



# The sorts of tidbits

my father, R' Meir Zlotowitz z"l, made sure his family was up to date on from the mundane, to the profound, to the 'thanks for reminding me!'



Parashas Lech Lecha 5783  
November 4th • 10 Cheshvan

## Reminders

At 2am this Motzaei Shabbos, November 6th, the USA (Arizona excluded) will move their clocks back one hour, shifting from DST to Standard Time (Eretz Yisrael already changed the clock this past Motzaei Shabbos Parashas Noach).

The final day of BeHaB is this coming Monday, November 7th. Many congregations recite Selichos on the days of BeHaB.

Election day is this Tuesday, November 8th. You are not just one vote, you are part of thousands collectively! Askanim rely on you to have their voices and your interests heard.

Eretz Yisrael began adding V'sein Tal U'Matar to Bareich Aleinu beginning at Maariv this past Monday night, October 31st. Chutz La'Aretz will begin in one month, at Maariv on Sunday, December 4th. Someone traveling to or from Eretz Yisrael should seek halachic guidance.

The final opportunity for Kiddush Levanah is Tuesday, November 8, 2022 at 8:45PM EST.

Daf Yomi: Erev Shabbos is Nedarim 10.

Mishnah Yomis: Erev Shabbos is Bikkurim 2:2-3.

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

The final day of the fasts/Selichos of BeHaB is this Monday, November 7th.

Chanukah begins Sunday Night, December 18th.

## Parshah in a Paragraph

**Lech Lecha:** Hashem commands Avram to migrate... somewhere! • Avram, Sarai, and Lot travel to Canaan • Hashem promises the Land to Avram's children • A famine forces Avram to go to Egypt • Sarai is taken • Pharaoh is stricken • Avram is showered with riches and banished • Friction between the shepherds of Avram and Lot cause them to separate • Lot settles in Sedom • Avram is commanded to traverse the promised

land • In battles between the four kings and five kings, Lot is captured by the four kings • Avram defeats the four kings, rescues Lot • Malki Tzedek congratulates and blesses Avram • Avram refuses to take from the spoils • Hashem promises Avram children • The Bris Bein Habesarim • Sarai gives Hagar to Avram as a wife; Hagar bears Yishmael • Avram is renamed Avraham • Commandment of Milah • Sarai is renamed Sarah; Hashem promises Sarah a son to be called Yitzchak • Hashem will make a covenant only with Yitzchak • Yishmael and all of Avraham's households are circumcised

**Haftarah:** Avraham Avinu recognized the Creator and spread the message of faith and belief in Hashem. It is this emunah and bitachon that Yeshaya Hanavi (Yeshaya 40:27 - 41:16) encourages the nation to strengthen in order to persevere in exile. See For the Shabbos Table for more.

## 613 Taryag Weekly

**Lech Lecha:** 126 Pesukim • 1 Commandment

1. Bris Milah, to circumcise a son when eight days old, and a slave on the day of acquisition or the day of birth. As Klal Yisrael is separate and elevated from other nations, Hashem wanted this differentiation to be impressed in the body of a Jew.

## For the Shabbos Table

וַיֹּאמֶר הַבִּטְיָא הַשְּׁמַיִמָה וְסַפְר הַכּוֹכָבִים אִם-תּוּכַל לְסַפְרָא  
אֲתֶם וַיֹּאמֶר לוֹ כֹּה יִהְיֶה זְרַעְךָ

And He (Hashem) said, "Gaze now towards the heavens and count the stars if you are able to count them", and He (Hashem) said to him, "so will be your offspring" (Bereishis 15:5)

What is the meaning behind the double expression of "Vayomer" - "And Hashem said" in this Pasuk?

Rabbi Yissocher Frand shlit"a quotes Rav Meir Shapiro zt"l that when Hashem told Avraham to "count the stars - if you are able to count them", Avraham in fact began counting the stars, despite the fact that this was an impossible feat.

In response to this seemingly futile effort, Hashem made another proclamation, "koh yiheyeh zarecha"! Just as you are determined in your actions and unfazed by their seeming difficulty, so too, your children will inherit these traits. Within the fiber of the Jewish nation is our forefathers' deep determination to reach for the stars.

The Pasuk in this week's Haftarah discusses "V'Koyei Hashem" - those who place their trust in Hashem, and says about them "yachalifu koach" - they will be granted added strength. Rabbi Frand suggests that this is the connection between the Parasha and the Haftarah. As children of Avraham, we are blessed with his resolve and faith to reach for the impossible, through which we are able to tap into our innermost strengths and a wellspring of Siyata Dishmaya.

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Parashas Lech Lecha | November 4

	ר"ת	שקיעה שבת	סקש גר"א שבת	סקש מ"א שבת	שקיעה Friday Night	הדלקה עש"ק	פוג מנחה עש"ק
<b>Atlanta</b>	7:53	6:41	10:40	10:02	6:42	6:24	5:35
<b>Baltimore</b>	7:12	6:00	10:14	9:33	6:01	5:43	4:56
<b>Boston</b>	6:44	5:32	9:55	9:12	5:33	5:15	4:29
<b>Catskills</b>	7:00	5:48	10:08	9:26	5:49	5:31	4:45
<b>Chicago</b>	6:51	5:39	10:00	9:18	5:41	5:21	4:37
<b>Cleveland</b>	7:28	6:16	10:36	9:54	6:17	6:59	5:13
<b>Detroit</b>	7:32	6:20	10:42	10:00	6:21	6:03	5:17
<b>Lakewood</b>	7:01	5:49	10:05	9:24	5:50	5:32	4:46
<b>Los Angeles</b>	7:08	5:56	9:56	9:18	5:57	5:39	4:50
<b>Miami</b>	7:48	6:36	10:17	9:43	6:37	6:19	5:27
<b>Monsey</b>	6:59	5:47	10:05	9:24	5:48	5:30	4:43
<b>Montreal</b>	6:47	5:35	10:08	9:23	5:37	5:19	4:34
<b>New York</b>	6:59	5:47	10:05	9:23	5:48	5:30	4:44
<b>Orlando</b>	7:49	6:37	10:24	9:48	6:38	6:20	5:29
<b>Passaic</b>	6:59	5:56	10:05	9:24	5:48	5:30	4:44
<b>Philadelphia</b>	7:05	5:53	10:09	9:28	5:54	5:36	4:50
<b>Toronto</b>	7:15	6:03	10:29	9:46	6:04	5:46	5:01
<b>Yerushalayim</b>	6:03	5:23	8:40	8:03	4:47	4:12	3:39

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