



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
Behar - Bechukosai 5785
May 24th • 26 Iyar**

Shabbos Mevarchim

This week is Shabbos Mevorchim Chodesh Sivan. Rosh Chodesh is on Wednesday, May 28th. The *molad* is Tuesday morning at 9:14 AM and 3 *chalakim*.

The first opportunity for Kiddush Levana is Motzaei Shabbos, May 31st. The final opportunity is at 9:15 PM ET on Wednesday night, June 10th.

Reminders

In most congregations, the **aliyah of chamishi** in Parashas Bechukosai that includes the *Tochachah*, is taken by the *baal koreh* or the *gabbai* - usually without being "called up". The *pesukim* of the *Tochachah* are read in a slightly quicker and lower tone, while ensuring that the words can be heard by all.

The Shelah writes that Erev Rosh Chodesh Sivan (next Tuesday, May 27th), is an auspicious time to daven for the spiritual well-being of one's children. Therefore, many recite **Tefillas HaShelah** on this day. The Shelah writes that one should give *tzedakah* to a worthy person along with this *tefillah*.

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

Sefirah: On Friday night, we count the **41st** day of the *Omer* | Pirkei Avos: Perek 5 | Daf Yomi - Shabbos: Bavli: Shevuos 23 • Yerushalmi: Eruvin 56. Siyum on Tuesday, May 29th; Mazal Tov! • Mishnah Yomis: Avos 2:4-5 • Oraysa (coming week): Taanis 18a-20a • Kitzur Shulchan Aruch: 91:14-92:2

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 Yemei Hagbalah are Friday, Shabbos and Sunday, May 30th - June 1st.

Shavuot begins on Sunday evening, June 1st.

Parshah in a Paragraph

Behar: The laws of *Shemittah* and *Yovel* • Selling and redeeming ancestral properties and homes • Helping impoverished Jews • The Jew who is sold

as a slave • We are slaves of Hashem who took us out of Mitzrayim • See *Taryag Weekly Section* for a complete review

BECHUKOSAI: Reward for following the Torah • The *Tochachah*, admonition against abandoning the Torah and the details of the punishment for doing so • The laws of *Arachin* and *Hekdesh* • See *Taryag Weekly* for the various *mitzvos* • *Chazak Chazak V'nis'chazeik!*

Haftarah: The haftarah of Bechukosai is leined. The haftarah (Yirmiyah 16:19 - 17:14) contains a theme similar to the parashah - those who adhere to the *mitzvos* will be rewarded with great blessings, while those who abandon the path of Torah will be punished.

613 Taryag Weekly

Behar: 57 Pesukim • 7 Obligations • 17 Prohibitions

1-4) Do not work the field or trees or harvest aftergrowth or fruits during the *Shemittah* year. 5) Sanhedrin should count the years of *Shemittah* and *Yovel*. 6) Blow Shofar on Yom Kippur of the *Yovel* year. 7) Beis Din shall sanctify the *Yovel*/year. 8-10) Do not work the field or trees during *Yovel*, or harvest aftergrowth or fruits. 11) Utilize halachic modes of acquisition. 12) Do not overcharge or defraud. 13) Do not harass or embarrass another. 14) Do not sell land in Eretz Yisrael in perpetuity. 15) Return all lands to their original owners at *Yovel*. 16) Right of redemption for one year on sold property in a walled city. 17) Do not alter the usage of properties of the *Levi'im*. 18) Do not lend with interest. 19-21) Do not employ or sell a Jewish slave in a degrading manner, but rather as a regular employee. 22) Retain your gentile slave. 23) Prevent a Jewish slave from mistreatment by a gentile overlord. 24) Do not prostrate on a stone floor.

Bechukosai: 78 Pesukim • 7 Obligations • 5 Prohibitions

1) Fulfill monetary vows of *Arachin*. 2) Do not transfer *kedushah* between animals (*Temurah*). 3) Accord *kedushah* to a *Temurah*. 4) Redeem unfit *Korbanos*. 5) Redeem consecrated property with the Kohen's appraisal and add one-fifth of the value. 6) Redeem consecrated fields at the prescribed amounts. 7) Do not redesignate a *Korban*. 8-10) Give *Cherem* consecrated items to the Kohen; do not sell or redeem them. 11) Separate *Maaser Behaimah*. 12) Do not redeem or sell *Maaser Behaimah*.

For the Shabbos Table

"אֶת־כֶּסֶף לֹא־תִתֵּן לְוִי בְנִשְׁךְ"

Do not give him your money for interest (Vayikra 25:37)"

Students of the Tchebiner Rav once lent money to a local merchant with interest, using a *heter iska* (a halachic leniency that structures a typical loan as a business partnership). Unfortunately, the merchant fell on hard times, and it became clear that the students' loan would not be repaid. The distraught lenders consulted their Rebbe, the Tchebiner Rav, about the matter. The Tchebiner Rav related to them that his father, the Kochav MiYaakov, noted that the language of our pasuk "Do not **give** your money for interest" seems incorrect. Should it not read "Do not **lend** your money for interest"?

The Kochav MiYaakov explained that when one loans money with interest, there is a real chance that his funds will be lost; those monies will thus be 'given' and lost to the borrower. In contrast, the pasuk (Mishlei 19:17) says, "He who is generous to the poor makes a loan to Hashem; He will repay him his due". One who lends money to the poor without interest is assured that he will be repaid his due by Hashem Almighty - surely the safest investment possible.

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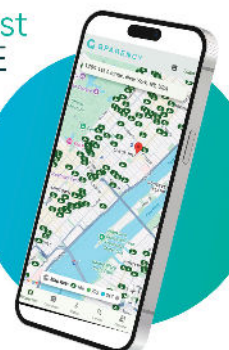
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Parshas Behar-Bechukosai | May 24-25

	ר"ת	שקיעה שבת	סקש גר"א שבת	סקש מ"א שבת	שקיעה Friday Night	הדלקה עש"ק	פגל מנחה עש"ק
Atlanta	9:50	8:38	10:02	9:19	8:37	8:19	7:09
Baltimore	9:33	8:21	9:24	8:35	8:20	8:02	6:49
Boston	9:20	8:08	8:58	8:04	8:07	7:49	6:34
Catskills	9:32	8:20	9:13	8:20	8:19	8:01	6:47
Chicago	9:24	8:12	9:05	8:12	8:11	7:51	6:39
Cleveland	9:59	8:47	9:41	8:49	8:47	8:29	7:14
Detroit	10:07	8:55	9:46	8:52	8:55	8:27	7:22
Lakewood	9:25	8:13	9:14	8:23	8:13	7:55	6:41
Las Vegas	8:59	7:47	9:02	8:17	7:46	7:28	6:17
Los Angeles	9:06	7:54	9:17	8:34	7:53	7:35	6:25
Miami	9:16	8:04	9:54	9:15	8:03	7:45	6:39
Monsey	9:28	8:16	9:11	8:20	8:15	7:57	6:43
Montreal	9:40	8:28	9:03	8:03	8:27	8:09	6:52
New York	9:26	8:14	9:12	8:21	8:14	7:56	6:42
Orlando	9:26	8:14	9:56	9:16	8:14	7:56	6:48
Passaic	9:27	8:15	9:12	8:21	8:14	7:56	6:42
Philadelphia	9:29	8:17	9:18	8:27	8:16	7:58	6:45
Toronto	9:57	8:45	9:29	8:33	8:44	8:26	7:10
Yerushalayim	8:51	7:34	9:06	8:24	7:34	6:58	6:07

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