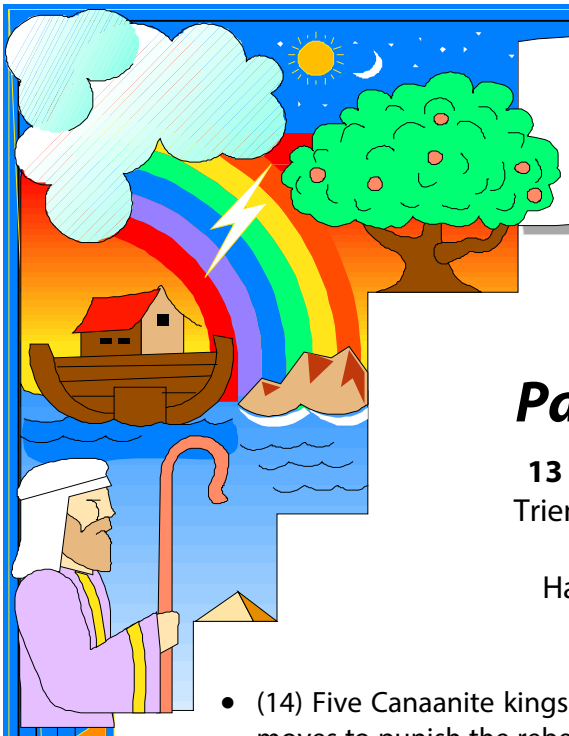


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פרשת לך לך

Parashat Lekh-L'kha

13 Ḥeshvan, 5787 / October 24, 2026
Triennial Cycle Year II: Genesis 14:1-15:21
Ḥumash Etz Ḥayim, page 77
Haftarah: Isaiah 40:27-41:16, page 94

- (14) Five Canaanite kings rebel against the King of Elam. A coalition of four eastern kings moves to punish the rebels. In the battles between the two factions, Lot, Abram's nephew, is captured. Abram arms his followers in order to rescue his nephew.
- (15) God makes a covenant with Abram renewing the promise of progeny and land. During the covenant ceremony, God tells Abram that his descendants will be exiled, but will be redeemed and return to the land. God gives the boundaries of the Promised Land and lists its peoples.

WEEK AT A GLANCE
Please check our online calendar for the most up-to-date information

Saturday, October 24
9:30 a.m. Services (Sanctuary/YouTube)
10:00 a.m. Alternative Shabbat Session (Beit T'Fillah)
12:00 p.m. Kiddush (Sukkah Patio/Social Hall)
12:45 p.m. The Former Prophets (Beit Midrash)
7:01 p.m. Havdalah

Sunday, October 25
9:30 a.m. Minyan (Zoom)
9:30 a.m. Religious School (Classrooms)
10:30 a.m. Experiencing Israel During War (Beit Midrash)

Monday, October 26
3:00 p.m. Crafters' Guild (Beit Midrash)

Tuesday, October 27
10:30 a.m. Torah Study (Beit Midrash)

Wednesday, October 28
11:30 a.m. Balance and Stretch Class (Beit Midrash)
4:30 p.m. Religious School (Zoom)
7:00 p.m. Minyan (Zoom)

Thursday, October 29
7:00 p.m. Minyan (Zoom)
7:30 p.m. General Board Meeting (Social Hall)

Friday, October 30
10:00 a.m. Talmud Study (Zoom)
5:54 p.m. Candle lighting

Saturday, October 31
9:30 a.m. Services (Sanctuary/YouTube)
12:00 p.m. Kiddush (Sukkah Patio/Social Hall)
6:53 p.m. Havdalah

UPCOMING EVENTS

Experiencing Israel During War (Beit Midrash)
Sunday, October 25, 10:30 a.m.–12:00 p.m.
San Jose resident Anastasia Torres-Gil shares her experiences about what it is like to be in Israel under rocket attack and describes her encounters with Israeli resilience and community.

