



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 8th • Parashas Pikudei



Reminders



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

The first opportunity for Kiddush Levannah is this Motzaei Shabbos, March 9th. The final opportunity is Purim night, Wednesday, March 20th at 10:42PM.

Daf Yomi: Erev Shabbos is Chullin 101.

This Shabbos, Sefardim lein the Haftarah of Vayakhel, while Ashkenazim lein Pekudei. There is a difference in minhag regarding which Haftarah we lein when Pekudei is leined separately from Vayakhel during a leap year.

Make sure to call your parents (and 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

Ta'anis Esther is in one week from Wednesday, March 20th

Purim is in one week from Thursday, on Thursday, March 21st.

Parshah in a Paragraph



PIKUDEI: An accounting of the materials used for the Mishkan • The *Bigdei Kehunah* are created • Everything is completed as Hashem commanded • Moshe blesses the workers • Hashem commands Moshe to erect the Mishkan • On Rosh Chodesh Nissan, Moshe erects the

Mishkan and anoints the Keilim • Moshe dresses Aharon and sons in the *Bigdei Kehunah*, and anoints them • The Ananei HaKavod rests on the Mishkan • Hashem's Glory fills the Mishkan and Moshe cannot enter • Description of how Bnei Yisroel travel based on the movement of the Ananei HaKavod •

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Taryag Mitzvos Weekly

Parashas Pikudei does not list any specific Mitzvos.

For the Shabbos Table



"Eileh pikudei HaMishkan Mishkan ha'eidus"

"These are the accountings of the Mishkan, the Mishkan of the testimony" (Shemos 38:21)

The Midrash on this pasuk explains that the repetition of the words "*HaMishkan, Mishkan*" are an allusion to the two Batei Mikdash, which were tragically destroyed due to sin. It seems out of place to hint to the destruction of the Batei Mikdash now. Why does the pasuk do so?

Rav Moshe Feinstein, zt"l provides an insightful answer to his question. In our parashah, Moshe Rabbeinu made a public accounting of all the materials donated to the Mishkan, and in what way they were used. This public accounting served a dual purpose, one being that no one should suspect him of appropriating the materials, and secondly, that he himself should not be tempted to do so! Surprisingly, Moshe Rabbeinu, the greatest of our prophets and a Godly man, felt it worthwhile to place precautions to ensure he would not succumb

to petty thievery.

But how does this relate to our original question? Rav Moshe zt"l explains that the generation of the Churban were lax in instituting safeguards from sin; the polar opposite of the vigilance demonstrated by Moshe Rabbeinu in our parashah. They neglected to set up adequate borders against transgressions. Tragically, by placing too much faith in their ability to resist temptation, they succumbed to their desires, ultimately leading to the destruction of the Batei Mikdash alluded to by the Midrash. Be'H, by being careful to make misdeeds the difficult option and by enforcing our boundaries, we can be zocheh to the rebuilding of the Bais HaMikdash speedily in our days.



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