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להנאתך ולטובתך...

The first Pasuk in this week's Parsha begins **לך לך**, ויאמר השם אל **אברם**, and וילך explains by saying **להנאתך ולטובתך**. Pasuk 'ד then says **וילך** "and **אברם** went as Hashem told him."

This commandment to **אברם** to forsake his homeland was one of the great **נסיונות** that **אברם** was challenged with. However, the question can be asked, why was this such a difficult test to pass? After all **הק"ב** promised **אברם** that he would have wealth, children and a great name? Wouldn't anyone listen to Hashem's word?

Says the **אור החיים הקדוש** that this can be answered by the second Pasuk above. Let's examine the Pasuk: 1) The Pasuk seems superfluous in saying that **אברם** listened, because in the following Pasuk it says that Avram took Sarai etc... and left to Eretz Yisroel? 2) Why does the Pasuk say **פאשר דבר**? After all, Hashem spoke to **אברם** with the word **ויאמר**, not **וידבר**?

Answers the **אור החיים הקדוש**, the word **פאשר** in the Pasuk is the operative word. Simply one would translate **פאשר** to mean "as" or "just like". However the real meaning is "when" - **אברם** went *when* Hashem's talking to him was **דיבור**, not **אמירה**. The difference between **דיבור** and **אמירה** is that **דיבור** is harsh and **אמירה** is soft. Before it became an **אמירה** it was a **דיבור**, and that's when **אברם** left.

Before Hashem explained the benefit to **אברם** in heeding his words, **אברם** was already going. That is the importance of this Pasuk. To teach us that **אברם** was truly tested and he went only because **הק"ב** told him to, not for any ancillary benefit.

אם מחוט ועד שרוך נעל...

"אם מחוט ועד שרוך נעל ואם אקה מכל אשר לך ולא תאמר" **אברם** said this, his descendants would be **זוכה** to the **חוט** of **ציצית** and the **תפילין** of **רצועה**.

Zmaanim

הדלקת נרות	5:52pm
מנחה עש"ק	6:00pm
שקיעה	6:10pm
שחרית	9:00am
סוף זמן ק"ש	9:56 \ 9:20a
מנחה	5:43pm
שקיעה	6:08pm
מעריב	6:58pm

Parsha Stats for לך לך

Number Of Pesukim: 126
Number Of Words: 1686
Number Of Letters: 6336
Number of מצוות: 1

Kid's Challenge Question # 1

Who was אבֶרם's mother?

See Rabbi Zucker after Davening if you have the correct answer.

Kid's Challenge Question # 2

Which great woman came from לוֹט ?

See Rabbi Zucker after Davening if you have the correct answer.



Parsha Riddle

How do you know that after a גוי dies Kaddish is said?

See Rabbi Zucker after Davening if you have the correct answer.

Why is אבֶרם so adamant about not accepting the רבוש of סדום? And why are בני ישראל granted these two מצוות in return for אבֶרם's strong position?

We have to examine what the מלך of סדום's true motivation was. He said, "תן לי הנפש, והרכש קח לך". The מלך of סדום wanted to limit אבֶרם's influence in the world. אבֶרם was bringing the concepts of monotheism to the world and the people that אבֶרם influenced were enamored with him.

So the מלך of סדום wanted to "take back" those נפשות and in return he would give אבֶרם wealth. Why? For אבֶרם's message is that הק"נה is the source of everything in this world. הק"נה connects with us [here](#). אבֶרם's fabulous victory in war showed that. The מלך of סדום wanted to tarnish that. "I made אבֶרם what he is, not Hashem" was his intent. So אבֶרם will not do anything that mitigates the impact of his message.

Therefore his children are given these two מצוות – ציצית that represent man standing in front of the כסא הכבוד and תפילין that represent binding ourselves to הק"נה - the ultimate חיבור to Hashem.

Additionally, the משך חכמה points out that these two מצוות are חיובים all day so why do we specifically perform them at שחרית? Says the משך חכמה that because שחרית is אבֶרם's Tfillah and ציצית and תפילין are רכות of אבֶרם therefore we make a point of wearing ציצית and תפילין at שחרית.

והוא יהיה פרא אדם...

In Perek מ'ז by the birth of ישמעאל the Pasuk says "וקראת שמו ישמעאל" and the next Pasuk describes ישמעאל by saying "והוא יהיה פרא אדם".

The מהר"ל דיסקין asks that in the Hebrew language the noun always precedes the objective (for example ילד טוב or בית גדול) so the Pasuk really should read והוא יהיה אדם פרא ?

Says ר' יהושע ליב that the noun here is פרא and the adjective is אדם. By definition, ישמעאל is in essence פרא - wild, unruly, rebellious, resembling man, but essentially not man. His essence is not that of a normal אדם.

