

November 2008

Lecha

For the week ending Shabbat **8th**

**10th Cheshvan 5769:Shabbat Lech**

***Dear Members & Friends***

***Timetable for the new week attached.***

***Rabbi Kacev's Dvar Torah attached.***

***FourDay Weather forecast below.***

**Brocha:**

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**YAHRTZEITS**

West St Shul wishes a long life to following members observing their Yahrzeits in the new week:

SATURDAY 8th :- **JOE DAVIDOVITZ** (M)

TUESDAY 11th :- **JUDY MORITZ** (Sstr)

FRIDAY 14th :- **ROSE SHER** (F)

**Long Life:**

West St Shul wishes **Myrna Rosenberg** a long life on the passing away of her close friend **Len Lyons** this past Wednesday. Len is also survived by his sister Sheila, nieces & nephews. The funeral was at West Park Thursday 6th Nov. Prayers, at Myrna's home, were held on the of evening, Thursday 6th Nov 2008 .

The weekday **Mincha Minyan** continues to struggle. Commitment appeal !

**Rabbi Abraham Isaac Kook: z'tl**  
(1865-1935)

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## Lech Lecha

### What is in a name?

"God took him outside and said, 'Look at the sky, and count the **stars** if you can! So will be your descendants.'" [Gen. 15:5] and

*"the sand on the seashore"* [Gen. 22:17].

### Personal and Collective Missions

The psalmist wrote that God bestows a name to every star [Psalms 147:4].

Each star has a unique function for which it was created, and each star has a **unique name** corresponding to its special function.

What is in a name? A name reflects an entity's **inner essence**. It defines the nature of its existence, it indicates its **fundamental purpose**. .....

The comparison of Abraham's descendants to **stars** indicates the importance and greatness of every individual Jew. Every soul is a universe unto itself, as the Sages wrote: "*One who saves a single soul of Israel, it is as if he has saved an entire world*" [Sanhedrin 37a].

But the Jewish people also have a collective purpose, to bring about the world's spiritual perfection. ... For this reason, they are also compared to the **sand**. The metaphor of sand emphasizes their collective importance and purpose. A single grain of sand is of no particular consequence. But together, these grains of sand form a border against the oceans.

The letter *hey* was added to Abraham's name, indicating the universal nature of his mission. From *Avram* he became *Avraham* - "*Av hamon goyim*," 'the father of many nations' - bringing the entire world closer to G-d.

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Friday-7th	Shabbat-8th	Sunday-9th	Monday-10th
			
26° C   12° C	20° C   10° C	20° C   10° C	22° C   10° C
Chance of Rain 20% chance of precipitation	Chance of Rain 50% chance of precipitation	Partly Cloudy	Chance of Rain 20% chance of precipitation

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