Crafter's Guild (Mercaz)
Monday, October 26, 3:00–5:00 p.m.
Hosted by Ricki Gafter and Ann Tavan
Do you enjoy sewing, knitting, or crocheting? Do you want to get together with others while working on projects? This is an informal gathering with no membership requirements where all are welcome. Join us for crafting or simply for camaraderie. For more information email Ann Tavan at ann@tavan.com. MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR THESE UPCOMING DATES: November 23 and December 21.

Navigating the Sea of Sacred Jewish Literature (Zoom)
Tuesday, October 27, 7:30–9:00 p.m.
Join Rabbi Roller as we embark together on a voyage of discovery through the vast and diverse world of Jewish sacred literature. We will examine the unique characteristics of each genre and explore their historical contexts. Starting with the varieties of biblical literature as a foundation, we will see how rabbinic, medieval, and modern texts build upon, reinterpret, and expand this core. Through this journey, we'll gain insight into the rich tapestry of intertextuality that characterizes Jewish literature, witnessing how each era contributes to an ongoing, dynamic conversation within Jewish tradition. See calendar for Zoom sign up link. MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR THESE UPCOMING DATES: November 10 and November 17.

AAi Blood Drive (Social Hall)
Wednesday November 4, 11:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.
Join Jews, Christians, and Muslims to assist American Red Cross staff. No experience is necessary! American Red Cross staff will train you to accomplish these tasks easily and safely, providing everything you need. Volunteer to help.
Sign up here to help: https://tinyurl.com/aai-nov-volunteer
Sign up here to donate blood: https://tinyurl.com/aai-nov-donate

The Best of Jewish Broadway (Social Hall)
Saturday, November 7, 6:00–9:30 p.m.
From Gershwin to Bernstein, Sondheim to Hamlisch, Jewish composers, lyricists, and performers helped create the soundtrack of Broadway. Join us for a special Saturday night celebrating the songs, stories, and showstoppers that made musical theater unforgettable. Begin the evening together with Havdalah, then settle into our intimate cabaret for an entertaining journey through the best of Jewish Broadway. The cost is $25 per person. Please RSVP by November 5.
Members, here: https://tinyurl.com/Jewish-Broadway-Member
Guests, here:: https://tinyurl.com/Jewish-Broadway-Guest

Pinot Noir Passport: A Wine Tasting Around the World (Mercaz)
Sunday, November 8, 6:00–8:00 p.m.
Join us on a tasting journey as we explore the rich and diverse world of Pinot Noir! **How it works:**

- Bring a Bottle: Bring your favorite bottle of Pinot Noir to share. (Domestic and/or Kosher)
- Share the Story: Include a few quick tasting notes—tell us about its region, vintage, flavors, or simply why you love it.
- Taste & Vote: We'll sample the selections together, compare their unique characteristics, and vote on the group's top favorites!
- Enjoy: Delicious light snacks will be provided to complement the wines.

Whether you are a serious wine enthusiast or just looking for a fun, warm evening with great company, we would love to see you there. Please RSVP to mensclub@beth-david.org.

Once a Paratrooper:
The Story of a Lone Soldier in the Gaza War (Beit T'Fillah)
Wednesday, November 11, 7:30–9:00 p.m.
IDF soldier Ira Kohler will speak about his personal experience as a "lone soldier" in the IDF Paratroopers, before, during and after October 7. Mr. Kohler will highlight his 100 days serving at the front in Gaza, the realities of a serving as a lone soldier whose family lives overseas, and the broader lessons and experiences gained from the war. Mr. Kohler will bring copies of his new book, 'Once a Paratrooper', for sale this evening. This event is co-sponsored by Beth David membership programming. Cost is $18 per person, please RSVP by November 6.
Members, RSVP here: https://tinyurl.com/paratrooper-member
Guests, RSVP here: https://tinyurl.com/paratrooper-guest

Global Shabbat
Rhythm and Sound of Africa in celebration of SIGD (Social Hall)
Friday, November 13, 5:30–9:00 p.m.
Join our Global Shabbat service featuring the rhythm and sounds of Africa as we celebrate the Beta Israel holiday of SIGD and the ancient and emerging Jewish communities of Africa.
The event is free, but please RSVP here: https://tinyurl.com/global-shabbat.

