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Parshas Lech-Lecha

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פרשת לך לך

יא חשוון תשע"ג

Weekday Shiurim

Mussar Chabura: 15 mins before Shacharis.
 Mishna Brura: Mon and Wed after Maariv
 Ruach Chaim: Thursday at 10:15pm

Chevra Mishnayos

The Chevra Mishnayos is learning Seder Zeraim. Sign up on shul bulletin board or email eisenber@pol.net with your name and the masechta and chapters you intend to learn.

Bnos will meet from 3:30 to 4:30pm at LMS. Ages 3 years through 7th grade. Please pay yearly membership dues. Contact Meira Friedman 610-617-9529 or dmf201@gmail.com.

Torah Youth from 3:30 to 4:30pm in the Social Hall of LMS. Grades k-8. Contact Rabbi Sruli Schwartz at Sruli@torahyouth.org or Rabbi Ari Silver at 610-6686-6833 or silverDollar@verizon.net

Shabbos Schedule



Light Candles:	5:47pm
Mincha and Kabbalas Shabbos:	5:47pm
Parsha Chaburah given by Ron Werrin:	7:55am
Shiur on Sefer Tehillim with the Malbim's Commentary:	8:15am
Shacharis:	8:45am
Sof Zman Krias Shema:	10:01am
Shabbos Groups, upstairs, for ages 2 and up.	9:45am
Kiddush is community sponsored.	
Mincha:	5:40pm
Medical Halacha Shiur given by Dr. Daniel Eisenberg.	
Gemora Shiur, third chapter of Bava Metzia – Perek Hamafkid.	
Chabura given by Rabbi Josh Weinberger on the topic of the issur for an areil to eat terumah.	
Maariv:	6:49pm

New Gemora Shiur

Gemora Shiur by Rabbi Steinberg Shabbos Afternoons between Mincha and Maariv (except when there is YIML Shalosh Seudos). Studying the third chapter of Bava Metzia – Perek Hamafkid. An opportunity to learn one of the classic chapters in Nezikin with important insights of the Rishonim and Acharonim.

Sun, Oct 28	Mon, Oct 29	Tue, Oct 30	Wed, Oct 31	Thu, Nov 1	Fri, Nov 2
Shacharis 8:00am Mincha/Maariv 5:45pm	Shacharis 6:40am Maariv 7:45pm	Shacharis 6:50am Maariv 7:45pm	Shacharis 6:50am Maariv 7:45pm	Shacharis 6:40am Maariv 7:45pm	Shacharis 6:50am Light Candles 5:38pm Mincha 5:38pm
12 Cheshvan	13 Cheshvan	14 Cheshvan	15 Cheshvan	16 Cheshvan	17 Cheshvan



- Mazel Tov to Russel and Chaya Lyons on the bris of their grandson, Avraham Lyons.
- Mazel Tov to Rabbi and Mrs. Lichtenstein on the bris of their grandson, Meir Berman.

Thought of the Week

“Hashem said to Avram, ‘Go for yourself from your land, from your birthplace, and from your father's house . . .’ So Avram went as Hashem had spoken to him . . .” (12:1, 4)

The Gemara (Pesachim 116a) instructs that, when telling the story of the Exodus at the Pesach Seder, we should “begin with genut / disgrace and end with shevach / praise.” This is why, before describing the miracles of the Exodus, we relate: “In the beginning, our ancestors were idol worshipers.” After this, we mention that our forefather Avraham was the son of Terach.

R' Yosef Gikatilla z”l (Spain; 1248-1310) writes: This mention serves two purposes. First, Terach was a rasha, yet his son became Avraham Avinu. This highlights one of the fundamental beliefs of Judaism--that man has free will. If, in the future, the nations of the world complain that Hashem chose Avraham’s descendants over any other nation, Hashem will say, “Avraham exercised his free will and chose Me. You, too, could have done that.”

Second, if the nations complain when Hashem shows favor to Avraham’s descendants even when the latter seem not to be deserving, Hashem can tell them: “I have a debt to pay to My servant Avraham because of the choice that he made.” (Haggadah Shel Pesach Tzofnat Paneach)

The Midrash Rabbah states: The phrase, “Lech lecha,” appears twice--once here and once in the verse (22:2), “Please take your son, your only one, whom you love--Yitzchak--and lech lecha / go to the land of Moriah; bring him up there as an offering.” The midrash continues: I would not know which of them is more beloved to Hashem, but, since it says, “to the land of Moriah,” I know that the akeidah is more beloved to Hashem. [Until here from the midrash]

R' Eliezer David Gruenwald z”l (1867-1928; Hungarian rabbi and rosh yeshiva) writes: Is it not obvious that the akeidah was a greater test? Each test was more challenging than the ones that preceded it, and the akeidah was the last test! In any event, how do the words “to the land of Moriah” answer the question? He explains: Hashem tests each person on his own level at a given point in time, and, what is a difficult test for one person, may be insignificant for another. Indeed, the Arizal writes that the “small” challenges that later generations face carry more weight in Heaven than some of the great challenges faced by earlier generations. Thus, the midrash is asking: Which was a greater challenge for Avraham--leaving home when he was on a relatively lower spiritual level, or offering his son as a sacrifice more than 60 years later, after he had already attained a higher level? To this the midrash answers: The fact that Hashem sent Avraham some distance to the site of the akeidah, thus giving him time to reflect on what he was about to do, makes his sacrifice that much more difficult and impressive. (Keren L'David)

Adapted from <http://torah.org/learning/hamaayan/5773/lechlecha.html> by Shlomo Katz.

Community Announcements - Yeshiva Banquet

The Annual Banquet of the Talmudical Yeshiva of Philadelphia will take place on December 2nd at the Drexelbrook Corporate Events Center. The Banquet is in honor of Dr. and Mrs. Daniel Eisenberg. For ads and reservations please call the yeshiva at 215.477.1000.

New Chumashim Available

The new Dirshu - Ramban Chumash is here in the shul. Dedications available for \$36. You can also purchase one for your home for \$20. See Sherman Frager for details.

Community Announcements - Community Youth Spaghetti Dinner

The Youth Program at Lower Merion Synagogue supports Pirchei, Bnos, and other broader-community programs. Show your support at the Annual Spaghetti Dinner, Sunday October 28th, from 5 to 7pm.