



# 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 Shemos 5784  
January 5th • 24 Teves

## Shabbos Mevorchim

This week is Shabbos Mevorchim Chodesh Shevat. Rosh Chodesh is on Thursday, January 11th. The molad is Wednesday morning at 8:45 am and 4 chalakim.

The first opportunity for Kiddush Levanah is Sunday night, January 14th. The final opportunity in the USA is Thursday night, January 25th at 7:45 pm EST.

## Reminders

This week, the week of Parashas Shemos, we begin the weeks of Shovavim TaT. Shovavim is an acronym for the six weekly Torah portions: Shemos, Vaera, Bo, Beshalach, Yisro and Mishpatim - as well as Terumah and Tetzaveh in a Jewish leap year, such as this year. Shovavim is an auspicious time to review the Laws of Taharas Hamishpacha and for introspection regarding our spiritual purity. Some say additional tehillim and other tikunim, while others fast on Mondays and Thursdays during this period.

As the precarious situation in Eretz Yisrael continues, each person should increase reciting tehillim or other mitzvos as a zechus for the many Acheinu Beis Yisrael 'in travail and captivity'.

Daf Yomi - Friday: Bavli: Bava Kamma 64 • Yerushalmi: Terumos 3 • Mishnah Yomis: Kesubos 2:9-10 • Oraysa: Next week is Yoma 49a-51a.

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

Tu B'shvat is on Thursday, January 25th.

## Parshah in a Paragraph

**Shemos:** B'nei Yisrael experiences explosive population growth • Pharaoh conspires to

enslave and diminish the Jewish population • Shifrah and Puah ignore Pharaoh's command to kill the newborn boys • Pharaoh commands that all newborn boys be thrown into the Nile River • Moshe's birth • Yocheved places Moshe on the Nile; Miriam watches from afar • Pharaoh's daughter, Bisyah, discovers and adopts Moshe • Moshe witnesses the oppression of B'nei Yisrael and kills an Egyptian he sees beating a Jew • Moshe intercedes in a fight between two Jews • Moshe's killing of the Egyptian becomes known; Pharaoh seeks to kill him • Moshe escapes to Midyan where he comes to the aid of Yisro's daughters and marries Zipporah • Hashem speaks to Moshe at the burning bush • Moshe is appointed to act as Redeemer, with his brother Aharon to assist him • Moshe returns to Egypt and tells B'nei Yisrael they will be redeemed • Moshe and Aharon confront Pharaoh • Pharaoh increases the Jews' workload • Hashem promises the redemption will be with a mighty arm.

Haftarah: The Parasha discusses how the Bnei Yisrael slowly descended into the galus of Mitzrayim and how the seeds of redemption were planted and began to sprout. The Navi Yeshaya (27:6-28:13, 29:22-23) tells the people that despite the desperate state of the nation there is a redemption looming - if only they cleave tightly to their spirituality.

## 613 Taryag Weekly

**Shemos:** 124 Pesukim • No Mitzvos listed

## For the Shabbos Table

וְהָיָה בַּיָּמִים הָהֵם וַיִּגְדַּל מֹשֶׁה וַיֵּצֵא אֶל-אֶחָיו וַיֵּרָא בְּסִבְלָתָם  
"It happened in those days that Moshe grew up and went out to his brethren and he perceived their burdens"  
(Shemos 2:11)

The Midrash relates that in the merit of Moshe going out - in those days - to observe the plight of his brethren, he merited Hashem's descent from the heavens to speak to him face-to-face. What was unique about Moshe Rabbeinu's action that earned him this great privilege? Also, what was significant about

Moshe taking these actions in those days specifically?

Rav Yosef Elefant shlit"a quotes from Rav Wolbe zt"l that Moshe in those days was living 'the good life' in the house of Pharaoh and yet he sought out the state of his fellow Jews. Rashi says "Nasan einav v'libo", he directed his eyes and his heart to their situation. Rav Wolbe quotes Rav Yerucham Levovitz zt"l as saying that this was the "gantze Moshe Rabbeinu". This encapsulates the greatest leader of all time. The Alter from Kelm (Rav Simcha Zissel Ziv zt"l) further explains that being attentive to another is the first step in coming closer to our Creator. For if one cannot feel the pain of those close by, how can he possibly understand the distress and desires of the Ribbono Shel Olam, Who may seem to be far more distant.

Moshe Rabbeinu, who in that era was living royally, left his own 'comfort zone' to seek out the plight of others. The Ribbono Shel Olam responded that in that merit, He would leave His domain up on high to come down to Moshe and speak to him 'face-to-face'. The situation in Eretz Yisrael remains unstable and affects so many. May our taking to heart their tenuous situation bring about the desired response from Hashem in redeeming Acheinu Bnei Yisrael from danger.

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Atlanta	6:55	5:43	10:13	9:33	5:42	5:24	4:40
Baltimore	6:10	4:58	9:49	9:06	4:57	4:39	3:57
Boston	5:38	4:26	9:31	8:46	4:25	4:07	3:28
Catskills	5:54	4:42	9:45	9:00	4:41	4:23	3:44
Chicago	5:46	4:34	9:37	8:52	4:33	4:13	3:35
Cleveland	6:23	5:11	10:12	9:28	5:10	4:52	4:12
Detroit	6:26	5:14	10:19	9:34	5:13	4:55	4:16
Lakewood	5:58	4:46	9:40	8:57	4:45	4:27	3:46
Las Vegas	5:52	4:40	9:19	8:38	4:39	4:21	3:38
Los Angeles	6:10	4:58	9:28	8:49	4:57	4:39	3:55
Miami	6:56	5:44	9:47	9:11	5:43	5:25	4:37
Monsey	5:54	4:42	9:41	8:57	4:41	4:23	3:43
Montreal	5:38	4:26	9:47	8:59	4:25	4:07	3:29
New York	5:55	4:43	9:41	8:57	4:42	4:24	3:43
Orlando	6:55	5:43	9:55	9:17	5:42	5:24	4:37
Passaic	5:55	4:43	9:41	8:57	4:42	4:24	3:44
Philadelphia	6:02	4:50	9:44	9:01	4:49	4:31	3:50
Toronto	6:07	4:55	10:07	9:21	4:54	4:36	3:58
Yerushalayim	6:05	4:49	9:12	8:33	4:48	4:13	3:45

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