



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!'



Parashas Vayeitzei 5784
November 24th • 11 Kislev

Reminders

The final opportunity for Kiddush Levanah in the USA is Monday, November 27th at 6:18 PM EST.

Daf Yomi - Friday: Bavli: Bava Kamma 22 • Yerushalmi: Shevi'is 48 • Mishnah Yomis: Yevamos 9:2-3 • Oraysa: Next week is Yoma 34a-36a.

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

Chanukah begins on Thursday evening, December 7th.

Shabbos Chanukah is Parashas Vayeishev, December 9th.

Parshah in a Paragraph

Vayeitzei: Yaakov departs Be'er Sheva • The vision of the ladder and angels • Yaakov arrives at Charan and meets Rochel at the well • Lavan agrees to allow Rochel to marry Yaakov in exchange for seven years of labor • On the wedding night, Lavan switches Leah for Rochel • Yaakov reproaches Lavan • After seven days pass, Yaakov marries Rochel in exchange for a commitment of an additional seven years of work • Leah bears Reuven, Shimon, Levi, and Yehudah • Rochel begs Yaakov for children • Rochel gives Yaakov her maid Bilhah, she bears Dan and Naftali • Leah gives her maid Zilpah to Yaakov; she bears Gad and Asher • Rochel exchanges with Leah her opportunity to be with Yaakov for Reuven's *duda'im* • Leah bears Yisachar, Zevulun, and Dinah • Hashem 'remembers' Rochel and accepts her prayers; she bears Yosef • Lavan attempts to swindle Yaakov, but Hashem makes Yaakov wealthy • Hashem commands Yaakov to return to the land of his fathers • Rochel and Leah agree to leave • Before they leave, Rochel steals Lavan's idols • Lavan pursues them, Hashem warns him not to speak with Yaakov • Lavan rebukes Yaakov • Yaakov curses whoever stole Lavan's gods • Yaakov and Lavan make a treaty at Gal'ed • Yaakov encounters a camp of angels upon his return to Eretz Canaan.

Haftarah: The Navi Hoshea reprimands the nation for their misdeeds, admonishing them that their illustrious ancestry will not protect them from punishment. Yet at the same time, Hashem's love for them always leaves a door open to return to him.

Ashkenazim read from Hoshea (12:13-14:10). [Some add Yoel 2:26-27].

613 Taryag Weekly

Vayeitzei: 148 Pesukim • No Mitzvos listed

For the Shabbos Table

הַבָּנוֹת בְּנֹתַי וְהַבָּנִים בְּנֵי וְהַצֹּאֵן צֹאֲנֵי וְכֹל אֲשֶׁר-אֶתָּה לְיָהוּא

"The daughters are my daughters, the sons are my sons, the flock is my flock and everything that you see is mine" (Bereishis 31:43)

The Chofetz Chaim once traveled to Warsaw seeking to obtain a passport, as he wished to emigrate to Eretz Yisrael. The elderly Chofetz Chaim found the bureaucratic office unreasonable in their demands. At that point, in his eighties, he lacked a birth certificate or the ability to gather two witnesses who recalled his birth, which practically speaking would require locating two ninety year olds who originated from his home town of Zittel! The Chofetz Chaim quoted the conversation between Yaakov and Lavan, Yaakov tells Lavan that he has not sinned or taken anything, and a complete search already verified this. Lavan responds that "everything you possess is mine, including your children." As Lavan already searched and found nothing, how can he say everything belongs to him?

The Chofetz Chaim explained that in order to work things out between two parties, each party must recognize the existence of the other side. Lavan's mindset, however, was that Yaakov had no rights or any existence worth reckoning with whatsoever. Thus everything was up for the taking. So, too, expressed the Chofetz Chaim that despite his predicament there was no mercy forthcoming from the bureaucrats for an elderly man, as his status as a Jew gave him no rights to be recognized.

The Chofetz Chaim further compared this to the plight of Polish Jewry who were facing various decrees against religion. If the Polish Government recognized the Jews as a people worthy of human rights and compassion, they would be in a position to advocate for some relief from these edicts. However, the government isn't acknowledging their basic existence, making the predicament untenable. The Chofetz Chaim concluded that many people approached him for advice on the matter, yet he felt that the advice was clearly spelled out in the Gemara. "Rav Eliezer says 'what should a person

do to avoid the birth pangs of Mashiach? He should involve himself in Torah and Chesed' ". The Chofetz Chaim expressed that even if all the sages from previous generations would gather together, no better solution would be found than this!

30 Yom Kodem Ha'chag

HALACHOS OF CHANUKAH

Menorah: Who lights?

Both men and women are obligated in this mitzvah. There is a mitzvah of *chinuch* to train a minor son in this mitzvah. While only the head of household is obligated, the Ashkenazic *minhag* is to (be zealous and) have all male household members light independently. A woman fulfills her obligation via her husband or with the in-home lighting of an adult male household member, even if she is away from home. Ideally, a husband should wait for his wife to return home before lighting, even if he will miss the preferred *zman*. If a husband is away for the night, he may technically fulfill his obligation with his wife's lighting back at home (if he is in a similar time zone). However it is best that he light in his location on his own and have in mind not to be *yotze* through his household. The wife, in turn, should light at home, having in mind as well not to be *yotze* with her husband's lighting.

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Parshas Vayeitzei | November 24-25

	ר"ת	שקיעה שבת	סקש גר"א שבת	סקש מ"א שבת	שקיעה Friday Night	הדלקה עש"ק	פג מנחה עש"ק
Atlanta	6:42	5:30	9:51	9:12	5:30	5:12	4:26
Baltimore	5:57	4:45	9:26	8:44	4:46	4:28	3:45
Boston	5:27	4:15	9:08	8:24	4:15	3:57	3:16
Catskills	5:43	4:31	9:22	8:38	4:31	4:13	3:32
Chicago	5:34	4:22	9:14	8:30	4:23	4:03	3:23
Cleveland	6:12	5:00	9:50	9:06	5:00	4:42	4:00
Detroit	6:15	5:03	9:56	9:12	5:03	4:45	4:04
Lakewood	5:46	4:34	9:18	8:35	4:34	4:16	3:33
Los Angeles	5:56	4:44	9:07	8:28	4:45	4:27	3:41
Miami	6:41	5:29	9:26	8:50	5:29	5:11	4:22
Monsey	5:42	4:30	9:19	8:35	4:31	4:13	3:31
Montreal	5:27	4:15	9:23	8:36	4:16	3:58	3:18
New York	5:43	4:31	9:18	8:35	4:32	4:14	3:31
Orlando	6:40	5:28	9:34	8:57	5:29	5:11	4:23
Passaic	5:43	4:31	9:19	8:35	4:32	4:14	3:31
Philadelphia	5:50	4:38	9:22	8:39	4:38	4:20	3:37
Toronto	5:56	4:44	9:44	8:58	4:45	4:27	3:46
Yerushalayim	5:52	4:35	8:50	8:12	4:36	4:00	3:31

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