



# 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 Chukas 5785**  
July 5th • 9 Tamuz

## Reminders

The final opportunity for Kiddush Levana is on Wednesday night, July 9th.

Pirkei Avos: Perek 5

**Daf Yomi - Shabbos:** Bavli: Avodah Zara 17 • Yerushalmi: Pesachim 37 • Mishnah Yomis: Avos 6:9-10 • Oraysa (coming week): Moed Katan 3b-5b • Kitzur Shulchan Aruch: 165:12-166:3

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 Y'mei Bein Hametzarim, the Three Weeks, begin Motzaei Shabbos Parashas Balak, July 12th.

The fast of Shiva Asar B'Tamuz is on Sunday, July 13th.

Rosh Chodesh Av is Shabbos Parashas Matos Masei, July 26th.

Tisha B'av begins Motzaei Shabbos Parashas Devarim, August 2nd.

## Parshah in a Paragraph

**Chukas:** Laws of the *Parah Adumah* - its preparation and use in the Tahara process • Miriam dies; the be'er well stops producing water, and the people complain • Moshe and Aharon are told to bring forth water by speaking to the rock; Moshe eventually hits the rock instead • Moshe and Aharon are told of the punishment for their sin • Bnei Yisrael ask for passage through *Edom* and are rebuffed • Aharon passes away at *Hor Hahar* • The Canaanites (really Amalek) attack and are defeated at *Chorma* • The people complain about the *Mon* and are attacked by snakes • The 'healing' copper snake • The great miracle of *Nachal Arnon* • *Shiras Habe'er* • The defeats of Sichon and Og

Haftarah: The *parashah* relates the capture of the lands of Sichon by the Bnei Yisrael. The *pesukim* in Shoftim 11:1-33 tell us that certain lands initially owned by Amon and Moav were forbidden to be captured, as antagonizing those nations was forbidden. However, once they were captured by Sichon, the Bnei Yisrael were allowed to take them.

## 613 Taryag Weekly

**Chukas** • 87 Pesukim • 3 Obligations

1) Kohanim should oversee the preparation of the ashes of the *parah adumah*. 2) Observe the laws of *tumas meis*. 3) A Kohen shall purify someone who is *tamei* using the ashes of the *parah adumah*.

Mitzvah Highlight: *Zos Chukas HaTorah - Parah Adumah* is the prime example of a *mitzvah (chok)* that we perform solely to fulfill Hashem's command, even though we do not understand it.

## For the Shabbos Table

וַיַּךְ אֶת־הַסֵּלַע בְּמַטְהוֹ... יַעֲן לֹא־הֶאֱמַנְתָּם  
בִּי לְהַקְדִּישֵׁנִי

"And he hit the rock with his stick...because you had not trusted in Me to sanctify Me" (Bamidbar 20:10-11)

Moshe Rabbeinu performed a great miracle of bringing forth water from the rock. However, Moshe was punished and barred from entering Eretz Yisrael because he hit the rock instead of speaking to it. Rav Moshe Feinstein zt"l points out that this was a *neis*, no matter by what means was used to bring forth this supernatural occurrence. What was lacking by Moshe's failure to speak to the rock?

Rav Moshe explains that this event was intended to demonstrate the importance of delivering words of instruction even to one who may not be able to fully grasp

the concept, for example, a young child who appears to a parent as not quite ready to understand a certain message. Hashem demonstrated that just as a Divine message can penetrate even a rock and compel it to serve Hashem, we must speak to and be mechaneich even someone with limited understanding, as eventually the lessons will penetrate.

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Parshas Chukas | July 4-5

	ר"ת	שקיעה שבת	סקש גר"א שבת	סקש מ"א שבת	שקיעה Friday Night	הדלקה עש"ק	פלג מנחה עש"ק
Atlanta	10:03	8:51	10:07	9:22	8:51	8:33	7:22
Baltimore	9:48	8:36	9:28	8:36	8:36	8:18	7:03
Boston	9:35	8:23	9:01	8:04	8:24	8:06	6:49
Catskills	9:47	8:35	9:16	8:21	8:36	8:18	7:01
Chicago	9:40	8:28	9:08	8:12	8:28	8:08	6:54
Cleveland	10:15	9:03	9:45	8:50	9:03	8:45	7:29
Detroit	10:23	9:11	9:49	8:52	9:11	8:53	7:37
Lakewood	9:41	8:29	9:17	8:24	8:29	8:11	6:55
Las Vegas	9:13	8:01	9:07	8:19	8:01	7:43	6:30
Los Angeles	9:19	8:07	9:22	8:37	8:07	7:49	6:38
Miami	9:28	8:16	10:00	9:20	8:16	7:58	6:50
Monsey	9:43	8:31	9:15	8:20	8:31	8:13	6:57
Montreal	9:57	8:45	9:05	8:01	8:45	8:27	7:08
New York	9:42	8:30	9:15	8:22	8:30	8:12	6:56
Orlando	9:38	8:26	10:01	9:20	8:27	8:09	7:00
Passaic	9:43	8:31	9:16	8:22	8:31	8:13	6:57
Philadelphia	9:44	8:32	9:21	8:29	8:32	8:14	6:59
Toronto	10:13	9:01	9:32	8:32	9:02	8:44	7:26
Yerushalayim	9:04	7:48	9:11	8:27	7:48	7:13	6:19

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