



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!'

January 11th, 2019 • Parshas Bo



Reminders



The final opportunity for Kiddush Levanah is Sunday, January 20th at 10:14 PM.

Daf Yomi: Erev Shabbos is Chullin 45.

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 in one week from this Monday, on January 21st.

Parshah in a Paragraph



Hashem tells Moshe that Pharaoh's obstinacy will result in miraculous plagues • Moshe asks for young and old to leave, Pharaoh concedes to only the men leaving • Arbeh – Swarms of locust consume all greenery • Choshech – 3 days of darkness followed by 3 days of paralyzing darkness • Pharaoh agrees to let Bnei Yisroel go if their livestock stay behind • Pharaoh warns Moshe not to return • Commandment to borrow expensive vessels from Egyptians

before departing • Warning of the final Makkas Bechoros • Hashem gives the mitzvos of kiddush hachodesh and korban pesach • Bnei Yisroel put blood on their doorposts so the Makkah will pass over their homes • Mitzvah of Matzah • Mitzvah of Chag HaPesach for generations • Makkas Bechoros • Pharaoh begs Bnei Yisrael to leave • Bnei Yisroel rush to leave before their dough could rise • 600,000 adult males leave along with their families • The commemoration of the Exodus for generations to come via mitzvas bechor, Chag HaPesach, and Tefillin •



For the Shabbos Table

"U'shamartem es hamatzos ki b'etzem hayom hazeh hotzeisi es tzivoseichem mei'erezt Mitzrayim"

"You shall guard the Matzos for on this very day I will have taken out your legions from Egypt." (Shemos 12:17)

According to Chazal, our pasuk can be referring to guarding the matzos or guarding the mitzvos, as they are spelled the same. What does guarding mitzvos, and guarding matzos have to do with each other?

The Beis Yisroel of Gur explains

that mitzvos and matzos are very similar. A mitzvah done with alacrity and excitement generates a higher quality mitzvah. The opposite is also true. When one delays doing a mitzvah, his excitement towards it wears away, adversely affecting the mitzvah's quality. The same can be said with regard to matzah. If the dough is taken care of right away, than the result is kosher matzah; if the dough is left neglected, it quickly deteriorates into chametz.

This idea also flows with the end of our pasuk. The pasuk says that Bnei Yisroel was taken out of Egypt *"b'etzem hayom hazeh,"* "specifically on this day". Chazal explain that if Bnei Yisroel were allowed to remain in Egypt for even one more moment, they would have descended into a state of spiritual impurity impossible to escape from. Like matzah, and like mitzvos, Bnei Yisrael needed to be swiftly redeemed, lest they lose their spiritual essence.

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