



## Rosh Chodesh



This week is Shabbos Mevorchim for Rosh Chodesh Shevat. Rosh Chodesh Shevat is Monday, January 7th.

The Molad for Chodesh Shevat is Sunday morning at 11:13 am and 14 Chalakim.



## Reminders

The first opportunity for Kiddush Levanah is this Wednesday evening, January 9th. The final opportunity is Sunday, January 20th 10:14 PM.

Daf Yomi: Erev Shabbos is Chullin 38

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!

## Next on the Calendar



Tu Bishvat is on Monday, January 21st.



## Parshah in a Paragraph

VA'EIRA: Hashem reaffirms to Moshe that he will bring the redemption • An overburdened Klal Yisrael ignore Moshe • The listing of the descendants of Reuven, Shimon and Levi • Hashem sends Moshe to Pharaoh • Moshe attempts to shy away due to his speech impediment • Aharon is appointed spokesman • Hashem warns Moshe and Aharon of Pharaoh's obstinance • Aharon's stick becomes a serpent • The sorcerers mimic this, but Aharon's stick swallows their stick's • Makkas Dam • Tzefardei'a • Kinnim • The sorcerers are impressed, and advise Pharaoh to concede to Moshe's demands • Arov • Pharaoh offers to compromise by allowing sacrifices in Mitzrayim • Moshe insists on leaving Mitzrayim to bring sacrifices • Dever • Shechin • Barad • Egyptians that heeded Moshe's warning are spared • Each Makkah lasted 7 days • Pharaoh claims to surrender, yet retracts when Barad is over •

## For the Shabbos Table



"Vayifen Pharaoh vayavo el beiso velo shas libo gam lazos"

"Pharaoh turned away and came to his house. He did not take this to his heart either" (Shemos 7:23)

The Midrash says that the plague

of Dam didn't strike Pharaoh's palace. The Meshech Chochmah explains that just as an Egyptian would be able to enjoy water for which he paid a Jew, Pharaoh and his household were unaffected by the makkah, since they already 'paid' for it by raising Moshe Rabbeinu. The Meshech Chochmo further explains that by saying that Pharaoh "turned to his house," it implies that since his own needs were met, Pharaoh couldn't care less about the plight of his people.

This in sharp contrast with the heart of a Jew. The Passuk tells us that when Hashem decided to bring the redemption, he told Moshe, "I also have heard the Jews' cries" (6:4). The Ksav Sofer explains that despite each person's unbearable situation, their hearts grieved for the suffering of their fellow Jews. The cries for their brothers were the ones that Hashem heard. Those were the tears that ultimately led to Klal Yisrael's redemption.



## Current Projects

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