Jewish Book Discussion Group (Beit Midrash)
This Is Not About Us
Saturday, November 14, 12:45–2:00 p.m.
By Allegra Goodman, led by Lori Cinnamon
After their sister dies, an apple-cake misunderstanding estranges Sylvia and Helen for a decade. Warm and witty, this multigenerational novel explores forgiveness, sisterhood, and the enduring bonds of family.

Israeli Folk Dancing (Social Hall)
Sunday, November 15, 10:30 a.m. –12:00 p.m.
Join us for a low-key Israeli folk dancing session with instructor Donna Frankel. Please sign up here: https://tinyurl.com/Israeli-Folk-Dance.

Bagels, Lox & Tefillah—BLT (Beit Midrash)
Sunday, November 15, 10:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.
Join Rabbi Kunin for bagels, lox, and an engaging discussion about tefillah, including the order and meaning of the prayer service. Additional discussion topics will be announced.
Come enjoy good food, thoughtful conversation, and a deeper understanding of Jewish prayer.

Walking Without Worry—Fall Prevention (Beit T'Fillah)
Sunday, November 15, 2:00–3:30 p.m.
Occupational therapist Julie Rettberg shares practical tips and strategies to help prevent falls and stay safe and steady. Please RSVP by November 13, here: https://tinyurl.com/walk-without-worry.

Alternative Shabbat Sessions (Beit T'Fillah)
Saturday, November 21, 10:00–11:00 a.m.
with Rabbi Hugh Seid-Valencia
In this session, we will engage in close readings of excerpts from some of the early Hasidic masters' commentaries on the weekly Torah portion. These readings and discussions will serve as a springboard to explorations of mindfulness meditation practice. Participants should come prepared to study, discuss, and experiment with meditative practice. No prior text study or meditation experience is necessary. MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR THESE UPCOMING DATE: December 19.

Mah Jongg Tournament (Social Hall)
Sunday, November 22, 9:30 a.m.–4:00 p.m.
Please join us for an afternoon of lunch and four rounds of Mah Jongg. Advanced players only. $75 per player. This event is almost full. Please call the office to register (408) 257-3333.

61st Annual Interfaith Thanksgiving Service (Offsite)
Thursday, November 26, 10:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.
This years' service will be at Sacred Heart, 13716 Saratoga Ave. Start your day of gratitude off with neighbors of other faith communities in Saratoga.

HANUKKAH HAPPENINGS

Hanukkah Happenings!
See Details and RSVP links here:
beth-david.org/hanukkah-happenings

Hanukkah Havdalah & Harmony (Social Hall)
Saturday, December 5, 6:00–8:00 p.m.
Celebrate the second night of Hanukkah together! We'll celebrate Havdalah and Hanukkah with candles and the harmonious sounds of our choral group leading us in a Hanukkah sing-along. Latkes? Of course! There will be plenty of tasty nosh. Free to attend.

Hanukkah Family Day (Classrooms)
Sunday, December 6, 9:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.
with Rabbi Roller
Families are invited to a fun-filled morning of learning, activities, and Hanukkah celebrations with Rabbi Roller! Open to the entire community.

Hazak Hanukkah Extravaganza (Social Hall)
Sunday, December 6, 6:00–9:00 p.m.
Gather with friends for a New York-style deli supper, traditional latkes, and dessert, followed by an entertaining movie. Enjoy delicious food, great company, and a festive evening together! The cost is $25 per person.

Beth David Women Celebrate Hanukkah (Social Hall)
Thursday, December 10, 11:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m.
Join Beth David Women for their annual Hanukkah celebration Enjoy a delicious lunch, reconnect with friends, make new ones, and share in the warmth and light of the season.

Young Professionals (Under age 40)
Hanukkah Happy Hour (Social Hall)
Thursday, December 10, 6:00–7:15 p.m.
Young professionals (under 40) are invited to a Hanukkah happy hour! Enjoy wine, appetizers, and good company before heading to the San Francisco Yiddish Combo concert. Happy Hour is included with your concert ticket.

