



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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Shabbos HaGadol



This Shabbos is Shabbos HaGadol, the Shabbos directly preceding Pesach. Some say that Shabbos HaGadol earned its name because of the great miracle that the Egyptians, who worshipped livestock, did not object when Bnei Yisrael took the Korban Pesach for slaughter.

Many congregations say yotzros after Shacharis. There is a Minhag for the Rabbi of the community to give a shiur on Hilchos Pesach. There is a Minhag to read the Haggadah on the afternoon of Shabbos Hagadol, beginning from "Avadim hayinu" through "Lechaper al Kol Avonoseinu".

Some congregations do not say V'hi Noam on Motzei Shabbos, as the upcoming Friday, Erev Pesach is a quasi Yom Tov.

is in the midst of performing a mitzvah, one should not engage in unrelated conversation until the *bedikah* is completed. One should check all his vehicles as well • One departing his home before Thursday night may need to do a *bedikah* without a beracha on the night before his departure. In addition, someone who rents accommodations prior to or during Yom Tov should consult a Rav regarding how to conduct *bedikah* upon arrival •

Bittul and Biur Chametz: Kol Chamira is recited after *Bedikas Chametz*. This proclamation should be recited in a language which one understands • Although any form of destruction of the chametz is sufficient, the minhag is to burn at least some of the chametz. One should make an effort that this chametz is actually fully burnt •

Reminders



There are restrictions regarding haircuts, shaving and nail cutting on Erev Pesach after chatzos.

The final opportunity for Kiddush Levana is this Thursday, *Leil Bedikas Chametz*, April 18th.

Daf Yomi: Erev Shabbos is Chulin 136. The Siyum for Mesechtas Chulin is on Thursday, April 18th, in time for a Siyum on Erev Pesach for Bechorim. The next Mesechta is Bechoros, which has 60 Blatt.

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!



Parshah in a Paragraph

METZORAH: Details of the purification of the Metzora • Tzara'as on structures • Zav • Baal Keri • Niddah • Zavah •

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Parashas Metzora has 90 pesukim, and

contains 11 positive, and 0 negative commandments.

- 1) For a Metzora to undergo the purification process
- 2) A Kohen shall shave the Metzora
- 3) An impure person shall immerse in a Mikvah
- 4) A Metzora shall bring his Korbanos
- 5) To observe Tzara'as of structures
- 6) Laws of the Zav
- 7) A Zav shall bring a Korban
- 8) Tumah of Shichvas Zera
- 9) Laws of Niddah
- 10) Laws of Zavah
- 11) A Zavah shall bring a Korban

Mitzvah Highlight: "U'vo asher lo habayis" (14:35) "And the one who owns the [Tzara'as-afflicted] home shall come."

Hashem, in His great mercy, takes a soft approach by first putting Tzara'as on a sinner's home. Only if the does not take heed and do teshuva does He punish with Tzara'as on his clothing or eventually his body.

For the Shabbos Table



"V'im dal hu v'ein yado maseges" "If he is impoverished and cannot afford" (Vayikra 14:21)

The Halacha dictates that a Metzora must bring a Korban of a sheep. If he cannot afford it, he can suffice with bringing two turtle doves instead. However, if one has the means to bring an animal, and brings birds instead, he has not fulfilled his obligation.

The Chofetz Chaim comments on how we may erroneously compare ourselves to others in our mitzvah performance, resulting in either feeling bad that we are not doing as much, or conversely lowering our self-expectations to the status quo. This Halachah practically demonstrates the fault in this tendency. A person is obligated to give not based on what society around him, but rather according to his own means and strengths. One must take stock of his own resources, and give of himself accordingly.



Chametz

The Mitzvas Asei D'orayso of Tashbisu requires one to rid himself of chametz. This is accomplished via three actions: *Mechiras Chametz*, *Biur Chametz* and *Bittul Chametz*.

Mechiras Chametz: One should complete his *Mechiras Chametz* with his own Rav • There is a time-honored custom to provide the Rav payment for this service; this is an opportunity to display appreciation • One who owns chametz in a different time zone (ex. apartment in Israel) runs into various difficulties and should consult with his Rav • For a number of reasons, even someone who removes all chametz from his home should nevertheless conduct a *Mechiras Chametz* •

Bedikas Chametz: *Leil Bedikas Chametz* is this Thursday evening, April 18th • It is important that the *bedikah* be done at the proper time, at the beginning of the night • The prevalent minhag is for the home to be clean and orderly, and the sold chametz stored away before the *bedikah*. The *bedikah* should serve to re-check that everything was cleaned for Pesach and remains chametz free • There is a minhag to hide 10 pieces of chametz • The beracha of "al biur chametz" is said before beginning the *bedikah*. As one

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