • 22,000 Levi'im each redeem a firstborn; the remaining 273 are redeemed with 5 silver coins (300 firstborn Levi'im could only "redeem themselves") • The family of Kehas is charged with carrying the sacred vessels • Kohanim are instructed in how to prepare the *Mishkan* vessels for travel • The family of Kehas is warned not to approach the *Kodesh Kodoshim*.

Haftarah: The *Bnei Yisrael* in the *midbar* experienced a significant population growth. The *haftarah* begins by comparing the great numbers of *Bnei Yisrael* to the innumerable grains of sand at the shore.

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Bamidbar: 159 Pesukim • No Mitzvos listed

For the Shabbos Table

"פָּקֹד אֶת־בְּנֵי לֵוִי...כָּל־זָכָר מִבְּרִיחַ־יָשׁ וְמִעַלָּה תִּפְקְדֵם"
"Record the children of Levi...all males from the age of one month and above you shall record" (Bamidbar 3:15)

The census of each *shevet* counted the adult males from the age of twenty years, with the exception of Shevet Levi, of which all boys were counted from thirty days and older. Why was the Shevet of Levi counted from the young age of thirty days while the other *shevatim* were

counted only from the age of twenty years?

Rashi writes that from a young age a Levite is considered a "*shomer mishmeres hakodesh*" - *watchman of the kodesh*. Rav Moshe Feinstein zt"l explains that most of the nation led mundane lives subject to the challenge of balancing earning a livelihood alongside their spiritual pursuits. Therefore, until the age of twenty a person was not considered established enough to be considered a full-fledged member of the tribe. Members of Shevet Levi, however, were dedicated solely to *Avodas Hashem*. This position and lifestyle was their sole heritage, transmitted from father to son, therefore, even a young Levi was already considered dedicated and destined to be "*shomer mishmeres hakodesh*". Rav Moshe explains that a parent's spiritual level and dedication to Torah is transmitted to his children, and secures their dedication to being a true Torah Jew. Chag Shavuot, the *Yom Tov* of *Kabbalas HaTorah*, is an opportune time for one to reaffirm his dedication to Torah and Torah learning, nurturing a Torah life for himself and the future of *klal yisrael*.

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Parshas Bamidbar | May 30- June 1

	ר"ת	שקיעה שבת	סקש גר"א שבת	סקש מ"א שבת	שקיעה Friday Night	הדלקה עש"ק	פלג מנחה עש"ק
Atlanta	9:54	8:42	10:01	9:17	8:42	8:24	7:13
Baltimore	9:38	8:26	9:23	8:32	8:25	8:07	6:53
Boston	9:26	8:14	8:56	8:01	8:13	7:55	6:39
Catskills	9:38	8:26	9:11	8:17	8:25	8:07	6:51
Chicago	9:30	8:18	9:03	8:09	8:17	7:57	6:44
Cleveland	10:05	8:53	9:40	8:46	8:53	8:35	7:19
Detroit	10:13	9:01	9:44	8:49	9:01	8:43	7:27
Lakewood	9:31	8:19	9:12	8:20	8:18	8:00	6:46
Las Vegas	9:04	7:52	9:01	8:14	7:51	7:33	6:21
Los Angeles	9:10	7:58	9:16	8:32	7:58	7:40	6:29
Miami	9:19	8:07	9:54	9:15	8:07	7:49	6:42
Monsey	9:34	8:22	9:10	8:17	8:21	8:03	6:48
Montreal	9:47	8:35	9:00	7:58	8:34	8:16	6:58
New York	9:32	8:20	9:10	8:18	8:19	8:01	6:46
Orlando	9:30	8:18	9:55	9:15	8:17	7:59	6:51
Passaic	9:33	8:21	9:10	8:18	8:20	8:02	6:47
Philadelphia	9:34	8:22	9:16	8:25	8:22	8:04	6:49
Toronto	10:03	8:51	9:27	8:29	8:51	8:33	7:16
Yerushalayim	8:55	7:39	9:05	8:23	7:38	7:03	6:10

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