

Parashas Terumah • Parashas Zachor • Feburary 19th • 7 Adar 5781

Reminders

This week we Lein Parashas Zachor (Parashas Ki Seitzei, end). One should have in mind to fulfill the positive Torah commandment of Zechiras M'chiyas Amalek, remembering to erase Amalek. Many congregations say Yotzros for Parashas Zachor during Shacharis. Two Sifrei Torah are taken out. The Haftarah for Parashas Zachor is Leined. Av Harachamim is omitted.

Men who inadvertently missed the Leining should speak to a Rav about alternate ways and times to fulfill this obligation. Women's obligation in this Mitzvah is a matter of dispute, although most women make an effort to hear the Leining in Shul. If a woman doesn't hear the Leining, many Poskim advise that she can simply read the Pesukim from a Chumash. [R' Moshe Feinstein (along with most poskim) prohibits taking out a sefer Torah specifically to lein Parashas Zachor for women.]

The final opportunity for Kiddush Levana (in the USA) is Thursday, Purim night, February 25th.

Daf Yomi: Erev Shabbos is Pesachim 90

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

Taanis Esther is this Thursday, Feb. 25th.

Purim is next Erev Shabbos(!), Friday, Feb. 26th.

Pesach begins on Motzaei Shabbos, March 27th.

613 Taryag Weekly

TERUMAH: 96 Pesukim • 2 Obligations • 1 Prohibition

1) Assemble the Mishkan and its accompanying vessels. 2) Do not remove the Aron's poles from its rings. 3) Arrange the Lechem Hapanim on the Shulchan each week.

Mitzvah highlight: In any object or area in which one performs a Mitzvah, Hashem bestows blessing in return. By performing the Mitzvah of Lechem Hapanim with bread, we draw Hashem's blessings on our bread so that we will have sufficient food and sustenance.

Parshah in a Paragraph

TERUMAH: Campaign to collect building materials for the Mishkan • "They shall make for Me a sanctuary and I will dwell among them" • The Aron • The Kappores and Keruvim from upon which Hashem's voice was heard • The Shulchan • The Menorah • The curtain layers of the roof • The beams and the supporting sockets • The Paroches • Arrangement of the K'lei Hamishkan • The outside Mizbe'ach • The courtyard's construction of pillars, sockets, and curtains

Sheloshim Yom Kodem L'Chag

MEGILLAH: One must focus to hear every word of Megillas Esther. One should have in mind to be Yotze the reading along with the three Berachos (Al Mikra Megillah, She'asa Nissim & Shehecheyanu) recited by the Baal Koreh. Additionally, during the daytime recitation, one should intend that the Berachah of Shehecheyanu should apply to all four Mitzvos of Purim. The Baal Koreh folds his Megillah as a 'letter' would be folded. Following the night-time Leining, the Baal Koreh makes the Beracha of Harav Es Riveinu,

followed by Asher Heini, Shoshanas Yaakov and V'ata Kadosh. Asher Heini is not recited by day. By a women's reading, the Beracha of Leshmoah Megillah is made instead. A child mature enough to listen to the reading is obligated to do so. Many have the custom to bring younger children as well, provided they do not disturb others.

For the Shabbos Table

"Veyikchu li terumah", And they shall take for Me a donation (Shemos 25:8)

The Bnei Yisrael were giving their contributions to the construction of the Mishkan. Shouldn't the Pasuk have thus said "veyitnu li terumah", they shall give to Me a donation? Why say that every Jew will "take" his donation for Hashem's Mishkan?

R' Moshe Feinstein Z"l explains: The Pasuk is teaching us that while it appeared that the Bnei Yisrael here contributed that which was their own, in truth Hashem bestowed upon them all of these riches merely for safekeeping, until they could be utilized for the building of the Mishkan. In reality, then, it is upon their dedicating their wealth with full hearts to the Mishkan that they took Hashem's bounty. Therefore, the Pasuk accurately states that Bnei Yisrael 'shall take for Me a donation'.