



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!'

May 10th • Parashas Kedoshim



Reminders



Correction: Eretz Yisrael will be one parashah ahead of *Chutz La'aretz* until Shabbos, August 3rd, when those in *Chutz La'aretz* will lein a double parashah, *Mattos-Masei*. One who is traveling to or from Eretz Yisroel during this time period should bear this in mind

The days of *Behab* are this Monday, May 13th, Thursday, May 16th, and Monday, May 20th. Many congregations say *Selichos* on the days of *Behab*. A *Mi Shebeirach* is said before *Mussaf* this Shabbos for those who fast on *Behab*.

The final opportunity for *Kiddush Levana* is Sunday, May 19th at 2:11 am.

Pirkei Avos: Chapter 2

Daf Yomi: Erev Shabbos *Is Bechoros* 23.

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 today, make sure to do the same!

Parshah in a Paragraph



KEDOSHIM: Be holy like Hashem • Korban of *Asham Shifcha Charufa* • Do not profane your child and demoralize the land • Love the Ger • Punishment for *Molech* worshipers and for silent bystanders • Punishment for forbidden relations • Our holiness and the higher standard demanded thereof •

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Taryag Mitzvos Weekly

1) Fear your parents. 2-3) Do not recognize or manufacture Idols. 4) Do not eat leftovers from a korban. 5-6) Do not harvest a field entirely; leave a *Pe'ah* area for the poor. 7-8) Do not gather remnants of the harvest; leave them for the poor. 9-10) Do not harvest the small grapes; leave them for the poor. 11-12) Do not gather remnants from the vineyard; leave them for the poor. 13) Do not steal covertly. 14-15) Do not deny or swear falsely about financial claims. 16) Do not swear falsely in the name of Hashem. 17) Do not retain others' possessions forcibly. 18) Do not steal openly. 19) Do not withhold wages. 20) Do not curse anyone, even a deaf man. 21) Do not place a stumbling block before the blind by giving bad advice. 22) Do not corrupt the judicial process. 23) Do not treat litigants unequally. 24) Judge people favorably. 25) Do not peddle gossip. 26) Do not stand by when another is in jeopardy. 27) Do not harbor hatred. 28-29) Deliver effective rebuke; do not rebuke in an embarrassing manner. 30-31) Do not exact revenge or harbor vengeful resentment. 32) Love your friend like yourself. 33-34) Do not crossbreed livestock or plants. 35) Do not benefit from the first 3 years' produce of a tree. 36) Eat the fruits from fourth year in *Yerushalayim*. 37) Do not eat in a gluttonous manner. 38-39) Do

not act based on omens or lucky times. 40) Do not cut off peyos. 41) Do not shave a beard with a razor. 42) Do not tattoo. 43) Revere the Temple. 44) Do not inquire about the future. 45) Do not engage in necromancy. 46) Stand for Torah scholars and elders. 47-48) Do not use inaccurate tools of measurement in business; ensure that they are accurate. 49) Do not curse parents. 50) *Beis Din* should mete out the punishment of *Sereifa*. 51) Do not follow the ways of the nations.

For the Shabbos Table



"Lo sikom v'lo sitor es bnei amecha"
"You shall not take revenge or bear a grudge against your fellow" (*Vayikra* 19:18)

Chazal explain the parameters of these *mitzvos* with a practical example. One whose request is declined by a friend may be tempted to "return the favor" later down the road. Alternatively, if he does accede to the request, he may do so begrudgingly, letting the friend know that he is assisting despite the friend's past refusal to help. Although it seems natural to react this way, the *Chofetz Chaim* shows the true ludicrousness of such behavior with a humorous parable. A person has spent his day searching for a fellow named *David*. He asks a passerby, "Are you perhaps *David*?" The fellow replies in the negative. Our friend asks angrily, "But why not?"

When a friend turns down a request, although it may feel personal, in relation to you it simply means that Hashem decided your needs should not be met from him. To begrudge the friend because of a Divine decree is akin to begrudging a stranger for not being *David*. With Hashem's help, we can apply this understanding to every aspect of our lives.

Next on the Calendar



Pesach Sheini is in one week from Sunday, on Sunday, May 19th.

Lag B'Omer is in one week from Thursday, on Thursday, May 23rd.

Rosh Chodesh Sivan is on Tuesday, June 4th.

Shavuot begins *Motza'ei Shabbos*, June 8th, and is a three day *Yom Tov*.

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