



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 Miketz
Shabbos Chanukah 5785
December 28th • 27 Kislev

Shabbos Chanukah

On Erev Shabbos Chanukah, many daven *Minchah* early in order for *Minchah* to precede the lighting of the *Menorah* (to avoid the appearance of a *tartei d'sasrei* - an inherent contradiction - of lighting Shabbos' Menorah lights and then davening Friday's *Minchah*). Menorah lighting may not occur before plag *hamincha* (approximately 1 hour before *shekiah*), and should be performed just before lighting Shabbos candles. The *Menorah* should contain enough oil to burn until a half hour after *tzeis hakochavim* (approximately 1 hour and 45 minutes after Candle Lighting; note that many shorter 'colored candles' do not meet this criterion).

Throughout Chanukah, *Al HaNissim* is added in *Bircas Hamazon* and *Shemoneh Esrei*. On Shabbos Chanukah, the complete *Hallel* is followed by two *Sifrei Torah* being taken out. Seven *Aliyos* are *leined* from the weekly *Parasha (Vayeishev)*. *Maftir* of Chanukah is *leined* from the second Sefer Torah. The *haftarah* of Chanukah follows. *Av Harachamim* is omitted. (Some add Psalm 30 for Chanukah at the end of davening). *Tzidkas'cha* is omitted at *Minchah*.

On Motzaei Shabbos, one should return home without delay and light as soon as possible. The minhag varies as to whether *Havdalah* is followed by *Menorah* lighting, or *Menorah* lighting is followed by *Havdalah*. If one is away for Shabbos Chanukah, it may be preferable to light *Menorah* at his host on Motzaei Shabbos before departing, especially if one will be returning home late. Consult your Rav.

Shabbos Mevorchim

This week is Shabbos Mevorchim Chodesh Teves. Rosh Chodesh is on Tuesday & Wednesday, December 31st - Jan 1st. The *molad* is Monday evening at 5:33 pm and 16 *chalakim*.

There is no Yom Kippur Katan due to Chanukah.

Reminders

On Tuesday & Wednesday, Dec 31st - Jan 1st., Chanukah coincides with Rosh Chodesh, and the full *Hallel* is recited. *Kerias Hatorah* includes two *Sifrei Torah*; the *keriah* of Rosh Chodesh is *leined* from the first Sefer in three *aliyos* (the first two *aliyos* of the usual four are *leined* together), followed by one *aliyah* for Chanukah from the second Sefer. *Mussaf* of Rosh Chodesh follows. *Borchi Nafshi* is recited after the Yom (some add Psalm 30 as well).

There is a praiseworthy *minhag* of giving gifts to the *melamdin* of one's children (R' C. Palaggi zt"l).

This sets an example of *hakaras hatov* for your child and displays the importance of their *chinuch*. A gift accompanied by warm words of thanks is a tremendous source of *chizuk* for our *Rebbeim* and teachers.

After Chanukah, used wicks, cups and oil should be disposed of in a respectful manner (i.e. by placing them in a plastic bag before disposing of them). Some have the minhag to burn the wicks on the last day of Chanukah; others do so at *Bi'ur Chametz* before Pesach.

The first opportunity for Kiddush Levana in the USA is Thursday evening, January 2nd. The final opportunity is late Monday night, January 13th at 4:34 am EST.

Daf Yomi - Shabbos: Bavli: Sanhedrin 11 • Yerushalmi: Shabbos 32 • Mishnah Yomis: Sanhedrin 3:8-4:1 • Oraysa: Next week is Beitza 35a-37a • Kitzur Shulchan Aruch: 139:12-19

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 Asara B'Teves is on Friday, January, 10

Parshah in a Paragraph

Miketz: Pharaoh's dreams • The Sar Hamashkim refers Pharaoh to Yosef • Yosef interprets Pharaoh's dreams as predicting 7 years each of plenty and hunger • Yosef is appointed viceroy over Mitzrayim • Yosef marries Osnas • Menashe and Efraim are born • The famine begins • Yaakov sends the brothers to Mitzrayim for food • Yosef accuses the brothers of spying • After jailing Shimon, Yosef commands them to bring Binyamin • Yosef has their monies returned to their sacks; the brothers fear this is a ploy to harm them • Yaakov resists sending Binyamin • The famine worsens • Yehudah accepts responsibility for Binyamin • The brothers set out with gifts and the returned monies • Yosef is overwhelmed upon seeing Binyamin • The brothers are treated royally and sent home with abundant provisions • Binyamin is framed as stealing the royal goblet and the Shevatim are returned to Mitzrayim.

