



# 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!'



In Memory of Rav Meir Zlotowitz zt"l

Parashas Chukas 5784  
uly 12th • 6 Tamuz

## Reminders

The final opportunity for Kiddush Levanah in the USA is Motzaei Shabbos Parashas Balak, July 20th.

As the precarious situation in Eretz Yisrael unfortunately continues, each person should increase reciting *tehillim* and performing other *mitzvos* as a *zechus* for the many *Acheinu Beis Yisrael* in travail and captivity as well as for the soldiers in battle.

**Pirkei Avos:** Perek 5

**Daf Yomi - Friday:** Bavli: Bava Basra 17 • Yerushalmi: Maaser Sheni 39 • Mishnah Yomis: Gittin 9:4-5. Siyum Masechta Gittin is on Monday, Mazal Tov! Next is Masechta Kiddushin • Oraysa: Next week is Succah 30a-32a.

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 fast of Shiva Asar B'Tamuz is on Tuesday, July 23rd and marks the beginning of the *Ymei Bein Hametzarim*, the Three Weeks.

## Parshah in a Paragraph

**Chukas:** Laws of the *Parah Adumah* • Miriam dies, the *be'er* (well) stops producing water, and the people complain • Moshe and Aharon are told to bring 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 Amaleik) 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 when

certain lands of Sichon were initially owned by Amon and Moav they 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

וַיִּךְ אֶת־הַסֵּלַע בְּמַטְּהוֹ... יַעַן לֹא־הֶאֱמַנְתָּם בִּי לְהִקְדִּישֵׁנִי

"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 states that this was a *neis* no matter 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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When you have nothing smart to say, say nothing.

-Rabbi Meir Zlotowitz z"l

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Parshas Chukas | July 12-13

	ר"ת	שקיעה שבת	סקש גר"א שבת	סקש מ"א שבת	שקיעה Friday Night	הדלקה עש"ק	פגל מנחה עש"ק
<b>Atlanta</b>	10:01	8:49	10:10	9:25	8:49	8:31	7:20
<b>Baltimore</b>	9:44	8:32	9:31	8:41	8:33	8:15	7:01
<b>Boston</b>	9:32	8:20	9:04	8:09	8:20	8:02	6:46
<b>Catskills</b>	9:44	8:32	9:20	8:26	8:32	8:14	6:59
<b>Chicago</b>	9:36	8:24	9:12	8:17	8:25	8:05	6:51
<b>Cleveland</b>	10:11	8:59	9:48	8:55	9:00	8:42	7:27
<b>Detroit</b>	10:19	9:07	9:52	8:57	9:08	8:50	7:34
<b>Lakewood</b>	9:37	8:25	9:20	8:29	8:26	8:08	6:53
<b>Las Vegas</b>	9:10	7:58	9:10	8:23	7:58	7:40	6:28
<b>Los Angeles</b>	9:17	8:05	9:25	8:40	8:05	7:47	6:36
<b>Miami</b>	9:26	8:14	10:02	9:23	8:15	7:57	6:49
<b>Monsey</b>	9:40	8:28	9:18	8:25	8:28	8:10	6:55
<b>Montreal</b>	9:52	8:40	9:09	8:07	8:41	8:23	7:05
<b>New York</b>	9:38	8:26	9:19	8:26	8:27	8:09	6:54
<b>Orlando</b>	9:37	8:25	10:04	9:23	8:25	8:07	6:59
<b>Passaic</b>	9:39	8:27	9:19	8:26	8:28	8:10	6:55
<b>Philadelphia</b>	9:41	8:29	9:24	8:33	8:29	8:11	6:57
<b>Toronto</b>	10:09	8:57	9:36	8:38	8:58	8:40	7:23
<b>Yerushalayim</b>	9:02	7:46	9:14	8:31	7:46	7:11	6:18

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