



Parshas Vayakhel-Pekudei, HaChodesh

FRIDAY NIGHT, MARCH 13

- » Mincha/Kabalas Shabbos/Maariv 7:00 PM
- » Candles 7:15 PM
- » Sunset 7:33 PM

SHABBOS DAY, MARCH 14

- » **Shacharis 8 AM followed by Kiddush in shul.**
- » 15-min Pirkei Avos Shiur for Women and Kedushas Levi Chabura for Men following Kiddush
- » Women & Children S”S at Rich Home 6:00 PM
- » **Parsha Deep-Dive** with Rabbi Yaakov Rich in shul 6:35 PM
- » Mincha 7:05 PM
- » Sunset 7:34 PM
- » Maariv 8:17 PM
- » Shabbos Ends (50 min) 8:25 PM
- » Rabbeinu Tam (72 min) 8:47 PM

A WISE MAN WOULD SAY: “INFORMATION FEEDS THE MIND, KNOWLEDGE FUELS THE WILL, AND WISDOM FULFILLS THE SOUL.”

REFUAH SHELAIMA

Men

- » Daniel Ze’ev ben Miriam (Brother of Josh Rothstein)

Women

- » Ester bas Sarah (Aunt of Yoseif Goldenberg)
- » Layah Leilech bas Shulamis (Friend of Shira Martin)
- » Devorah bas Heni (Friend of Aviva Bass)
- » Shoshana Gittel bas Chaya Leah (Sister of Naomi Goldberg)

KIDDUSH SPONSORSHIP

- » Kiddush is sponsored by the members of the GKC.

CTC SCHEDULE OF SHIURIM/TEFILLAH (Week of Mar 15, 2026)

- » Gemara Zevachim, Mon - Fri, 6:00-6:30 AM
- » **Shacharis, 6:30 AM**
- » Amud HaYomi Sanhedrin: Sunday - Friday, 12 -1 PM, On Zoom with Rabbi Yaakov Rich. Email Rabbi Rich for the link.
- » Mincha/Maariv 7:20 PM
- » Beis HaLevi on Emunah 7:50 PM

- » Mishnayos Pesachim (Sun-Thur) 8:20 PM

TIDBITS

Parashas Vayakhel - Pekudei • Parashas Hachodesh • March 14th • 25 Adar 5786

This week is Shabbos Mevorchim Chodesh Nissan. Rosh Chodesh is this Thursday, March 19th. The molad is Wednesday afternoon at 4:34 PM and 13 chalakim.

The first opportunity for Kiddush Levanah is Motzaei Shabbos Parashas Vayikra, March 21st. The final opportunity is in the early morning of the first day of Pesach, April 2nd at 4:35 AM EDT.

Parashas HaChodesh is leined this Shabbos, the Shabbos preceding Rosh Chodesh Nissan. Many congregations say Yotzros during Shacharis and Mussaf. Two Sifrei Torah are taken out, and the special maftir of Parashas HaChodesh (Shemos 12:1-20) is leined from the second sefer. The haftarah for Parashas HaChodesh is leined. Av Harachamim is omitted.

As Kel Mallei may not be said during Chodesh Nissan or before Mussaf of a Shabbos Mevorchim HaChodesh, many have the custom to recite the Kel Mallei this Shabbos during Minchah (or after Kerias Hatorah this Monday, March 16th) for any yahrzeit which falls in Chodesh Nissan.

Chodesh Nissan begins this Thursday, March 19th. For the duration of the month, Tachanun, as well as the Yehi Ratzons recited after Kerias Hatorah, are omitted from the weekday davening. On Shabbos, Av Harachamim (before Mussaf) and Tzidkoscha (after Minchah) are omitted as well. The Kel Mallei recited by one who has a yahrzeit is also not said. Fasting and hespeidim are generally prohibited as well.

The berachah of Bircas Ilanos (a blessing on a newly blossomed fruit tree) is commonly said beginning in the month of Nissan. Some say it should specifically be said during Nissan.

Many have the minhag not to eat matzah from Rosh Chodesh Nissan (although some do not eat matzah starting on Shushan Purim).

One must donate money for Maos Chittim, money which will be used to provide the needy with food during Pesach. The donation may be given from maaser funds.

Shabbos Parashas HaChodesh is this Shabbos, Parshas Vayakhel - Pekudei, and is Shabbos Mevorchim Chodesh Nissan as well.

Parshas Vayakhel-Pekudei, HaChodesh

Leil Bedikas Chametz is on Tuesday evening, March 31st

Pesach begins on the evening of Wednesday April 1st.

VAYAKHEL: Moshe gathers Bnei Yisrael and teaches them about Shabbos - and in particular, the prohibition against igniting a fire • The instructions for collecting materials and constructing the Mishkan • Men, and perhaps even more so, women, bring materials • The Nes'ím bring the precious stones for the Avnei Shoham and Avnei Miluim • Betzalel has been blessed with Divine inspiration and capabilities • Moshe tells the people to stop bringing materials, as even more than needed was collected • Details of the Mishkan boards, curtains, vessels, and the Courtyard curtains and pillars are all repeated.

PEKUDEI: An accounting of the precious metals and materials collected for the Mishkan • The Bigdei Kehunah are fashioned • Everything is completed as Hashem commanded • Moshe blesses the workers • Hashem commands Moshe to erect the Mishkan • On Rosh Chodesh Nissan, Moshe erects the Mishkan and anoints the Keilim • Moshe dresses Aharon and Aharon's sons in the Bigdei Kehunah and anoints them • The Ananei HaKavod rest on the Mishkan • Hashem's Glory fills the Mishkan and Moshe cannot enter • Bnei Yisrael travel based on the movement of the Ananei HaKavod • Chazak Chazak V'nis'chazeik!

PARASHAS HACHODESH: This special keriah of maftir (Shemos 12:1-20) discusses the mitzvah of Kiddush HaChodesh, as well as the commandment in Mitzrayim to sacrifice a sheep for Korban Pesach.

HAFTARAH (PARASHAS HACHODESH): The haftarah (Yechezkel 45:16-46:18) details the inauguration of the third Beis HaMikdash. This will take place in Chodesh Nissan and the Korban Pesach will be brought then, in the days of Mashiach.

Parashas Vayakhel • 122 Pesukim • 1 Prohibition

1) Do not carry out a death penalty on Shabbos. Despite the grave sin which deserves severe punishment, the kedushah and serenity of the Shabbos grants a day of rest even to evildoers.

Parashas Pekudei • 92 Pesukim • No mitzvos listed

"Every man whose heart inspired him came; and everyone whose spirit moved him, brought the portion of Hashem" (Shemos 35:21)

The Torah describes the contributors to the construction of the Mishkan, as individuals who were "Nesa'ó Libo" and "Nad'va Rucho". What are these descriptions referring to?

The Ramban explains that nedivus halev refers to those who contrib-

uted materials, and nesa'ó libo refers to the craftsmen who performed the actual work. The Ramban writes that in Mitzrayim, Bnei Yisrael worked only with brick and mortar. Nevertheless, craftsmen emerged able to work skillfully with gold, silver and other fine materials. While the Torah acknowledges that, in the case of Betzalel, his ability was a direct blessing from Hashem, how did Betzalel's assistants come to possess their seemingly new talents?

The Chofetz Chaim (in Toras Habayis §7) writes that people who come forward with dedication to any form of avodas Hashem are granted the abilities to fulfill the tasks that they undertook. One who possesses a true desire and dedication to rise to the task will merit Divine assistance to fulfill his goals. Even one who seems to be lacking in talent will merit Divine assistance and blessing to be able to grow and achieve.