

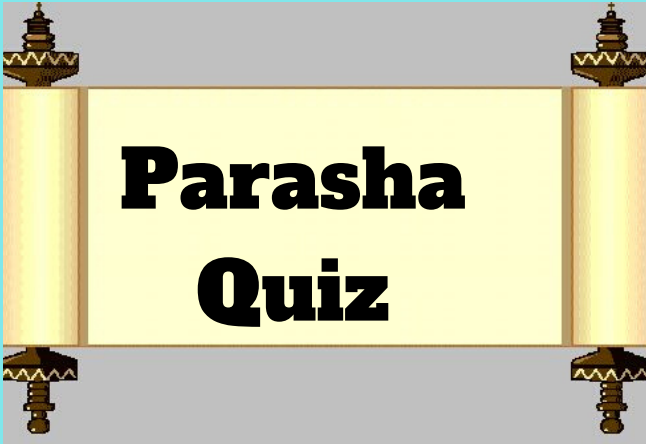


# KMS Family Parasha

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Lech Lecha : לך-לך

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## Elementary:

- 1) Who else came with Avram to Canaan?
- 2) What new names did Hashem give Avram and Sarai?
- 3) Once in Canaan, why did Avram and Lot decide not to live together?
- 4) What does Hashem promise Avraham about his future children?
- 5) Which article of clothing appears in this parsha, but nowhere else in the Torah?

## Middle/High School:

- 1) Aside from this parsha, where else does Hashem command Avraham with the words "Lech Lecha?"
- 2) What does "Maaseh Avot Siman LaBanim" mean (Ramban 12:6)?
- 3) According to Rashi (13:7) why did Avraham's shepherds have a dispute with Lot's?
- 4) What does Rashi (15:10) mean when he says "אין ה'מקרא יוצא מידי פשוטו"?
- 5) According to Rashi (15:13) when did the 400 years of exile foretold in the Brit Bein HaBitarim begin?

## What would you do?

Discussion starter for your Shabbat table..

Would you be willing to leave home and go somewhere new to follow your dream?

## Did You Know?

יקראת לשבת ענג ולקדוש ה' מכבד

Call the Sabbath a delight, and Hashem's sacred day an honor" (Isaiah 58:13).

From here Chazal derive two aspects of celebrating Shabbat: ענג and כבוד.

Rambam (Hilchot Shabbat Perek 30) explains that:

כבוד (Honor) means bathing before Shabbat, wearing special clothes for Shabbat, cleaning the house, setting the table, saving your appetite for the Shabbat meal, and getting ready early enough to greet it with excitement.

ענג (Delight) means preparing special Shabbat food, enjoying three meals, eating meat and drinking wine, and resting.



וַיֹּצֵא אֹתוֹ הַחוּצָה וַיֹּאמֶר הַבִּטְנָא הַשְּׁמַיְמָה וּסְפֹר הַכּוֹכָבִים אִם-תּוּכַל לִסְפֹּר אֹתָם וַיֹּאמֶר לוֹ כֹּה יִהְיֶה זַרְעֲךָ:

He took him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." And He added, "So shall your offspring be."

וְהֶאֱמַן בְּה' וַיִּחְשְׁבֶהָ לוֹ צְדָקָה:

And because he put his trust in Hashem, He reckoned it to his merit.

R' Meir Shapiro of Lublin, founder of the Daf Yomi movement, asks why does it say "וְהֶאֱמַן בְּה'" (and he believed in Hashem) after Hashem tells Avraham that his descendants will be as numerous as the stars (Breishit 15:5-6). Earlier (Breishit 13:16), when Hashem told him that his descendants would be as numerous as the sand on the beach, that didn't seem to be enough. How is the mashal of stars different than the mashal of the sand?

The answer, he says, is that with the sand Hashem tells Avraham not to even bother counting b/c it would be impossible, but with the stars He tells him to try and count. And sure enough, Avraham tries. When Hashem sees that He says "Ko Yihiyeh Zaracha." This doesn't only mean that your offspring will be as numerous as the stars. It means that just as you tried counting the stars, which is impossible, so too your descendants will also have this koach of believing in the impossible. And you and Saray will have kids b/c you have continued to believe despite the odds. This was the beginning of the Jewish People always believing and overcoming all odds.