

Parashas Shelach 5782 • June 24th • Sivan 25

Shabbos Mevorchim

This week is Shabbos Mevorchim Chodesh Tamuz. Rosh Chodesh is this Wednesday and Thursday. The molad is Wednesday morning at 6:48 AM and 3 chalakim.

Reminders

Eretz Yisrael remains one Parashah ahead and will *lein* Parashas Korach.

The first opportunity for Kiddush Levana is Motzaei Shabbos Parashas Korach, July 2nd. The final opportunity is Tuesday, July 12th (USA).

Pirkei Avos: Chapter 3

Daf Yomi: Erev Shabbos is Yevamos 109

Mishnah Yomis: Erev Shabbos is Terumos 3:2-3

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!

Next on the Calendar

The first day of Rosh Chodesh Tamuz marks the 5th Yahrzeit of Rav Meir Zlotowitz z"l. Rabbi Zlotowitz founded the Artscroll series which revolutionized Torah learning and advanced mitzvah observance in the English speaking world and beyond.

If you would like to send a kvittel to the kever to be delivered by his family please go to klalgovoah.org/yahrzeit

The fast of Shivah Asar B'Tamuz is observed on Sunday, July 17th. This marks the beginning of the *bein hametzarim* ("The Three Weeks").

Parshah in a Paragraph

Shelach: The Meraglim scout out the land and return with a negative report • Klal Yisrael accepts their report; Hashem says He will eradicate the nation • Moshe davens; *Vayomer Hashem salachti k'dvarecha* • Kalev's reward • The decree of forty years of wandering • The *Ma'pilim* try to enter Eretz Canaan and are defeated • *Nesachim* (libations) are to be brought along with offerings • Mitzvah of *Hafrashas Challah* • The offerings for an individual or an entire community who sin in idolatry • The *Mekosheish Eitzim* • The mitzvah of *Tzitzis* and *Techeiles* reminds us of all of Hashem's mitzvos

Haftarah: The haftarah (Yehoshua 2:1-24) speaks of the Meraglim whom Yehoshua sent to scout out Eretz Yisrael before capturing it. Although the Meraglim in the parashah were lacking faith in Hashem (*see For the Shabbos Table*), these Meraglim however were sent with full faith in Hashem and sought only to assess the exact time to launch the bnei yisrael's conquest.

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Shelach • 119 Pesukim • 2 Obligations • 1 Prohibition

1) Separate Challah from dough and give it to the kohen. 2) Place *tzitzis* on a four cornered garment. 3) Do not allow thoughts that are antithetical to the Torah to affect you; do not pursue materialism.

Mitzvah Highlight: The Sefer HaChinuch explains that Hafrashas Challah transforms bread from a physical entity alone to a vehicle through which Bnei Yisroel perform a mitzvah. The ubiquitous nature of bread as a source of nutrition allows for maximum performance of the mitzvah and opportunity to earn merits

For the Shabbos Table

“ועד־אנה לא־יאמינו ב'”

“Until when will they lack faith in Me” (Bamidbar 14:11)

This pasuk implies that the misdeed of the *Meraglim* and the Bnei Yisrael was their lack of faith in Hashem to guide them to Eretz Yisrael. However, the Torah later admonishes the *Meraglim* for speaking ill and denigrating Eretz Yisrael. How do we correlate these two reasons given for the sin of the *Meraglim*?

The Gemara (Bava Basra 142b) says that, generally, one cannot transfer ownership of an object to a fetus. The Rashbam explains that this is due to absence of *semichas da'as* (confidence and reliance) that the unborn child will be born and ultimately grow to take possession of his gift. An exception is that a father may transfer ownership to his fetus. Although his child is not in this world yet, the love and excitement

which he has for the child enables him to envision the child before him, leaving no room for doubt that the transaction will materialize.

Rav Pam zt"l explains that the negative report of the *Meraglim* was a result of a lack of love and enthusiasm for Eretz Yisrael and the blessing it would be for the nation. This lack of appreciation allowed for the cultivation of doubt, whereby they could not envision successfully capturing the land. Had they appreciated Eretz Yisrael, they never would have doubted the Ribbono Shel Olam's plan to bring them to Eretz Yisrael.

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*When you have
nothing to say,
say nothing.*

-Rabbi Meir Zlotowitz z"l


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