

# 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!'

March 1st, 2019 • Parashas Vayakhel



#### Rosh Chodesh



This week is Shabbos Mevorchim for Rosh Chodesh Adar II. Rosh Chodesh Adar II is this Thursday and Friday, March 7th and 8th. The Molad for Chodesh Adar II is Wednesday at 12:41 pm and 16 Chalakim.



#### Reminders

This week we *lein* Parshas Shekalim, the first of the *Daled Parshiyos*. Many congregations say the *yotzros* for Parshas Shekalim after Shacharis, and again during the *Chazaras HaShatz* of Mussaf.

Next Motzaei Shabbos, March 9th, we will be changing the clock one hour ahead to DST.

Daf Yomi: Erev Shabbos is Chullin 94.

Make sure to call your parents (and in laws), grandparents and Rebbi 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



Ta'anis Esther is on Wednesday, March 20th

Purim is on Thursday, March 21st



#### Parshah in a Paragraph

VAYAKHEL: Moshe assembles Bnei Yisroel and tells them about Shabbos • The instructions regarding collecting materials and constructing the Mishkan • The men,

following the women's lead, bring more materials than needed •The Nesi'im bring the Avnei Shoam and the Avnei Miluim • Betzalel has been given divine talent • Moshe tells the people to stop bringing materials • Further details of the Mishkan, including the panels and beams • The creation of the Keilim in detail • The construction of the courtyard using curtains and pillars •

#### Taryag Weekly



Parashas Vayakhel contains 1 Mitzva, 1 negative commandment.

"Lo seva'aru aish bechol moshvoseichem b'yom hashabbos" (Shemos 35:03)

This is the prohibition of kindling a fire on the Shabbos. This prohibition is listed separately to teach us that kindling a fire on Shabbos, unlike the other Shabbos prohibitions, is a simple negative commandment. The punishment for transgressing this command is *Malkos* alone, while those who break the other Shabbos laws may be penalized with the death penalty.

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#### For the Shabbos Table

"Vayavei es habadim bataba'os...Vaya'as kapores zahav"

"He inserted the poles in the rings...and he made a lid of pure gold... " (Shemos 37:5)

During the assemblage of the Aron, the Torah commanded that the Luchos should be placed inside, followed by the insertion of the *Badim*, the poles with which the Aron was carried, and finally the Aron's cover. Seemingly, the *Badim* are merely an external device used to carry the Aron. Why did the Torah specify that they were

to be affixed prior to placing the cover on the Aron?

Rav Yaakov Kaminetzky Z"L explains that the *Badim* were an intrinsic part of the Aron, not an accessory. The Meshech Chochma in Parshas Terumah states that the *Badim* represent Torah supporters. This shows us that those who carry the burden of assisting Torah study are not an "accessory" to the cause. Rather, they are fundamentally a part of the Torah they support.

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