



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 Va'eira 5785
January 25th • 25 Teves

Shabbos Mevarchim

This week is Shabbos Mevorchim Chodesh Shevat. Rosh Chodesh is next Thursday, January 30th. The *molad* is Wednesday morning at 6:17 AM and 17 *chalakim*.

Reminders

This week is the second week of the six weeks of *Shovavim*.

Daf Yomi - Shabbos: Bavli: Sanhedrin 39 • Yerushalmi: Shabbos 60 • Mishnah Yomis: Makkos 1:4-5 • Oraysa: Tannis 6b-8b • Kitzur Shulchan Aruch: 46:17-29

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 Bishvat is on Thursday, February 13th.

Parshah in a Paragraph

Va'eira: Hashem reaffirms to Moshe that He will bring the redemption • An overburdened Klal Yisrael cannot absorb Moshe's message • The descendants of Reuven, Shimon and Levi are listed, leading up to Moshe's lineage • Hashem sends Moshe to Pharaoh • Due to a speech impediment, Moshe attempts to defer the role of primary prophet to his brother, Aharon • Hashem appoints Aharon as Moshe's spokesman • Hashem warns Moshe and Aharon of Pharaoh's obstinacy • Aharon's stick becomes a serpent • Pharaoh's sorcerers duplicate this feat, Aharon's stick swallows theirs • The *Makkos* begin: *Dam*, then *Tzefardei'a*, then *Kinnim* • To escape each *Makkah*, Pharaoh promises to concede, yet reneges each time • The sorcerers fail to duplicate *Makkas Kinnim*, and acknowledge that Moshe's is empowered by Hashem • With *Makkas Arov*, Pharaoh offers compromise, allowing sacrifices in *Mitzrayim* • Moshe insists on leaving *Mitzrayim* to bring sacrifices • The *Makkah of Dever* is followed by *Shechin* and *Barad* • Egyptians who heeded Moshe's warning to shelter their animals are spared • Each *Makkah* lasts 7 days • Pharaoh appears to surrender, yet retracts when *Barad* is over.

Haftarah: The Navi Yechezkel (Yechezkel 28:25-29:21) relays a prophecy that there will be another episode where an Egyptian Pharaoh will suffer defeat, this time at the hands of Nevuchadnetzar,

on account of his failure to come to the aid of the Jewish nation.

613 **Taryag Weekly**

Va'eira: 121 Pesukim • No mitzvos listed

For the Shabbos Table

וַיְצַוּם אֱלֹהֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל וְאֶל־פַּרְעֹה מֶלֶךְ מִצְרַיִם לְהוֹצִיא אֶת־בְּנֵי־יִשְׂרָאֵל מֵאֶרֶץ מִצְרַיִם

And He commanded them regarding the B'nei Yisrael and regarding Pharaoh the King of Egypt to send out the B'nei Yisrael from the land of Egypt (Shemos 6:13)

The *pasuk* states that the command to set the Jews free was addressed to Pharaoh and also to B'nei Yisrael. What command did B'nei Yisrael receive regarding their own freedom from Pharaoh?

The Talmud Yerushalmi (Rosh Hashanah 3:5) explains that it was at that juncture that B'nei Yisrael were commanded in the mitzvah of *Shiluach Avadim*, to release Jewish slaves after a certain period of time. Our *pasuk* ("to send out the B'nei Ysrael") alludes to this commandment. But why were they given this mitzvah specifically at this time?

The Dubno Maggid presents a parable of a man who sheltered a king from a rebellion. After narrowly saving the king from certain death, the man asked, "Your Majesty, what was going through your mind when the rebels were so close to capturing you?" The king responded to this question by condemning the man to death for his exceedingly brazen question. The man was brought to the gallows and the noose was placed around his neck. Suddenly, the king ordered the executioner to halt and remove the noose. He tells the 'condemned' man, "Now you have your answer, now you know how I felt!".

The optimal way to perform *mitzvos bein adam l'chaveiro* is to put oneself in the other person's position and try to understand his needs. And so just now, while the B'nei Yisrael were slaves and anticipating redemption, was the most opportune time for them to understand the mitzvah of *Shiluach Avadim*, as now they were experiencing the plight of an enslaved person. By contemplating how one would want to be treated, a person will be motivated to perform *chesed* and other

interpersonal mitzvos in their highest forms.

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When you have nothing smart to say, say nothing.

-Rabbi Meir Zlotowitz z"l

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Atlanta	7:14	6:02	10:14	9:35	6:01	5:43	4:56
Baltimore	6:31	5:19	9:48	9:07	5:18	5:00	4:15
Boston	6:01	4:49	9:30	8:46	4:48	4:30	3:47
Catskills	6:17	5:05	9:43	9:00	5:04	4:46	4:03
Chicago	6:09	4:57	9:36	8:53	4:56	4:36	3:55
Cleveland	6:46	5:34	10:11	9:29	5:33	5:15	4:31
Detroit	6:49	5:37	10:18	9:34	5:36	5:18	4:35
Lakewood	6:19	5:07	9:40	8:58	5:06	4:48	4:04
Las Vegas	6:12	5:00	9:19	8:39	4:59	4:41	3:55
Los Angeles	6:28	5:16	9:29	8:51	5:15	4:57	4:11
Miami	7:11	5:59	9:50	9:14	5:58	5:40	4:50
Monsey	6:16	5:04	9:40	8:58	5:03	4:45	4:02
Montreal	6:03	4:51	9:44	8:58	4:49	4:31	3:50
New York	6:17	5:05	9:40	8:57	5:04	4:46	4:02
Orlando	7:11	5:59	9:57	9:20	5:58	5:40	4:51
Passaic	6:17	5:05	9:40	8:58	5:04	4:46	4:02
Philadelphia	6:23	5:11	9:43	9:02	5:10	4:52	4:08
Toronto	6:31	5:19	10:05	9:21	5:18	5:00	4:18
Yerushalayim	6:23	5:06	9:14	8:36	5:05	4:30	4:00

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