

Genesis

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God's call
to Abraham

¹ HASHEM said to Abram, "Go for yourself from your land, from your relatives, and from your father's house to the land that I will show you. ² And I will make of you a great nation; I will bless you, and make your name great, and you shall be a blessing. ³ I will bless those who bless you, and him who curses you I will curse; and all the families of the earth shall bless themselves by you."

⁴ So Abram went as HASHEM had spoken to him, and Lot went with him; Abram was seventy-five years old when he left Haran. ⁵ Abram took his wife Sarai and Lot, his brother's son, and all their wealth that they had amassed, and the souls they made in Haran; and they left to go to the land of Canaan, and they came to the land of Canaan. ⁶ Abram passed into the land as far as the site of Shechem, until the Plain of Moreh. The Canaanite was then in the land.

PARASHAS LECH LECHA

Numbers

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The
command
to send
spies to
Eretz Yisrael

¹ HASHEM spoke to Moses, saying, ² "Send forth men, if you please, and let them spy out the Land of Canaan that I give to the Children of Israel; one man each from his father's tribe shall you send, every one a leader among them." ³ Moses sent them forth from the Wilderness of Paran at HASHEM's command; they were all distinguished men; heads of the Children of Israel were they.

⁴ These are their names: For the tribe of Reuben, Shammua son of Zaccur. ⁵ For the tribe of Simeon, Shaphat son of Hori. ⁶ For the tribe of Judah, Caleb son of Jephunneh. ⁷ For the tribe of Issachar, Yigal son of Joseph. ⁸ For the tribe of Ephraim, Hoshea son of Nun. ⁹ For the tribe of Benjamin, Palti son of Raphu. ¹⁰ For the tribe of Zebulun, Gaddiel son of Sodi. ¹¹ For the tribe of Joseph for the tribe of Manasseh, Gaddi son of Susi. ¹² For the tribe of Dan, Ammiel son of Gemalli. ¹³ For the tribe of Asher, Sethur son of Michael. ¹⁴ For the tribe of Naphtali, Nahbi son of Vophsi. ¹⁵ For the tribe of Gad, Geuel son of Machi. ¹⁶ These are the names of the men whom Moses sent to spy out the Land. Moses called Hoshea son of Nun "Joshua."*

Moses prays
for Joshua

¹⁷ Moses sent them to spy out the Land of Canaan, and he said to them, "Ascend here in the south and climb the mountain. ¹⁸ See the Land — how is it? and the people that dwells in it — is it strong or weak? is it few or numerous? ¹⁹ And how is the Land in which it dwells — is it good or is it bad? And how are the cities in which it dwells — are they open or are they fortified? ²⁰ And how is the land — is it fertile or is it lean? are there trees in it or not? You shall strengthen yourselves and take from the fruit of the Land." The days were the season of the first ripe grapes.

PARASHAS SHELACH

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PARASHAS VA'ESCHANAN

Moses
prays again

²³ I implored HASHEM at that time, * saying, ²⁴ "My Lord, HASHEM/ELOHIM, you have begun to show Your servant Your greatness and Your strong hand, for what power is there in the heaven or on the earth that can perform according to Your deeds and according to Your mighty acts? ²⁵ Let me now cross and see the good Land that is on the other side of the Jordan, this good mountain and the Lebanon."

Exile
and
return

²⁶ But HASHEM became angry with me because of you, and He did not listen to me; HASHEM said to me, "It is too much for you! Do not continue to speak to Me further about this matter. ²⁷ Ascend to the top of the cliff and raise your eyes westward, northward, southward, and eastward, and see with your eyes, for you shall not cross this Jordan. ²⁸ But you shall command Joshua, and strengthen him and give him resolve, for he shall cross before the people and he shall cause them to inherit the Land that you will see."

²⁹ So we remained in the valley, opposite Beth-peor.

Isaiah 56

The
foreigner,
the barren
one . . .

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dispersed

³ Let not the foreigner, who has joined himself to HASHEM, speak, saying, 'HASHEM will utterly separate me from His people'; and let not the barren one say, 'Behold I am a shriveled tree.' ⁴ For thus said HASHEM to the barren one who observe My Sabbaths and choose what I desire, and grasp My covenant tightly: ⁵ In My house and within My walls I will give them a place of honor and renown, which is better than sons and daughters; eternal renown will I give them, which will never be terminated. ⁶ And the foreigner who join themselves to HASHEM to serve Him and to love the Name of HASHEM to become servants unto Him, all who guard the Sabbath against desecration, and grasp My covenant tightly — ⁷ I will bring them to My holy mountain, and I will gladden them in My house of prayer; their elevation offerings and their feast-offerings will find favor on My Altar, for My House will be called a house of prayer for all the peoples. ⁸ The word of my Lord HASHEM/ELOHIM, Who gathers in the dispersed of Israel: I shall gather to him even more than those already gathered to him. *

High Holiday Musaf Repetition Service

- Then all shall come to serve You;
 - they shall bless Your honored Name
 - and declare Your righteousness in far-flung lands.
 - Peoples that knew You not will seek You out;
 - all ends of the earth will laud You
 - and always say, "May HASHEM be exalted."
 - (Some add: To You they will slaughter their offerings.)
 - They will reject their idols,
 - be mortified with their statues,
 - and turn unanimously to serve You.
 - Those who seek Your presence
 - will revere You as long as the sun exists;
 - they will recognize the power of Your sovereignty,
 - and teach understanding to those gone astray.
 - They shall speak of Your strength,
 - they shall extol You, Who are sovereign over every leader.
 - In Your Presence they will pray with trepidation,
 - and crown You with a corona of splendor.
 - The mountains will burst forth with glad song,
 - far-flung lands will exult in Your Kingship,
 - they shall accept the yoke of Your Kingship upon themselves,
 - and exalt You among the assembled people.
 - Distant ones will hear and come,
- In some congregations all recite the final phrase together:
- and they will present You with a crown of Kingship. *

Psalms 118

Hallel Prayer Service

* ¹⁹ Open for me the gates of righteousness; I will enter them and thank God. ²⁰ This is the gate of HASHEM; the righteous shall enter through it. ²¹ I thank You for You have answered me and become my salvation. ²² The stone the builders despised has become the cornerstone. * ²³ This emanated from HASHEM; * it is wondrous in our eyes. ²⁴ This is the day HASHEM has made; let us rejoice and be glad on it. ²⁵ Please, HASHEM, save now! Please, HASHEM, bring success now! ²⁶ Blessed is he who comes in the Name of HASHEM; we bless you from the House of HASHEM. ²⁷ HASHEM is God: He illuminated for us; bind the festival offering with cords until the corners of the Altar. ²⁸ You are my God, and I will thank You; my God, I will exalt You. ²⁹ Give thanks to HASHEM, for He is good; for His kindness endures forever.