



# The sorts of tidbits

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



In Memory of Rav Meir Zlotowitz zt"l

Parashas Lech Lecha 5784  
October 27th • 12 Cheshvan

## Reminders

The final day of *BeHaB* is this Monday, October 30th.

The final opportunity for Kiddush Levanah in the USA is this Motzaei Shabbos, October 28th.

Daf Yomi - Friday: Bavli: Kiddushin 75 • Yerushalmi: Shevi'is 20 • Mishnah Yomis: Yevamos 2:3-4 • Oraysa: Next week is Yoma 24a-26a.

Make sure to call your parents, in-laws, grandparents and Rebbi to wish them a good Shabbos. If you didn't speak to your kids today, make sure to connect with them as well!

## Next on the Calendar

The final day of *BeHaB* is this Monday, October 30th.

The clock change from DST to Standard Time is next Motzaei Shabbos Parashas Vayeira,.

Chanukah begins on Thursday evening, December 7th.

## Parshah in a Paragraph

**Lech Lecha:** Hashem commands Avram to migrate from his homeland; the destination is not specified • 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 blesses Avram and Hashem • Avram refuses to take from the spoils • Hashem promises Avram children • The *Bris Bein Habesarim* • After not bearing Avram a child, 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 Him. In this week's haftarah, Yeshaya Hanavi (Yeshaya 40:27 - 41:16) relays this message of *emunah* and *bitachon* with words intended to inspire the nation to persevere in exile.

## 613 Taryag Weekly

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

1. Bris Milah, to circumcise a son on the eighth day of life, and a slave (*eved k'nani*) on the day of birth or acquisition. The bris milah is a physical reminder of the lofty status of a Jew.

## For the Shabbos Table

וַיֹּאמֶר הַבֶּט-נָא הַשָּׁמַיְמָה וּסְפֹר הַכּוֹכָבִים אֲסִיתוּכֵל לִסְפֹּר  
אֲתָם 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 of the seemingly redundant word "Vayomer" - "And Hashem said" that is mentioned twice in this pasuk?

Rabbi Yissocher Frand shlit"a quotes Rav Meir Shapiro zt"l as explaining 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 a second statement, "*koh yiheyeh zarecha!*" Just as you are determined in your actions

and unfazed by their apparent difficulty, so too will be your children. Within the fiber of the Jewish nation is our forefather's deep determination to reach for the stars - even those that seem to be beyond our reach!

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 infused 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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nothing to say,  
say nothing.

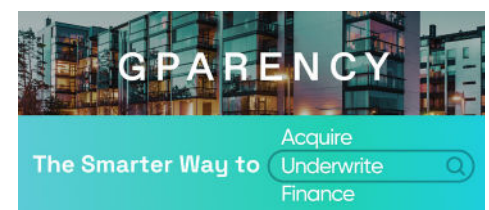
-Rabbi Meir Zlotowitz z"l

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Parshas Lech Lecha | October 27-28

	ר"ת	שקיעה שבת	סקש גר"א שבת	סקש מ"א שבת	שקיעה Friday Night	הדלקה עש"ק	פג מנחה עש"ק
<b>Atlanta</b>	8:01	6:49	10:37	9:59	6:50	6:32	5:41
<b>Baltimore</b>	7:22	6:10	10:09	9:29	6:11	5:53	5:04
<b>Boston</b>	6:55	5:43	9:50	9:07	5:44	5:26	4:38
<b>Catskills</b>	7:10	5:58	10:03	9:22	5:59	5:41	4:53
<b>Chicago</b>	7:02	5:50	9:56	9:14	5:51	5:31	4:45
<b>Cleveland</b>	7:39	6:27	10:31	9:50	6:28	6:10	5:22
<b>Detroit</b>	7:43	6:31	10:37	9:55	6:32	6:14	5:26
<b>Lakewood</b>	7:11	5:59	10:00	9:20	6:00	5:42	4:53
<b>Los Angeles</b>	7:16	6:04	9:52	9:15	6:05	5:47	4:56
<b>Miami</b>	7:54	6:42	10:15	9:40	6:42	6:24	5:32
<b>Monsey</b>	7:09	5:57	10:01	9:19	5:58	5:40	4:52
<b>Montreal</b>	6:59	5:47	10:02	9:18	5:49	5:31	4:44
<b>New York</b>	7:09	5:57	10:00	9:19	5:58	5:40	4:52
<b>Orlando</b>	7:55	6:43	10:21	9:46	6:44	6:26	5:34
<b>Passaic</b>	7:09	5:57	10:01	9:19	5:59	5:41	4:52
<b>Philadelphia</b>	7:15	6:03	10:04	9:23	6:04	5:46	4:57
<b>Toronto</b>	7:26	6:14	10:24	9:41	6:15	5:57	5:10
<b>Yerushalayim</b>	7:10	5:53	9:37	9:00	5:54	5:19	4:45

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