



TW@Kesher

9 –10 Cheshvan/October 15-16—Parshat Lech Lecha

MAZAL TOV!

Mazal Tov to **Lori and Lee Kronzon** on the Bnai Mitzvah of their children Jonathan and Keren. The congregation is invited to a kiddush sponsored by the Kronzons following the conclusion of the 9:15am minyan. There will be seating both inside and outside.

Mazal tov to **Shaina and Alex Benrimon** on the birth of a baby boy!

KESHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Toiletry Kit Packing Chesed Event

Sunday, October 24, 4 pm in Keshers Tent

In honor of Domestic Violence Awareness Month, we'll be packing toiletry kits at Keshers to donate to Never Alone Again, a domestic violence organization and resource center in Teaneck. Adults and kids of all ages are welcome. Chesed hours will be awarded to those who need them for school. Sign up [here](#).

Scholar in Residence Dr. Aaron Koller, Shabbat Oct. 22-23

Friday Night - *The History of the Alphabet and Hebrew Language*

Shabbat Morning - *Unbinding Isaac - Understanding the Akedah*

Seudat Shelishit - *Showdown at Rouen: Rashbam and Ibn Ezra and the Clash between the French and Spanish Approaches to Peshat*

Hachnasat Orchim Shabbat 10.22

Dessert/Flower Swap

October 22-23, Parshat Vayera

Sign up [here](#)

Pottery Making 10.24

Please join the women of Kayama for ceramic making and glazing. Project options include making a menorah, shabbat candles or mezuzah. Sushi and drinks will be served. **Sunday, October 24 at 8:00pm** at Keshers. Cost \$36 per person. Sign up [here](#).

Rabbinic Intern Micah Hyman at Keshers 10.30

Shabbat Oct. 30 Parshat Chayei Sara

Blood drive 10.31

Sunday, October 31, 8:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Fall Open Store Event 10.31

What's needed:

Clothes (New or gently used. Please do not include camp tee-shirts or team jerseys), Household items, Toys. All donations need to be sorted, folded and labeled (ideally by gender and age kid vs. adult)

Volunteers needed at the event as well on Sunday 10.31 at Depot Square.

Email at SocialAction@keshernj.com

Kehilat Keshers Annual Dinner

Thursday evening, November 18, 2021 at Keshers

SHABBAT SCHEDULE

Candle Lighting 5:57pm

Mincha/Maariv 6:05pm

Shabbat Morning

Shacharit—
Hudson Tent 8:45am

Main Sanctuary 9:15am

Babysitting with Geeta 9:30am

Youth Groups 10:15am

NEW Toddler-Parent Youth Group

10:15am

Shabbat Afternoon

Daf Yomi 5:05pm

Mincha 5:50pm

Seudat Shelishit sponsored by Debbie & Brandon Stern in memory of Debbie's father Uziel Sason z'l.

Havdalah 6:56pm

WEEKDAY SCHEDULE OCT. 17-22

Shacharit

Sun 8:30am

Mon– Fri 6:30am

Mincha/Maariv

Mon-Thursday 5:55pm

Next Friday, October 22

Scholar in Residence Dr. Aaron Koller

Candle Lighting 5:47pm

Mincha/Maariv 5:55pm

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Project Ezra presents a seminar with Jeff Cohen. Jeff Cohen is a seasoned Human Resources and leadership development senior consultant and executive coach with 20+ years experience. RSVP at ezrah.org
Tuesday, October 19th at 7:30pm
Young Israel of Teaneck
RSVP. www.Ezrah.org

Please Join us! **The Solomon Schechter Day School of Bergen County** Open House will take place virtually on Tuesday, November 10 at 8pm. To RSVP, please visit ssdsbergen/openhouse2020

Ben Porat Yosef invites you to join us at our Open House on Monday, October 18th at 7:30PM to experience the benefits of a BPY education where students are inspired, challenged, and engaged in a rigorous academic setting. Through hands-on learning, our curriculum fosters a growth mindset, instills confidence, and teaches critical thinking skills. Our students develop a lifelong love of Torah, learning, Middot, Eretz Yisrael, and a fluency in Hebrew, all while in a nurturing, family-like environment that embraces the richness of our Sephardic and Ashkenazic Jewish heritages. Come see why your family should join our BPY family! To register, please visit www.benporatyosef.org or please contact Renee Klyman, Director of Admissions at admissions@benporatyosef.org or 201-845-5007 ext 16.

Yavneh Academy cordially invites prospective parents to a dynamic Open House program on **Wednesday evening, October 20, at 7:30 p.m.** Join us to learn about our stimulating Judaic and general studies programs, and warm and inspiring environment. Please RSVP at www.yavnehacademy.org. For more information, please email jennifer.hooper@yavnehacademy.org

Yeshivat He'Atid invites all prospective parents to our Open House, **Wednesday, November 3rd at 7:30 pm.** We would like to share what makes our school a warm and inviting place. Please join us to hear about our innovative academic programming in both Secular and Judaic studies. To pre-register visit www.yeshivatheatid.org/open-house or contact admissions@yeshivatheatid.org

DIVREI TORAH

Rabbi Lord Jonathan Sacks: [How Perfect Were the Matriarchs and Patriarchs](#)

[Lech Lecha 5782 by Life Imitates Torah](#) by Maharat Ruth Friedman

BEREAVEMENT

We regret to inform you of the passing of **Mr. Abe Kramer**, husband of community member Dr. Cheryl Kramer, and father of Sharon Ginsberg, David, Ari, and Daniel Kramer.

We regret to inform you of the passing of community member, **Mrs. Yola Jacobson**, wife of the late Rabbi Chanan Jacobson.

May the families be comforted among the mourners of Zion and Jerusalem

DVAR TORAH FROM RABBI BLOCK

“Lech lecha,” “Go for yourself...”

A popular chassidic interpretation of Hashem's exhortation to Avraham of lech lecha is, rather than the word lecha meaning the reason or the motivation (“go for you”), it is instead referring to the destination. “Lech l'atzmecha,” go TO yourself, find your true self. (See, for example, the terrific essay by Rav Yakov Nagen, recently released in English.)

But if the charge is indeed about finding oneself, the continuation of the verse is no less crucial. From where must you come in your journey towards yourself? “From your land, your birthplace, your father's house...” For Avraham to be a true man of faith, carrying with him the message of God, he had to bring all his experiences to bear; for it is the way of a child to cast aside his origins in his quest to “be themselves.” In this sense, the Targum Onkelos' translation has it correct. Instead of “birthplace,” he renders moladetecha as, “your childhood.” Or more precisely, childishness. Avraham is being asked to “grow up.”

We often think of being “true to yourself” as putting yourself first. But in reality, a true self-awareness will never come if one completely divorces themselves from where they came. Any authentic sense of identity must encompass an appreciation of the fuller experience of family, Community, People. To begin the inward journey towards a life of sublime meaning and godliness, one must bring all of those things to bear. Anything less, rather than true to oneself, would simply be self-serving.

Shabbat shalom.