



KMS Family Parsha

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PARSHA QUESTIONS

ANSWERS ARE ON THE BACK

- 1) Where did Hashem tell Avram to go? (12:1)
- 2) Why did Avram later have to leave Canaan, and where did he go? (12:10)
- 3) Why did Avraham's shepherds rebuke Lot's shepherds? (13:7)
- 4) How did Avram settle the dispute between his shepherds and Lot's? (13:9)
- 5) To what did Hashem compare Avram's descendants (13:16/15:5/22:17)
- 6) When did the decree of 400 years of exile promised in the Brit Bein HaBitarim begin? (15:13)
- 7) How did Hashem fulfill His promise that Avraham would be buried in "a good old age?" (15:15)
- 8) What was the name of Avraham's 1st son? (15:16)
- 9) Why did Sarah send Hagar away? (16:4)
- 10) What new names did Hashem give Avram and Sarai? (17:5/17:15)

WHAT WOULD YOU DO?

Discussion starter for your Shabbat table..

What would you have to do if you want to be viewed as a leader?

DID YOU KNOW?

AVRAHAM AND SHACHARIS - Rabbi Ozer Alport (Aish.com)

The Talmud (Brachot 26b) teaches that each of the Patriarchs instituted one of the daily prayers: Avraham enacted Shacharis, Yitzhak originated Mincha, and Yaakov introduced Ma'ariv. Since the morning prayers were instituted by Avraham, who was the first person to refer to God as "Adone," we begin Shacharis with Adone Olam. Upon reading this, the Gaon was overcome with joy and remarked that if only for the beauty of this one insight, the publication of the entire work would be justified!

In a similar vein, the Meshech Chochmah explains why we are accustomed to wear a Tallis and Tefillin only during the morning prayers, even though both are applicable the entire day. After miraculously defeating the armies of the four kings, Avraham brought back all of the people and possessions which had been taken captive. The King of Sodom suggested that Avraham return to him the people while keeping the possessions for himself. Lest the wicked king of Sodom take credit for making him rich, Avraham refused to accept any gifts, emphatically swearing (Genesis 14:23) that he wouldn't accept even a thread or a shoe-strap. The Talmud (Sotah 17a) teaches that in the merit of this statement, Avraham's descendants received the mitzvot of Tallis and Tefillin. Although they may be worn the entire day, because we merited receiving them through the actions of Avraham, we are accustomed to commemorate this by wearing them during the morning prayers which he instituted!



PARSHA ANSWERS

- 1) Where Hashem would show him. He did not tell him to what place. Hashem took him to Canaan.
- 2) There was a famine, which forced them to go down to Mitzrayim
- 3) Rashi - Lot's shepherds grazed their flocks in privately owned fields.
- 4) He had them each choose lands in different parts of Canaan, and they stayed apart.
- 5) They will be as numerous as the dust of the earth, the stars in the sky, and the sand on the beach.
- 6) Rashi - With the birth of Yitzchak.
- 7) Rashi - Avraham lived to see his son Yishmael repent and become righteous, and he died before his grandson Esav became wicked.
- 8) Yishmael
- 9) Rashi - Hagar was mocking Sarah for not getting pregnant
- 10) Avraham and Sarah

ELISHEVA'S PARSHA CHALLAH



In this week's parsha Avram is asked by Hashem to leave his home, the only place he's ever known and lived. Hashem doesn't even tell him where he's going. Can you imagine that? Avraham had to pack everything up and leave. What a test! What would you pack if you had to leave like Avram?

DVAR TORAH

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This week's Parsha, Parshat Lech Lecha, has a lot going on. The story centers around Avram and Sarai, more commonly known as Avraham and Sarah. We learn about their move to the land of Canaan, their adventures in Egypt, the many agreements that they make with Hashem, and the birth of Ishmael to Avram through Hagar. The parsha begins with the line:

”וַיֹּאמֶר ה' אֶל-אַבְרָם לֵךְ-לְךָ מֵאֶרֶץ, וּמִמּוֹלַדְתְּךָ וּמִבֵּית אָבִיךָ אֶל-הָאָרֶץ אֲשֶׁר אֹרְאָךְ.”

“And Hashem said to Avram, ‘Go for yourself from your land, from the place you were born, and from the place your father lives to the land that I will show you.’”

Avram then goes to the land of Canaan. Hashem never said to go to Canaan, but when Avram went there Hashem didn't correct him by saying, “You went to the wrong place. Try again.” How did Avram know where to go?

The Sforno says that Canaan was the natural choice for Avram to make because Canaan was a land well known during Avram's time. Another explanation, given by the Ohr Hachaim, is that Hashem was just trying to increase the level of the challenge to Avram by not telling him his destination. However, once Avram took the bold steps to leave, Hashem made clear to him where to go. Either way, Avram made it to Canaan, now called Israel. It became the birthplace of the Jews, and Avram became the father of our nation. He decided to follow Hashem, and so he got to be the first Jew. This teaches us the lesson of staying the course, or sticking with a decision. Avram made the hard decision to leave everything he knew behind, his homeland, family, beliefs, livelihood, in order to follow Hashem, and he reaped the rewards that followed. Sometimes we need to make difficult decisions, commit to them, and find ways to work our way through them. We hope to be rewarded in a way similar to how Avram was.