



Temple Emanu-El

Shabbat Lech-Lecha

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November 1, 2025 / 10 Cheshvan 5786

Aufzug: Laureen Akram & David Gardy Ermann

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Weekly Torah Reading – Parashat Lech-Lecha

Pshat – The Story at a glance

1. God famously tells Abram to leave his home for the Promised Land, Canaan.
2. Abram and his nephew Lot part ways amicably, then Abram rescues him from captivity.
3. God makes a covenant with Abram that, following slavery, his descendants will forever inherit Canaan, later known as the land of Israel.
4. Sarai kicks out her maidservant Hagar, along with Hagar and Abram's son, Ishmael.
5. God changes Abram's name to Abraham and Sarai's name to Sarah as Abraham marks the covenant with God in his flesh through circumcision.

Drash – A Closer Look at this Week's Parsha

God said to Abram, “Go forth (*lech lecha*) from your native land and from your father's house to the land that I will show you” (Genesis 12:1)

In Hebrew, the word “*lecha*”, meaning “for you”, in God's famous instruction of *lech lecha* appears to be superfluous and does not add any extra meaning. But according to Rashi, the extra *lecha* helps us understand that Abram is going to make this journey for his own good. It is only once he arrives and settles in his new home that he will earn all the good things coming his way. He has to go from his home for his own benefit.

Shabbat Shalom שבת שלום

Weekly Service Times:

Friday Evening 6:15pm, Shabbat Morning 9am

Sunday Morning 9am, Monday—Thursday Evenings 7pm,

Wednesday Morning 7:30am

Yasher Koach to Rabbi Gabe Cohen, Rabbi Jeremy Ruberg and Cantor Israel Singer for leading services. To Rabbi Jeremy Ruberg, Lynn Appelbaum, Ross Goldstien, Michael Goodman, and Jake Becker for reading Torah and to Manny Genn for chanting the Haftarah.

Thank You

Thank you to Dr. Rica Rabinowitz and Steve Leeman for serving as our Gabbaim.

Mazal Tov

Mazal Tov to Laureen Akram & David Gardy Ermann, on their aufruf and upcoming wedding!

Sponsors

Thank you to the Akram/Gardy-Ermann family for co-sponsoring Kiddush in honor of the Aufruf of Laureen Akram & David Gardy Ermann.

Thank you to the Appelbaum/Spivack family for co-sponsoring Kiddush and the bima flowers in celebration of Lynn Appelbaum's Aliyah to the Torah.

Thank you to Liya Kahan for co-sponsoring kiddush to mark the occasion of Ross's aliyah to the Torah and in honor of Rabbi Jeremy Ruberg for helping Ross reach this milestone.

Thank you to Karen & Harry Banschick for co-sponsoring Kiddush in memory of Karen's mother, Mary Lesorgen z"l.

Thank you to the Weinflash / Kopelman Family for co-sponsoring the kiddush in memory of Bernard Weinflash z"l.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

TE Teens Tikkum Olam Sunday, November 2nd at 11:30 AM. Join us on Sundays, once a month for a teen volunteer opportunity! Our TE Teens (8th-12th grade students) will volunteer at the Closter Food Pantry, pack rice, make care packages or participate in workshops! RSVP required. [CLICK HERE](#) to RSVP!

Antisemitism Program for Teens & Parents Tuesday, November 11th at 7:30 PM. Join us as we explore the history of antisemitic tropes and stereotypes and examine how they appear in today's digital spaces. Together, we will learn to identify these harmful ideas, understand their impact, and discuss meaningful and effective ways to respond when we encounter them. [CLICK HERE](#) to RSVP!

Sisterhood Book Club Wednesday, November 12th at 7:30 PM. "The Safekeep" by Yael Van Der Wouden. A "razor-sharp, perfectly plotted" (The Sunday Times, London) tale of desire, suspicion, and obsession between two women staying in the same house in the Dutch countryside during the summer of 1961—a powerful exploration of the legacy of WWII and the darker parts of our collective past.

Sisterhood Presents: Anne Frank the Exhibition Sunday, November 16th at 12:00 PM. Sisterhood Members join us for a powerful visit to Anne Frank: The Exhibition which features a full-scale recreation of her hiding place and over 100 original artifacts. \$40 per person, limited spots! [CLICK HERE](#) to register!

Hazakgiving Tuesday, November 18th at 11:30 AM. Hazak* Members, join us for a Hazakgiving Lunch! Celebrate with us at our second session in a series of engaging activities created just for seniors, happening exclusively on Tuesdays at 11:30 AM. *Hazak at TE: A Jewish Community of Seniors Dedicated to Lifelong Education & Enrichment.* * To RSVP, please call the Temple office at 201-750-9997.

Texas Hold'Em | New Date: Thursday, December 11th at 7:30 PM. Fundraiser to benefit Israel & Magen David Adom - Israel's national EMS organization. \$6500 PRIZE POOL (based on 100 players). [RSVP HERE](#) by November 3rd and get 10% extra chips!

Hanukkah College Packages | Register by Friday November 14th. The Sisterhood will be sending Hanukkah packages to our College Students. Temple members wishing to send packages to their own children enjoy complimentary service, free of charge. For those desiring to send packages to relatives or close friends, including grandchildren, nieces, and nephews, there is a fee of \$36, which covers shipping along with a personalized note. [CLICK HERE](#) to register!

TE Trip to Japan | October 2026. We're exploring interest in a October trip to Japan with a unique Jewish focus—blending rich culture, history, and community. Let us know if you'd like to be part of this journey! Fill out our form to let us know you'd like to join! [CLICK HERE](#) to fill out our forms.

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