CONGREGATION
TORAS CHAIM

# Lech Lecha 5787

**FRIDAY NIGHT, OCTOBER 23**

» Candlelighting: 6:28 PM
» Mincha/Kabbalas Shabbos/Maariv: 6:28 PM
» Sunset: 6:46 PM

**SHABBOS, OCTOBER 24**

» Shacharis followed by Kiddush 8:30 AM
» 15-min Pirkei Avos Shiur for Women and Kedushas Levi Chabura for Men following Kiddush
» Women & Children S"S at Rich Home Canceled this week.
» Mincha 6:15 PM
» Sunset 6:45 PM
» Maariv 7:27 PM
» Shabbos Ends (50 min) 7:35 PM
» Rabbeinu Tam (72 min) 7:57 PM

**A WISE MAN WOULD SAY: "IT IS EASIER TO MOVE MOUNTAINS BY FAITH THAN HILLS BY YOUR HANDS."**

**REFUAH SHELAIMA**

Men

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

Women

» Chana Esther bas Miriam Dina (Friend of Rebbetzin Rich)
» Devorah bas Heni (Friend of Aviva Bass)
» Sipke Grune bas Lillian (Jeff Luftig's Mother)
» Shoshana Gittel bas Chaya Leah (Sister of Naomi Goldberg)
» Chana bas Hendel (Friend Of Yael Bodenheimer)

**KIDDUSH SPONSORSHIP**

» Kiddush is sponsored by the members of the Guarantee Kiddush Club.

**CTC SCHEDULE OF SHIURIM/TEFILLAH (Week of Oct 25, 2026)**

» Mon - Fri - 6:00-6:30 AM: Gemara Zevachim
» Mon - Fri - 6:30 AM: Shacharis followed by Mishnayos Shekalim
» Sun - Fri - 12 -1 PM: Amud HaYomi Sanhedrin, On Zoom with Rabbi Yaakov Rich. Email Rabbi Rich for the link.
» Sunday - 7:30 PM: Marriage Chaburah followed by Maariv
» Mon - Thur - 7:30 PM: Mishnayos Keilim followed by Maariv
» The Soul of the Matter – A Journey into Tanya: Women: Mon & Wed 9:30-9:45 PM; Men: Tue & Thu 9:30-9:45 PM. Email Rabbi Rich for Zoom address.

**TIDBITS**

**Parashas Lech Lecha • October 24th • 13 Cheshvan 5787**

The final day of BeHaB is this Monday, October 26th.

The final opportunity for Kiddush Levanah is this Sunday night, October 25th at 9:44 PM ET.

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Shabbos Mevorchim Chodesh Kislev is in two weeks, Shabbos Parashas Chayei Sara.

LECH LECHA: Hashem commands Avram to migrate from his homeland, with the destination unclear • 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 and his household are stricken • Sarai's identity is revealed; Avram is showered with riches and banished • Friction between the shepherds of Avram and Lot causes 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 and 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 • Avraham, Yishmael and all of Avraham's household 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.

Parashas Lech Lecha: 126 Pesukim • 1 Mitzvas Asei

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

"Hashem told Avram 'go for yourself.'"

For your benefit and for your good

Rashi explains that Hashem commanded Avram to leave his homeland - as it would ultimately be good and beneficial. Rav Yitzchak Feigelstock zt"l asks, as Hashem sought to test Avram with this directive, why did Hashem advise him of the outcome? Wouldn't it have been a bigger challenge had he not known this?

The Gemara (Kesubos 33b) tells us that although Chananya, Mishael and Azarya chose to be thrown into fire instead of succumbing to the sin of idol worship, if they had been tortured extensively they would have succumbed. Rav Feigelstock explains that Chazal teach us that every nisayon is carefully measured to the point so that man can pass the nisayon. For this reason, Chanania, Mishael and Azaria were not presented with such a challenge. Although life throws a person challenges, these are to serve not as an obstacle, but rather to be an attainable means of growth. Hashem was advising Avram that although his nisayon was challenging, it was tailored to be achievable. Ultimately all nisyonos lead a person to his greater good and benefit.