San Francisco Yiddish Combo Concert (Sanctuary)
Thursday, December 10, 7:30–9:30 p.m.
Celebrate the seventh night of Hanukkah with the joyous sounds of the San Francisco Yiddish Combo! Led by cellist Rebecca Roudman, this dynamic ensemble blends traditional klezmer with jazz, blues, folk, and even hip-hop, creating a lively musical experience that crosses cultures and generations. Tickets are $25 per person.

WAYS TO SUPPORT

Honor a Loved One Through Kiddush-Oneg Sponsorship
We extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone who generously responded to our Kiddush Fund appeal. Thanks to the support of our community, our funding is back on track, helping ensure that our weekly Shabbat lunches can continue to be enjoyed by all. We have several sponsored Kiddush lunches in the coming weeks and look forward to celebrating these special occasions together. To help sustain this important program, we are exploring additional ways to make sponsoring a Kiddush or contributing to the Kiddush Fund even easier and more convenient.

Join Our Chevra Chesed Meal Support Team
Several congregants in our community are facing illness, recovery, and other life challenges. A home-cooked meal provides both practical support and a caring reminder that they are not alone. We are grateful to our Chevra Chesed volunteers and are seeking a few more helping hands. Even preparing and delivering one meal occasionally can make a meaningful difference. If you would like to join our Chevra Chesed meal support list or have questions, please email to chevrachesed@beth-david.org.

Bakers Needed for Kiddush Lunches
Please help us provide delicious treats for our Kiddush lunches. We are asking three volunteers each week to bake 2-3 dozen cookies to supplement the other wonderful desserts being provided. Please use the signup sheet below to select a date.
Please bring your cookies to the auxiliary kitchen by Friday at 11:00 a.m. so that Jeff and his staff have time to prepare and platter them. Feel free to ask the office staff if you are unsure where to leave your cookies – they should not be left in the main section of the kitchen due to Kashrut considerations. For the safety of all, please clearly label your desserts to indicate whether they contain nuts, dairy, or gluten. Thank you for your generosity and support!
Please sign up here: https://tinyurl.com/bakers-needed.

Yahrzeits Week of October 23/24 2026
Joseph Abrams, of Blessed Memory
Pauline Addison, Grandmother of Robin Sabes
Maya Belogolovsky, Wife of Arkady Belogolovsky, Sister of Dina Yevelev
Ruzhena Chekhanovskaya, Mother-in-Law of Yulia Chekhanovskaya
William Frank, Uncle-in-law of Davida Adelberg
Daniel Freudenthal, Father of Paul Freudenthal

Louis Gallack, Grandfather of Sheryl Lewis
Hannah Gamliel, Sister of Sarah Rosenberg
Lubov Vulfovna Gilman, Grandmother of Liliya Yunerman
Sophie Ginsburg, Aunt of Sheila Weisberg
Leah Halem, Mother of Robert Halem
Samuel Hyman Heldman, Father of Rhonda Raider Gould
Hagar Holan, Wife of Peter Holan
Fannie Kosack, Grandmother of Wendy Harris
Ida Kragen, Mother of Michele Balaban
Blossom Levin, Mother of Steven Levin
Howard Mark Levine, Nephew of Carol Weiss
Laurence Mack, Brother of Ina Checkman
Martin Molecke, Uncle of Ricki Gafter
Lola Pasahow, Sister of N. Howard Blumstein
Betty Paymar, of Blessed Memory
Morris Penzak, Grandfather of Robin Sabes
Lyuba Plotkina, Mother of Dina Yevelev
Sophie Schwartz Ruche, Grandmother of Lori Cinnamon
Jenessa Schwartz, Daughter of Cyndi Sherman and Stephen Schleimer
Henry Shulman, Father of Susie Weitzman
David Taubman, Brother of Charles Taubman
Jessie Winter, Grandmother of Rhonda Farber
Bernard Wishnow, Cousin-in-law of Davida Adelber***g***

