



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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Rosh Chodesh



This week is Shabbos Mevorchim for Rosh Chodesh Cheshvan. Rosh Chodesh Cheshvan is next Tuesday and Wednesday, October 9th and 10th.

The Molad for Chodesh Cheshvan is Tuesday evening at 9:01:11PM.

There is no Yom Kippur Katan observance for this Rosh Chodesh.



Reminders

Those who have the practice to omit Tachanun until Rosh Chodesh, omit Tzidkas'cha during Mincha on Shabbos as well.

The first opportunity for Kiddush Levanah is next Motzaei Shabbos, October 13th. The final opportunity is Tuesday evening, October 23rd.

Daf Yomi: Erev Shabbos is Menachos 56.

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



The fasts of *Behab* begin on Mon-

day, October 15th.

We will be changing back the clock from DST on Motzaei Shabbos, November 3rd.

Chanukah begins on Motzaei Shabbos, December 1st.



Parshah in a Paragraph

The First Day - creation of the world, starting with light, day and night | The Second Day - the sky | The Third Day - earth and seas, vegetation and seeds | The Fourth Day - sun, moon and stars | The Fifth Day - fishes and birds | The Sixth Day - beasts of the earth and Adam and Chavah | The Seventh Day - blessed and holy rest | Adam and Chavah are placed in the garden | The Tree of Knowledge is forbidden to him | The affair of the serpent | The serpent, Chavah and Adam are cursed | Adam and Chavah are expelled from the garden | Kayin and Hevel | Hashem warns Kayin about the nature of the evil inclination | Kayin kills Hevel | Lemech kills Kayin | Sheis is born | The ten generations leading up to Noach | Hashem regrets creating man and resolves to obliterate mankind | But Noach found favor in His Eyes.

For the Shabbos Table



"Vayakam Kayin el Hevel achiv va'yehargei'hu"

"Kayin rose against his brother Hevel, and he killed him" (Bereishis 4:8)

One can ask, that it does not seem that Hevel committed any sins in his short life; in fact, his Korban was accepted by Hashem. That being the case, why did Hevel deserve such harsh punishment?

Rav Nachum Partzovitz, quoted by Rav Elya Baruch Finkel, explains. From earlier verses, it is clear that Kayin looked obviously distressed when Hashem did not accept his Karbon. It's reasonable to assume that Hevel saw Kayin's disappointment. However, it does not seem that Hevel attempted to comfort his brother in any way. On Hevel's level, that is considered an egregious sin. Chazal say *"yesh koneh olamo beshaa achas"*; literally translated as, "Some acquire their portion in the world to come in one moment." However, the Ba'alei Mussar alternatively explain that *"beshaa"* can mean "giving consideration." Chazal are teaching "Some acquire their world by giving consideration once," by being mindful and attentive to a friend in need. If Hevel had shown consideration for his brother in pain, he may have "acquired his world" by deserving to be spared from his brother's anger.

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