



tidbits

my father, R' Meir Zlotowitz zt'l, made sure his family was up to date on
from the mundane, to the ordinary, to the 'thanks for reminding me!'

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Reminders



Those in Eretz Yisrael have begun reciting *V'sein Tal Umatar* this past Tuesday, October 15th. Those in Chutz La'Aretz will begin during Maariv on December 4th. One who is traveling to Eretz Yisrael should seek halachic guidance.

The final opportunity for Kiddush Levanah is Tuesday evening, October 23rd.

Daf Yomi: Erev Shabbos is Menachos 70.

Make sure to call your parents, in-laws, grandparents, and Rabbi to wish them a good Shabbos. If you didn't speak to your kids today, make sure to do the same!

Avram to migrate | Avram, his family, and Lot travel to Canaan | Hashem promises to give him the land | Avram goes to Egypt because of famine | Sarai is taken | Pharaoh is stricken with plagues | Avram is showered with riches and banished || Friction between the men of Avram and the men of Lot | Lot settles in Sedom | Avram is commanded to travel to the promised land || Lot is captured | Avram battles and defeats the 4 kings | Malki Tzedek congratulates and blesses Avram | Avram refuses to take from the spoils! Hashem promises Avram children | Bris bein habsarim || Hagar bears Yishmael | Sarai banishes Hagar and her son | Avram is renamed Avraham | Commandment of Milah | Three malachim visit Avraham | Sarai is renamed Sarah and is promised a son who shall be called Yitzchak | Hashem will make a covenant only with Yitzchak | Yishmael and all of Avraham's household were circumcised.

How did not revealing the destination cause a reward for each step of Avram's travels?

Rav Baruch Ber Leibowitz zt"l answers that had the commandment been to go to Eretz Canaan, the reward would only be for entering the land itself. By commanding Avram to travel without specifying a destination, then the commandment for Avram was the actual traveling itself. Thus each and every step of the travel is a fulfillment of the commandment, and therefore, merits reward.

There is another fascinating explanation. There are two types of "walks" a person takes. One is to get to a destination. The other is just a pleasure stroll with no destination in mind, other than to spend time with someone. Hashem didn't mention a destination to Avram to tell him that this was a walk with no destination, a stroll to create a closer relationship with Hashem.



Next on the Calendar

The final day of *Behab* is this Monday, October 22nd.

We will be moving the clock an hour back on Motzaei Shabbos, November 3rd.

Chanukah begins on Sunday evening, December 2nd.



For the Shabbos Table

"Lech lecha... el haaretz asher ar'eka"

"Go for yourself...to the land which I will show you" (Bereishis 12:1)

The Midrash explains that Hashem did not reveal to Avram Avinu the destination he was traveling to so that he would receive reward for each and every step he traveled.

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