

## 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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## Reminders



During Kerias HaTorah of Parshas Yisro, the Aseres HaDibros are leined. Many congregations have the minhag to stand. Most Sephardic congregations do not follow this practice.

Daf Yomi: Erev Shabbos is Chullin 59.

Make sure to call your parents, in-laws, grandparents, and Rebbi to wish them a good Shabbos. If you didn't speak to your kids to-day, make sure to do the same!



Next on the Calendar

Shabbos Mevorchim for Rosh Chodesh Adar I is next week, Shabbos Parshas Mishpatim.

## Parshah in a Paragraph



YISRO: Yisro and Moshe's family arrive • Yisro praises Hashem • Yisro witnesses Moshe's schedule and suggests a system of judges • Yisro's system is implemented • Moshe escorts Yisro as he leaves • Arrival at Har Sinai • Moshe ascends the mountain • Moshe prophetically tells Bnei Yisrael that they are the chosen nation and

must live up to it • Bnei Yisrael respond "Naaseh venishmah" • Hashem tells Moshe that He will reveal Himself to ensure the eternal faith of Bnei Yisrael • Bnei Yisrael prepare for the revelation for three days • Boundaries are set along the mountain • Hashem's glory descends on Sinai in an awe-inspiring manner • Moshe warns Bnei Yisrael not to approach • The first two commandments are spoken by Hashem • The remaining are recited by Moshe • Anochi Hashem - I am Hashem • Lo sehive lecha - No idolatry • Lo sisa - No swearing in vain • Zachor es yom haShabbos - Shabbos • Kabed es avicha - Honor parents • Lo tirtzach - No murder • Lo tinaf - No adultery • Lo tignov - No theft • Lo saaneh - No false testimony • Lo sachmod - No jealousy • The intense fear and trembling of the event are described • Prohibition against making idols • Laws regarding altars •



For the Shabbos Table

"Lo sachmod beis rei'echa, lo sachmod eishes rei'echa, v'avdo, vaamoso, veshoro, vachamoro, vechol asher l'reecha"

"You shall not covet your fellow's home, his wife, maidservant, ox or anything that belongs to your fellow." (Shemos 20:14)

After the Torah delineates so many examples of what not to covet, why was it necessary to add "or anything that belongs to him"? Isn't that implied by the pasuk's description?

Rav Yaakov Galinsky explains that the answer lies in looking at the pasuk differently. "V'chol asher l'rayecha" is not a part of the list of things not to be jealous of. Rather, it is sage advice on how to not be jealous. When we are jealous of our friends circumstances, we need to account for the "kol"-"everything"- that comes with them. If we were to have the object of our desire, we would also have "Everything that belongs" to him. We would need to accept the issues, worries, and challenges that accompany his good fortune. When confronted with this reality, our jealousy usually dissipates, and we view our situation in a new light. We must recognize that Hashem tailors a custom package specially designed for each of us to fulfill our mission.

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