



tidbits

my father, R' Meir Zlotowitz zt'l, made sure his family was up to date on
from the mundane, to the ordinary, to the 'thanks for reminding me!'

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Rosh Chodesh



This week is Shabbos Mevorchim for Rosh Chodesh Teves. Rosh Chodesh Teves is next Shabbos and Sunday, December 8th and 9th.

The Molad for Chodesh Teves is Friday evening, 10:29 and 13 Chalakim.

There is no Yom Kippur Katan for this Rosh Chodesh.



Davening

This Tuesday night, December 4th, we begin saying *V'sain Tal U'matar* in *bareich aleinu* during Maariv. If one forgets *V'sain Tal*, he can make it up in *shema koleinu*; once he has passed *shema koleinu*, he must go back to *bareich aleinu*. If one already finished Shemoneh Esrei, he must repeat the Tefillah. If one is unsure what he said we assume until 30 days have passed, that he did not say *V'sain Tal U'matar*.

Reminders



Daf Yomi: Erev Shabbos is Chulin 3.

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 do the same!



Next on the Calendar

Chanukah begins this Sunday evening, December 2nd.

The fast of *Asara B'Teves* is on Tuesday, December 18th.

Check your inbox this Motzaei Shabbos for our special Chanukah edition!

Parshah in a Paragraph



VAYEISHEV: Yosef; the favorite son • Yosef's dreams • The brothers plan to kill Yosef • Reuvein convinces them to put him in a pit • While Reuvein is gone, Yosef is sold to merchants • Yehuda and Tamar • Tamar bears Yehuda twins, Peretz and Zarach • Yosef is sold to Potiphar and rises to become his trusted advisor • The wife of Potiphar tempts Yosef • Yosef is wrongfully indicted and is imprisoned • Yosef is given responsibilities in the prison • He correctly interprets the dreams of the wine steward and the chef • Yosef remains in prison •



For the Shabbos Table

"Vayikachu'hu vayashlichu oso hab-orah; v'habor reik, ein bo mayim."

"Then they took him and cast him into the pit, and the pit was empty

with no water was in it." (Bereishis 37:24)

Rashi quotes the Midrash which infers that while there was no water in the pit, there were snakes and scorpions. This Midrash is brought down in Gemara Shabbos (22a) amongst the laws of Chanukah. This needs explanation; what is the connection between this episode of Yosef and the laws of Chanukah?

Many Rishonim explain that even though the Shevatim saw how Yosef survived the pit of snakes and scorpions, they chose not to recognize Yosef's miraculous salvation as an indication that Yosef was indeed righteous. In contrast, the aforementioned Gemara in Shabbos details the halachos relating to *pirsumei nisa*, acknowledging and publicizing the miracles of Chanukah. The Gemara juxtaposes these scenarios to highlight the importance of recognizing Hashem's miracles and their implied messages. This Chanukah, let us take this lesson to heart by recognizing the messages from Hashem in our own lives.



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