The second Sefer Torah is opened for the *keriah* of Chanukah which corresponds to the *Korbanos Ha'nesiim* and corresponding day of the Chanukas Hamizbeich.

Haftarah: The *haftarah* of Chanukah (Zecharia 2:14-4:7) is *leined*. The *haftarah* discusses the *Chanukas HaMenorah* during the Second Beis Hamikdash.

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Miketz: 146 Pesukim • No Mitzvos listed

For the Shabbos Table

מִסֵּרְתָּ גְבוּרִים בְּיַד חַלְשִׁים וְרַבִּים בְּיַד מְעֻטִּים וְטָמְאִים בְּיַד טְהוֹרִים

"You placed the mighty in the hands of the weak, the many in the hand of the few, the impure in the hands of the pure" (Al HaNissim - Chanukah)

While we understand that generally the more powerful army and the larger numbers of fighters would generally win the battle, righteousness and purity are not necessarily weaknesses in battle. Why then do we recount "וְטָמְאִים בְּיַד טְהוֹרִים", which indicates that the pure defeating the impure is miraculous in nature?

Rav Yitzchak Feigelstock zt"l explains that aside from being far outnumbered by the nations of the world, Klal Yisrael faces another seemingly insurmountable problem in that essentially the art of war belongs to the nations of Esav and is their specialty (see Rashi Bereishis 49:5). When Klal Yisrael engaged in war, such as by Yehoshua at the City of Ay, they were eventually victorious only through miraculous means that only came about when the battle was fought according to the dictates of Hashem and with complete *emunah* and *bitachon*. When we engage in mere natural methods, Am Yisrael does not have the means to succeed. It is only when the battle is put forth with the proper spiritual structure that we can conquer our enemies. Therefore, we thank Hashem for enabling our victories by giving us the spiritual means and ability to supernaturally conquer our enemies.

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Parshas Mikeitz | December 27-28

	ר"ת	שקיעה שבת	סקש גר"א שבת	סקש מ"א שבת	שקיעה Friday Night	הדלקה עש"ק	פוג מנחה עש"ק
Atlanta	6:49	5:37	10:10	9:30	5:36	5:18	4:34
Baltimore	6:03	4:51	9:46	9:03	4:50	4:32	3:51
Boston	5:31	4:19	9:29	8:44	4:18	4:00	3:21
Catskills	5:47	4:35	9:42	8:57	4:35	4:17	3:37
Chicago	5:39	4:27	9:35	8:50	4:26	4:06	3:29
Cleveland	6:16	5:04	10:10	9:25	5:04	4:46	4:06
Detroit	6:19	5:07	10:17	9:32	5:06	4:48	4:09
Lakewood	5:51	4:39	9:38	8:54	4:38	4:20	3:40
Las Vegas	5:46	4:34	9:16	8:35	4:33	4:15	3:32
Los Angeles	6:04	4:52	9:26	8:46	4:51	4:33	3:49
Miami	6:51	5:39	9:44	9:07	5:38	5:20	4:32
Monsey	5:47	4:35	9:39	8:55	4:34	4:16	3:37
Montreal	5:30	4:18	9:45	8:56	4:17	3:59	3:23
New York	5:48	4:36	9:38	8:54	4:35	4:17	3:37
Orlando	6:49	5:37	9:52	9:14	5:37	5:19	4:32
Passaic	5:48	4:36	9:39	8:55	4:35	4:17	3:37
Philadelphia	5:55	4:43	9:42	8:58	4:42	4:24	3:44
Toronto	6:00	4:48	10:05	9:18	4:47	4:29	3:51
Yerushalayim	5:59	4:43	9:09	8:30	4:42	4:07	3:39

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