 PARSHAT SHMOT
Torah Tidbits

- Pharaoh enslaved the Jews because he feared they will become too powerful.
- He tells two midwives to kill all of the newborn boys, but changes his decree to just throwing them into a river.
- Yocheved gives birth to a son and hides him. She then puts him in a basket in the river.
- Miriam, Moshe’s older sister, stands by the edge of the river to watch Moshe to make sure he stays safe.
- Pharaoh’s daughter sees him and brings him to the palace.
- When Moshe grows up, he kills an Egyptian that was beating a Jew and fled to Midian.
- Moshe and Zipporah get married and Moshe becomes a shepherd.
- The burning bush episode takes place, and G-d talks to Moshe.
- G-d tells him that he is going to be the messenger for the Jewish people. G-d also appoints Aharon as Moshe’s spokesman.
- Moshe goes to Pharaoh but Pharaoh refuses to let the Jews go.
- G-d promises He will save the Jews.

Yiddish Word of The Week:
To look for - פִּיט

Quote of The Week:
“EVERY ACCOMPLISHMENT STARTS WITH THE DECISION TO TRY”
(Gail Devers)

Shabbat Times:
Edison: 4:27
Highland Park: 4:27
East Brunswick: 4:27
West Orange: 4:26
Livingston: 4:26
Staten Island: 4:26
Basking Ridge: 4:27
Springfield: 4:26
Hillside: 4:26
Elizabeth: 4:26

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Inspirational Story:

Once the Chofetz Chaim was invited by the Rabbi of his neighboring town called Lida to come visit and prevail on the town’s residents to open their wallets and invest in a mikvah for the town. The Chofetz Chaim, who for decades traveled to distant Jewish communities to strengthen Torah observance and prevent Jews from stumbling in sin, accepted the invitation to visit. He came to the town and spoke to many people but hadn’t reached the goal of raising the necessary funds to build the mikvah.

One snowy Friday morning the Chofetz Chaim arose and after prayers announced that he was going to the neighboring town Lida to complete what he started and finish raising the necessary funds for the mikvah. His household was very surprised because the Chofetz Chaim in order to properly honor the Shabbat and stay clear of transgressing it would stop his travels on Thursdays. But here it was Friday and he wanted to travel to another town. Besides it was freezing cold and the roads were frozen over and covered with snow. Besides the danger of travel on such a day the Chofetz Chaim was coming on in years and catching a cold could be dangerous. His household tried talking him out of what they thought was an ill-advised idea which actually went against one of the Chofetz Chaim’s own principals besides the dangers of the road and the dangers to his health.

The Chofetz Chaim would hear none of their dissuasions and said: “They will surely ask me in the world of truth “why didn’t you go?” What should I tell them, that I was cold? Will they accept that excuse?!”

The Chofetz Chaim went and succeeded in his endeavor. He raised the necessary funds for the mikvah in Lida and made it back home on time for Shabbat. (hidabroot.com)

Melacha Of The Week:
Kneading - ψ

- One is not allowed to form a solid or partially-solid object by mixing something with water (like making dough)
  - One can’t make thick mud from mixing water and dirt, and one may not make plaster
  - One is allowed to dip crackers into soup and cookies into water since these foods disintegrate when they get wet

This Week In History:

1627: First issue of the Hebrew printing press of Amsterdam (the Siddur)

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