Refuah Shleimah – A Complete Recovery – as of 10/24/26

Robert Francis Prevost
Michaela Yacova bat Ruchel Saushe v'Nachum Chanan, Micaela Abramovitz (daughter of Rachel and Norman Abramovitz)
Nachum ben Yaacov u'Brachah, Norm Abramovitz (member)
Howard Chaitt (cousin of Marilyn Ader)
Yehudit bat Mordechai v'Reeska, Judy Applesmith (member)
Liora bat Genia (member and mother of Rabbi Ilana Baird)
Maya bat Noach v'Rivka Leah, Maya Bareket (member)
Asaph Ben Shalom (nephew of Betty Becker)
Meira bat Zehava, Meira Peretz (niece of Betty Becker)
Zehava Malka bat Chana, Gloria Strikovsky (sister of Betty Becker)
Rivka bat Esther v'Yehuda (mother of Joseph Bendahan)
Hila bat Itzhak u'Bat Ami
Ruth Brill (member)
Chaim ben David, Harvey Checkman (member)
Aliza Cicerone (daughter of Seema Cicerone)
Lauren Davis (cousin of Seema Cicerone)
Keith Cicerone (brother-in-law of Seema Cicerone)
Mayer, Marcos Cicerone (family of Seema Cicerone)
Mike Deveau (family of Seema Cicerone)
Judy Attard (friend of Barbara Davis)
Barbara Davis (member)
Simona Goldstein (cousin of Barbara Davis)
Scott Mathews (cousin of Barbara Davis)
Marc Weiss (cousin of Barbara Davis)
Terri Willert (cousin of Barbara Davis)
Ellen Frankovitch (cousin of Lloyd Dickman)
Chanoch ben Benyamin haLevi, Richard Dorsay (member)
Grady Quintal (friend of Dorothy Dorsay)
Malka Lavana, Wendy (friend of Donna Frankel)
Axel Faederholdt (friend of Donna Frankel)
Gittel bat Yihiskael v'Pi'a Batya, Beverly Jean Kanter (sister of Donna Frankel)
Ari Yehuda ben Malka Ariella
Shira Yael bat Yehudite Rachel, Shira Weisenfruend (friend of Emily and Howard Gannes)
Steve Mizrachi (friend of Howard and Emily Gannes)
Rachel Chana bat Rayzel (friend of Howard and Emily Gannes)
Shalom ben Chana (friend of Howard and Emily Gannes)
Yaffa Leya bat Ruchel, Susan Marcus (friend of Emily Gannes)
Donna Stone (cousin of Wendy J. Glasser)
Chaim ben Moshe, Harvey Stone (cousin of Wendy J. Glasser)
Shmuel Ben Menaka Mendel
Etta bat Phival
Chaya Sarah bat Avraham Hersh v'Shaiva, Sondra Goldberger (member)
Howard Goldstein (member)
David Garfinkle (brother-in-law of Rhonda Raider Gould and Don Gould)
Malka bat Daniel u'D'vora, Helaine Green (member)
Aryeh ben Shlomo v'Miriam (friend of Helaine & Stephen Green)
Jessica (friend of Helaine & Stephen Green)
Guadalupe Ariel Cordova (friend of Helaine & Stephen Green)
Allison Tobin (friend of Helaine & Stephen Green)
Tikva bat Katania, Allyson Guggenheim (granddaughter of Allen Guggenheim)
Juanita Harris (friend of Kristin Gustavson)
Kathryn Schultz (friend of Kristin Gustavson)
Steve Kaplan (friend of Kristin Gustavson)
Sylvia Rogers (friend of Kristin Gustavson)
Prudence Victor (friend of Kristin Gustavson)
Ron Victor (friend of Kristin Gustavson)
Jim Johnson (friend of Kristin Gustavson)
Val Swisher (friend of Kristin Gustavson)
Tom & Marilyn Reigert (friends of Kristin Gustavson)
Ben Tzion ben Ya'akov u'Masha, Brent Hailpern (member)
Vellya bat Shmuel haKohen v'Chana Chaya, Vivian Herman (member)
Fred Nelson (friend of David Hoffman)
Hannah bat Gershon u'Miriam, Patty Hughes (member)
Elisheva bat Sarah
Tamar bat Zvi v'Rachel , Tamar Jacobs (member)
Janice Karel Presten (sister of Steven Karel)
Rephuel Melach ben Moshe v Guta, Robert Rainish (brother of Doris Katz)
Carol King (member)

