



# THIS WEEK AT TEMPLE ISRAEL

October 30 to November 5 12 Cheshvan to 18 Cheshvan

Parsha of the Week: Lech-Lecha (Gen. 12:1-17:27)

Parsha Highlights: We first meet Avram and Sarai, progenitors of our people, and founders of Judaism. They are commanded to "Go forth from your land, your birthplace, and your parents' house, to the land which I will show you," in order to become a great nation. Along with their nephew Lote, they do so, ending in the land of Canaan, where Avram speaks to all of the faith in the One G-d. A famine afflicts the land, forcing the family to descend into Egypt, where Pharaoh falls in love with Sarai, and takes her into his harem. G-d prevents the king from taking her as a wife; instead, he sends them away, gifting Avram with gold, silver, and flocks. Once again in Canaan, Lote and Avram separate, the better to graze their cattle. Lote is caught in the middle of the War of the Seven Kings, and Avram rescues him by night. He is blessed by Melchisedek, king of Shalem. G-d makes a covenant with Avram, telling him that his descendants will be enslaved in Egypt, but will later inherit Israel. An infertile Sarai tells Avram to take maidservant Hagar to wife; she bears him Ishmael. G-d changes Avram's name to Avraham, and Sarai to Sarah, promising that they will have a son, whose name will be Yitzchak. Avraham circumcises both himself and his household manservants, as a sign of the covenant between them and G-d.

## SIHN NEWS:

As the nights turn colder, we are all grateful to have a roof over our heads, but not everyone in our community has stable housing. Families in the Seacoast with nowhere to live find a path back to their own homes through the Seacoast Interfaith Hospitality Network, where our network of 21 faith communities (Temple Israel included) provide meals, shelter, support and friendship while the families develop jobs, savings, and permanent housing solutions. Please come out on Thursday, Nov. 5, to support the work of SIHN at Promises to Keep, its 5th Annual SIHN Fundraising Auction. Bid on great live and silent auction items while enjoying music, food, and drink at the Masonic Temple, 351 Middle Street, Portsmouth, from 5:30 to 9 on Nov. 5. Admission is \$20.

## INFORMATION

**UPCOMING EVENTS:** Nov. 11 Annual Vertan's Day Service at 11:15 am; Nov. 14 Tot Shabbat Service at 11:00 am in the Chapel; Nov. 18 at 11:00 am Senior Lunch Bunch in the Levenson Social Hall; Nov. 23 at 7:00 pm Sisterhood Planning Board meeting in the schmoozatorium.

## Friday, October 30

NO PRESCHOOL

7:30 pm Lay Led Service w/ Fred & Rhoda Feldman

5:21 pm Candle Lighting

## Saturday, October 31

9:30 am Shabbat Service Lay Led w/ Bob Goldberg

Matt Grossman/David Schopick/Cheryl Berman

5:36 pm Sundown

6:21 pm Shabbat Ends

## Sunday, November 1 An Event Packed Day Don't Miss It

9:00 am Hebrew School

9:30 am PTO Event In the Schmooz featuring Dr.

Laura Rubin

9:30 am Discussion Group

10:00 am New Member Coffee in the Schmooz

11:00 am Sunday Morning Cultural Event featuring

Peter Schultz & Mary Watt and Company

## Monday, November 2

9:00 am Preschool

6:30 pm Adult Ed Biblical Hebrew

## Tuesday, November 3

## Wednesday, November 4

9:00 am Preschool

3:45 pm Rabbi's Adult Ed Class

3:45 pm Hebrew School

6:00 pm Parent Preschool Meeting

6:00 pm Fund raising Committee Meeting

## Thursday, November 5

7:00 pm Brotherhood Game Night

## Weekly Services

Wednesdays at 5:15 pm when Hebrew School is in session.

## Yahrzeits

*We recall with affection those who no longer walk this earth, grateful to G-d for the gift of their lives.*

**October 30**

Philip Borwick, George Zitomer

**October 31**

Paul Pollack

**November 1**

Anna Borwick, Fred Kaplan, Evelyn Trotsky

**November 2**

Harry Bratter, June Feldman

**November 3**

**November 4**

**November 5**

Bruce Fox, Martha Wein

**GET WELL TO:** Marc Rothstein, Stephen Friedman