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## Schedule for Parshat Lech Lecha

### Friday, October 19

Mincha, followed by Ma'ariv for Shabbat **5:35 PM**  
 Candle lighting for Shabbat **5:38 PM**

### Saturday, October 20

Shacharit (7:45 AM Salem Towers) **8:45 AM**  
*Services followed by kiddush*  
 Latest time for Kriat Sh'ma **9:45 AM**

 Men's Class **4:30 PM**

Mincha, followed by se'udah shlishit **5:20 PM**  
 Ma'ariv **6:35 PM**  
 Shabbat Ends **6:45 PM**

## Schedule for the Week of October 21 - 26

	Shacharit	Mincha	Ma'ariv
Sunday	8:00 am	5:30 pm	6:00 pm
Monday	6:40 am	5:30 pm	6:00 pm
Tuesday	6:50 am	5:30 pm	6:00 pm
Wednesday	6:50 am	5:30 pm	6:00 pm
Thursday	6:40 am	5:30 pm	6:00 pm
Friday	6:50 am	5:25 pm	<i>following Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat</i>

## November Newsletter Deadline

The deadline for submissions for the November Newsletter is Thursday, October 25. If you would like to take out a One-Line Greeting, please contact the office at 781-322-5686 or email [director@bethisraelmalden.com](mailto:director@bethisraelmalden.com). Remember, the One-Line Greeting is a great way to give thanks, acknowledge, or announce anything from a birthday or anniversary to getting a promotion or graduating. It's also an easy, fun, and inexpensive way to help the shul to offset some of the basic operating costs that we incur in our attempts to offer you more and better programs and activities.

Thank you for your contributions.

## Family Se'udah Shlishit

Next week, as part of our inaugural Carlebach Shabbat, we will be having a family se'udah shlishit. The schedule will be changed slightly, with an earlier Shabbat mincha to accommodate a longer se'udah shlishit. Please RSVP to the office by Thursday, October 24.

There is no fee for the se'udah shlishit. Donations are strongly encouraged.

If you are interested in sponsoring the Carlebach Family Se'udah Shlishit, please contact the office at 781-322-5686 or [director@bethisraelmalden.com](mailto:director@bethisraelmalden.com)

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## Shabbat Kiddush

This week's kiddush is sponsored by Greg Ireland, Harold Zazula, and Matthew Garland, in honor of our beloved Captain Andy Shulman returning home for a visit.

**Sir, Welcome, Sir!**



## SPONSORSHIPS

Want to celebrate an occasion, honor a friend, or remember a loved one? Sponsorships are available at all different levels. Make a donation to show someone you care!




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Breakfast -----	\$5.00
One-Line Greeting -----	\$10.00
Weekly Bulletin ad -----	\$25.00
Newsletter ad -----	\$36.00
Se'udah Sh'lshit -----	\$36.00
Kiddush -----	\$50.00
Sefer -----	\$50.00
Luncheon (Shabbat Chazak) ----	\$100.00

## UPCOMING EVENTS

-  Torah Ethics class Monday, 10/22, 9:30 am at Salem Towers
-  Weekly Parsha Class Thursday, 10/25, following Ma'ariv

*The Rabbi's class is available on our website, [www.BethIsraelMalden.com](http://www.BethIsraelMalden.com)*

-  Carlebach Shabbat, October 26 and 27
-  Family Se'udah Shlishit, October 27. Please RSVP by October 24 to the shul office at 781-322-5686 or [director@bethisraelmalden.com](mailto:director@bethisraelmalden.com)
-  Fall Shabbaton, November 9/10. Please RSVP by November 7 to the shul office at 781-322-5686 or [director@bethisraelmalden.com](mailto:director@bethisraelmalden.com)

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## The Goal of the Land

*Insights into Parshat Lech Lecha from the Ramban, by Rav Reuven Ungar of Sha'alvim.*

At the conclusion of Parshat Noach, the Torah records the journey of Terach, Avraham, Lot and Sarah from Ur Kasdim towards the Land of Canaan. They reached Charan and settled there. The beginning of Parshat Lech Lecha conveys the Divine directive for Avraham to reach The Land, where he will be blessed, with national growth and prominence.

Why did Avraham originally set out towards the Land of Canaan? Why did they assemble and settle in Charan, necessitating a Divine directive to ascend to The Land? Why does the Torah mention numerous blessings of Avraham and of his family, yet omit predicating these blessings on the Divine Service of Avraham (as is the case in reference to Noach, King David and King Shlomo)? Does the mere exodus from his birthplace warrant such magnificent blessings?

Avraham Avinu actively advanced monotheism while in Ur Kasdim. The local authorities responded to his teachings, by placing him in pits and in a furnace. In order to publicize the Worship of Hashem in a proper atmosphere, the family of Avraham escaped Ur Kasdim and traveled to the Land of Israel. While on the way, they reached Charan and resided there, due to the lack of persecution in that location.

The Torah deliberately omits mention of the difficulties that faced Avraham in Ur Kasdim. That would have required recording the opposing false ideologies that Avraham combated; the Torah focuses upon the True and Good; not the bad and the ugly.

Hashem informed Avraham that the ideal location to spread belief in Him is the Land of Canaan. The life project of Avraham, leading Mankind to recognize the Rule of Hashem, can best be fulfilled exclusively in The Land. Thus, the blessings mentioned in the beginning of Parshat Lech Lecha are designed to enable Avraham to further his Divine Service; that he already was engaged in.

In contemporary terms, there are Ur Kasdim societies that actively oppose our Divine Worship (the former Soviet Union comes to mind). Other locations present a Charan-like live-and-let-live approach (North America). Yet, the Torah informs us that the ultimate location, best suited to publicizing the Existence and Oneness of Hashem, is The Land!