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Holly Marsh (friend of Carol King)
Keter ben Avraham v'Shoshana, Steve Kinsey (member)
Chaya Leiva Eita Moshe Meyer v' Yehudit, Lynne Kinsey (member)
Aliza Chavah bat Chaya Liba Etta v'Keter, Leanna Shuster (daughter of Stephen and Lynne Kinsey)
Madison and Walker Vega (grandchildren of Jan Krum, niece and nephew of Barb Green)
Levi ben Lina v'Eliyahu (father of Rabbi David Kunin)
Tova bat Clara v'Mordechai haKohen (mother of Rabbi David Kunin)
Arkadi Nisenzon (brother of Zoya Lazer)
Eliezer ben Shulamit Yehudit, Lawrence Goldblatt (cousin of Michael Leitner)
Miriam, Marion Lessman (friend of Ben Leitner)
Daniel Seth ben Yaffa v'Yitzchak haKohen, Daniel Lewis (son of Sheryl & Eric Lewis)
Dr. Barry Schwartz (cousin of Andrea Linder)
Miriam bat Bluma, Miriam Marr (member)
Chaim ben Uziel v'Tovah, Charlie Marr (member)
Leibel Yehuda ben Shmuel Yisroel v'Sheindl, Leonard Metz (member)
Dalia bat Joseph v'Sarah, Dalia Milgram (member)
Rachmiel mi-beit Y'chiel u'Vreindel, Bobby Miller (member)
Susan Keith (friend of Robert Miller)
Joanie Pepper (aunt of Jan Pepper)
Gary Hedden (friend of Jan Pepper)
Deb Rau (friend of Jan Pepper)
Chaya Bracha bat Shira Nechama
Yosefa Sara bat Chana
Sander ben Avraham u'Martha, Alexander Rodstein (member)
Aharon ben Yochevet, Allan Schwartz (former member)
Matana bat Rahma, Myrtle Schwartz (member)
Mary Ann Pinsler (cousin of Myrtle Schwartz)
David Hai Isaac (cousin of Myrtle Schwartz)
Sundus Jameel (friend of Myrtle Schwartz)
Hannah bat Miriam (sister-in-law of Myrtle Schwartz)
Shoshana bat Hannah (niece of Myrtle Schwartz)
Blanche Levine (relative of Myrtle Schwartz)
Malka bat Mendel v'Goldie, Marilyn Sefchovich (member)
Yudif Golda bat Yente, Yulia Shvarts (member)
Marc Suhler (brother of Irene Spector)
Kathy Goldstein (friends of Walter Spector)
Chris Stanton (father of Ethan Stanton)
Adam Yavim ben Avraham v'Sarah, George Steres (member)
Rachmiel ben Yoheved (member)
Chaye Reizel bat Ruchel (member)
Matt Clark (friend of Irene Swedroe)
David ben Levi v'Esther (son of Svitlana & Leonid Veskler)
Yoseph Mendel ben Elkonah Aaron, Martin Weisberg (member)
Leah Shoshana bat Hirsch haKohen v'Hannah, Linda Weiss (member)
Hadassah bat Benyamin v'Shoshana, Esther Woolfson (member)
Chaim ben Davida
Rosa bat Riva (friend of Dina Yevelev)
Annabel Rubin (relative of Dina Yevelev)
Bela bat Bronya (cousin of Dina Yevelev)
Sonya bat Emma (friend of Dina Yevelev)
Rita bat Sonya (friend of Dina Yevelev)
Genreekh Gilman (father of Liliya Yunerman)
Chayah bat Yosef v'Devorah, Cheryl Zatkin-Steres (member)