How true his words ring in these days where the true colors of ישמעאל have been brought to light. The אנרת תמן in רמ"בם writes that ישמעאל will never accept peace. The more one runs after him with peace, the more he returns with מלחמה. The Arab only understands brute force. והוא יהיה פרא אדם

KID'S KORNER - KID'S KORNER - Kid's Korner - Kid's Korner - Kid's Korner

Up The Corporate Ladder - By Simcha Groffman

"Avi, can you come out to play now?" Chaim asked. "I just have one more bit of homework to finish, and then I can come out."
 "You are so conscientious, Avi. You always finish all of your homework before you play." Avi answered, "I owe my good habits to my parents."
 "What homework do you have left to do?" asked Chaim. "We have to read this short essay and write a few comments on it." "Can I see it?" "Sure, Chaim." The two boys begin reading the essay:

One day, at a top-level meeting of a large, successful company: "Please bring me the test results of the new workers. I want to see what job each new person is suited for." "Yes sir, Mr. President, here they are."

"Hmmm. Let's see. Mr. Cohen scored very well in the intelligence test. Let's give him a thinking job. Mr. Schwartz is very good with his hands. He should be working with tools. Mr. Goldberg is very personable. He should have a job dealing with people. Mr. Levy is creative. Give him a job in the Planning Department."

"Sir, why do we take so much time and trouble with these tests?" The President of the company answered, "This is the secret of the success of our company. Everyone gets the job for which he is suited. In that way he can use his potential and develop it. The trick is to discover a person's talents and put him in a situation where he is tested. He will excel, which is good for him and good for the company." They responded, "Brilliant, sir, just brilliant."

Chaim smiles at Avi. "What are you going to write about Avi?" Avi replied "I thought I would relate this little essay to the Torah." "Really? How can you do that?" asked Chaim.

"Just think about it a minute, Chaim. The President of the company was not the first person to realize the value of testing a person. Hashem Himself tested Avraham Avinu many times. The Ramban explains one of the purposes of Hashem's tests. Hashem knows a person inside and out. Therefore, He knows whether a person will pass the test or not." "Then why does Hashem have to test the person?" Chaim asked.

"Excellent question, Chaim. The Ramban asks the same question. A person is born with tremendous potential. Hashem wants the person to use his potential to do good deeds, or Mitzvos. Hashem gives reward for good deeds. Hashem tests us so that we will perform the good deeds and get the reward, or Schar."

"What you are saying, Avi, is that we are working for the World's Best Boss. He knows us inside and out. He has given us a job perfectly suited for our talents." "Exactly, Chaim. Sometimes the job is easy, sometimes it is hard. When it gets difficult, we have to remember one thing. Our abilities are greater than we can imagine. Hashem wants us to develop to our fullest potential. Therefore, He tests us."

"We just have to pass the test. Then we move up to the next job level." "That's right, Chaim. You've got it. Before long you will be the president of the company."

"With your help, Avi." "No", Avi said, "With Hashem's help."

דברי הלכה - הלכות תפילה

(Shulchan Aruch פ"ג: ג-ד with Mishna Brurah)

5. In the morning one may not take care of his business or personal needs, or travel before davening Shmona Esrei. However, Bshaas Hadchak, for example if one needs to catch a plane, one may travel before davening and daven on the way if he will be able to stand for Shmona Esrei.
6. Notwithstanding the above, on Erev Shabbos & Yom Tov it is permitted to purchase Shabbos/Yom Tov needs before davening, as these are considered Cheftzai Shomayim, and not personal needs.
7. L'chatchilah one may not eat before davening **שחרית** (weekdays and Shabbos), but it is permitted to drink to help one's Kavannah in tefillah.
8. However, if one needs to eat for health reasons, or if he will be unable to concentrate during his tefillah without having eaten first, or if he is particularly hungry, it is permitted to eat before **שחרית**; but one should at least be Mekabel Ol Malchus Shomayim and say She'ma Yisroel before eating.

*Kashrus Korner***DaVinci Spaghetti**

Brands: DaVinci

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Company: World Finer Foods- Bloomfield, NJ

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Consumers spotting this product are requested to contact the Orthodox Union at 212-613-8241 or via email at kshalerts@ou.org.

Alumni Korner

The Yeshiva is proud to announce the First Annual Ohr Yisroel Alumni Melava Malkah! It will IY"H take place at the Yeshiva on Motzoei Shabbos Parshas **וישב** (Dec. 1st) Stay tuned for further details...

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N'Shei Ohr Yisrael

Ohr Yisroel of Marine Park is proud to announce our first "N'Shei" event.

Devorah Heller, also known as, "The Challah Maven", will be coming to inspire and entertain as she speaks about the importance of the mitzvah of baking Challah.

Aside from sharing her delicious recipe, she will be demonstrating how to prepare and braid the perfect Challah.

The event will take place this **Sunday, October 21st** at **8pm** in the home of Sholy and Rachel Greenberger at **1648 Madison Place**.

If you are able to help sponsor the event, please contact Rachel Greenberger at 718-645-1133.

All girls 12 years and older are welcome to attend.

Warm, loving Bobby will babysit for your children in her home or yours. If interested, please call the Rebbetzin at 718-338-3389

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