

**Parashas Bereishis • October 16th • 28 Tishrei**

 **Shabbos Mevorchim**

This week is Shabbos Mevorchim for Chodesh Cheshvan. Rosh Chodesh Cheshvan is this Sunday and Monday, October 18th and 19th. The Molad is Shabbos morning at exactly 3:23am. The Haftarah of Machar Chodesh is Leined. Tzidkas'cha is omitted by Mincha on Shabbos.

There is no Yom Kippur Katan for this Rosh Chodesh (as this month already had a Yom Kippur).

 **Reminders**

Beginning with Bereishis we begin a new cycle of Shnayim Mikra V'echad Targum, for which the Gemara (Berachos 8) says one is rewarded with Arichas Yamim. Can one fulfill the obligation to read Targum by reading an alternate translation such as English? Consult your Rav.

We began saying Mashiv HaRuach on Shemini Atzeres. One who forgets Mashiv Haruach, and has begun the Berachah of Ata Kodosh, must repeat Shemoneh Esrei. An exception would be someone accustomed to saying Morid Hatal (i.e. Nussach Sefard); he needs not repeat Shemoneh Esrei. If one realizes his error before beginning the Berachah of "Atah Kadosh," he may immediately say "Mashiv Haruach..." and continue from there. If one is unsure, we assume for the first 30 days that he did not say Mashiv Haruach because he is unaccustomed to saying it. One who repeats the phrase "Mechayei Meisim Attah Rav L'hoshia, Mashiv Haruach u'Morid Hageshem" 90 times can be halachically presumed as accustomed to saying it. he would not need to repeat Shemoneh Esrei if unsure.

The first opportunity for Kiddush Levanah

is Monday night October 19th, at 8:23pm. The final opportunity is Thursday night, Oct. 29th.

Daf Yomi: Erev Shabbos is Eiruvin 68

Make sure to call your parents, inlaws, 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 in one week, on Monday, October 26th.

We will move the clock back one hour - changing from DST to Standard Time - on Motzaei Shabbos Parashas Lech Lecha, October 31st.

Chanukah begins on Thursday Night, December 10th.

 **Parshah in a Paragraph**

**Bereishis:** The First Day - creation of the world, starting with light (and day and night) • The Second Day - the sky, separation of waters • The Third Day - earth and seas, vegetation and seeds • The Fourth Day - sun, moon and stars • The Fifth Day - fish 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 Gan Eden • The Tree of Knowledge is forbidden to them • The serpent entices Chavah to eat of the Tree of Knowledge • The serpent, Chavah and Adam are cursed • Adam and Chavah are expelled from the garden • Kayin and Hevel are born • Hashem warns Kayin about the nature of the evil inclination • Kayin kills Hevel • Lemech kills Kayin • Sheis is born • Ten generations lead to Noach • Hashem regrets creating man and resolves to obliterate mankind • But Noach found favor in Hashem's Eyes.

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**Bereishis:** 146 Pesukim • 1 Commandment

Peru U'revu, a man must marry and bear a son and a daughter

 **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)

We know everything that occurs is just; that being the case, why was Hevel deserving and destined to be killed by his own brother?

Rav Nachum Partzovitz, quoted by Rav Elya Baruch Finkel, explains that from earlier verses it is clear that Kayin looked obviously distressed when Hashem did not accept his Korban. 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. Chazal say "Yesh Koneh Olamo Besh'a'ah Achas," literally translated as "Some acquire their portion in the World [to Come] in one moment." However, the Ba'alei Mussar explain that "Besh'a'ah" can mean "pay attention." Thus, the phrase now reads "Some acquire their world by being attentive even once," by being mindful of a friend's need in just one instance. 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 rage.

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