



# 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



Daf Yomi: Erev Shabbos is Chullin 87.

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

Shabbos Mevorchim for Rosh Chodesh Adar II is next week, Shabbos Parashas Vayakhel-Shekalim.

Rosh Chodesh Adar II is on Thursday, March 7th and Friday, March 8th.

Ta'anis Esther is on Wednesday, March 20th

Purim is on Thursday, March 21st.

## Parshah in a Paragraph



KI SISA: Bnei Yisrael are counted using the *Machatzis Hashekel* • Description of the *Kiyor* • *Shemen HaMishchah* • description of *Ketores* • *Betzalel* and *Oholiav* are appointed to lead the construction • *Mitzvah* of Shabbos • Bnei Yisrael fear that Moshe will not return • *The Chet HaEigel* • Hashem threatens to destroy His people • Moshe intercedes • Moshe shatters the *Luchos* • The *Leviim* execute three thousand men • *Plague* strikes Bnei Yisrael • An angel, not the *Shechinah*, will accompany Bnei Yisrael • Moshe sets up his

tent outside the camp • *Yehoshua* remains with Moshe • Moshe successfully intercedes to have the *Shechinah* escort them • The second *Luchos* • The thirteen attributes of mercy • Bnei Yisrael should not learn from the nations • Observe the holidays • *aliyah l'regel* • First-born animals are to be brought as a *korban* • Shabbos • *basar b'chalav* • Moshe's face shines from *Shechinah*, and he wears a veil to shield it •

the 13 *Middos HaRachamin* to Moshe. It states that Hashem "wore" a tallis like a *shaliach tzibbur*, and instructed Moshe that if he prayed this fashion, Bnei Yisrael would be guaranteed forgiveness. What aspect of the *tefillah* is Hashem telling Moshe to emulate? What is the significance of His 'wearing' a tallis?

The Gemara in *Brachos* (8b) says that Hashem will never dismiss the prayers of group of Jews. However, Jews all over the world gather to pray several times a day, and their *tefillos* don't always seem to be answered. The *Imrei Bina* explains that the Gemara is not simply referring to a number of people praying simultaneously in the same room. Rather, the true intention is an assembly of Jews who pray for each other, who plead their fellow's case before Hashem and ask for his friends success.

This form of *tefillah* is the sort Hashem directed Moshe to emulate. By 'wearing' a tallis, Hashem intimated members of a congregation act as a *shaliach tzibbur* for each other, advocating on their friends behalf, they will be guaranteed forgiveness and salvation.

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## Taryag Mitzvos Weekly

Parashas Ki Sisa contains 9 *Mitzvos*, 4 positive and 5 negative commandments.

*Mitzvah Highlight: "Lo sevasheil gedi bachaleiv imo"*  
"You shall not cook a young animal in its mother's milk" (*Shemos* 34:26)

This *pasuk* is repeated 3 times throughout the *Torah*, and conveys 3 different aspects of the prohibition: eating dairy that's combined with meat, deriving pleasure from dairy that's combined with meat, and cooking dairy and meat together.

## For the Shabbos Table



"*Vayavor Hashem al panav vayikra, Hashem Hashem*"

"And Hashem passed by and He called 'Hashem, Hashem...'"  
"(Shemos 34:6)

The Gemara in *Rosh Hashana* (17b) describes how Hashem demonstrated

## Current Projects



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