



The sorts of tidbits

my father, R' Meir Zlotowitz z"l, made sure his family was up to date on *from the mundane, to the profound, to the 'thanks for reminding me!'*



Parashas Chayei Sarah 5783
November 18th • 24 Cheshvan

Shabbos Mevorchim

This week is Shabbos Mevorchim Chodesh Kislev. Rosh Chodesh is Thursday and Friday, November 24th-25th. The Molad is Wednesday night at 10:28 PM and 8 Chalakim.

The first opportunity for Kiddush Levana (USA) is Motzaei Shabbos, November 26th. The final opportunity is Wednesday night, December 7th.

Reminders

Daf Yomi: Erev Shabbos is Nedarim 24.

Mishnah Yomis: Erev Shabbos is Shabbos 1:2-3. Seder Moed has just begun! Learn two Mishnayos a day and make a Siyum on Seder Moed in less than one year. Join now!

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 do the same!

Next on the Calendar

Chanukah begins on Sunday Night, December 18th.

Parshah in a Paragraph

Chayei Sara: Sarah passes away • Avraham acquires the Me'aras Hamachpeilah from Efron and buries Sarah there • Avraham sends Eliezer to find a wife for Yitzchak • Eliezer prays to find a girl who excels in kindness • Rivka, daughter of Besuel, offers Eliezer and his camels water to drink • Eliezer gives her gifts of jewelry • Rivka's brother Lavan hears of the gifts and enthusiastically invites Eliezer to stay with them • Eliezer relates the day's events to Rivka's family and requests her hand in

marriage for Yitzchak • Lavan attempts to delay the marriage, but Rivka chooses to leave immediately • The blessings of Sarah's tent return upon Rivka's arrival • Avraham marries Keturah and bears six sons; they are sent away • Avraham passes away at the age of 175, Yitzchak and Yishmael bury him in the Me'aras Hamachpeilah • Yishmael's children • Yishmael dies at the age of 137

Haftarah: By carefully selecting an appropriate mate for his son Yitzchak, Avraham Avinu sought to ensure the continuity of Klal Yisrael as well as its growth, both in numbers and in nobility. David Hamelech (Melachim Alef 1:1-31) sought continuity of his kingdom and the Jewish nation as well by directing that his son Shlomo Hamelech would be heir to his throne.

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Chayei Sara :105 Pesukim • No Mitzvos listed

For the Shabbos Table

ואם-לא תאבה האשה ללכת אחריך ונקית משבעתי
זאת רק את-בני לא תשב שמה

"And if the woman will not wish to follow you, you shall then be absolved of this oath, only, do not return my son to there" (Bereishis 24:8)

Avraham Avinu instructed Eliezer to avoid seeking a wife for Yitzchak from the daughters of Canaan (or Lot) due to the negative character traits of these families. However, Avraham had another criterion - that Yitzchak not be brought to live with his wife's family; rather, she must be brought to live with Yitzchak's family. This criterion was of the utmost importance. Should this

condition not be possible, he should take a Canaanite girl, rather than leave Eretz Yisrael. Why was it so important to Avraham that he insisted that the prospective bride, Rivka, must leave her home in order to make a home with Yitzchak in Eretz Yisrael?

Rav Moshe Feinstein zt"l answers that Avraham recognized that even a truly righteous woman from within the families of Besuel would be able to become one of the matriarchs of Klal Yisrael only through leaving her surroundings and their negative influence. No matter how great she and her husband Yitzchak were, as long as they remained in a poor spiritual environment, the couple would never be able to reach their potential greatness. No matter how strong the structure or the roots, poor surroundings hinder growth. By establishing optimal surroundings and proper influence one can strive to their highest potential.

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When you have nothing to say, say nothing.

-Rabbi Meir Zlotowitz z"l





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	ר"ת	שקיעה שבת	סקש גר"א שבת	סקש מ"א שבת	שקיעה Friday Night	הדלקה עש"ק	פג מנחה עש"ק
Atlanta	6:44	5:32	9:48	9:09	5:32	5:14	4:28
Baltimore	6:00	4:48	9:23	8:41	4:49	4:31	3:47
Boston	5:30	4:18	9:04	8:20	4:19	4:01	3:19
Catskills	5:46	4:34	9:18	8:34	4:35	4:17	3:34
Chicago	5:38	4:26	9:10	8:26	4:27	4:07	3:26
Cleveland	6:15	5:03	9:46	9:02	5:04	4:46	4:03
Detroit	6:18	5:06	9:52	9:08	5:07	4:49	4:07
Lakewood	5:49	4:37	9:14	8:32	4:38	4:20	3:36
Los Angeles	5:59	4:47	9:03	8:25	4:47	4:29	3:43
Miami	6:42	5:30	9:23	8:48	5:30	5:12	4:23
Monsey	5:46	4:34	9:15	8:32	4:34	4:16	3:33
Montreal	5:32	4:20	9:19	8:32	4:21	4:03	3:22
New York	5:46	4:34	9:14	8:31	4:35	4:17	3:34
Orlando	6:42	5:30	9:31	8:54	5:30	5:12	4:24
Passaic	5:47	4:35	9:15	8:32	4:35	4:17	3:34
Philadelphia	5:53	4:41	9:18	8:35	4:42	4:24	3:40
Toronto	6:00	4:48	9:39	8:55	4:49	4:31	3:49
Yerushalayim	5:54	4:37	8:47	8:09	4:38	4:03	3:32

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