

Traveling Towards Shabbat ©

הַנְּגִיבָה

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Our Devri Torah Parshat is in the loving Memory of Lee Daniel, Leann Daniel and Kathleen Travis, Mr. Joseph Edgar Copesteaks, Mrs Gertrude Virginia Copesteaks, Ms Alice Virginia Copesteaks and Mr. Don Bueling may they rest in peace.

Devri Torah Limood
Bereisheit [Genesis] 12.1 - 20

Bereisheit [Genesis] 12.9
וַיֵּסַע אַבְרָם הַלּוֹךְ וְנִסּוֹעַ הַנְּגִיבָה:

And he, Avraham traveled, the proceeding and traveling to the south.

3ג 50 נה 70 ע 61 ס 60 ו 61 ס 207 5ה ל 30 ו 61 ס 40 ס 200 ר 1 א 2ב 70 ע 10 י 61 ס 60 ע
707 = 5 ה 2ב

Bereisheit [Genesis] 13.1
וַיַּעַל אַבְרָם מִמִּצְרַיִם הוּא וְאִשְׁתּוֹ וְכָל־אֲשֶׁר־לוֹ וְלוֹט עִמּוֹ הַנְּגִיבָה:

And He, Avram went up from Mitzraim, He and his wife and all that he had, and lot together they went south.

Ha Torah speaks of Avram traveling and Avram proceeding and traveling south. Avram was traveling away from his land, his birth place and his father's house while at the same time traveling towards the south towards Jerusalem. There were

some stops along the way. there were some challenges along the way. Avram and Sarah kept traveling south.

Haw Lohk {הָלוֹךְ} meaning ‘proceeding’ speaks of the process Avram and Sarah took as they traveled. They began traveling way from things and toward other things, i.e. their destiny. Ha Torah Defines their Destiny as the south.

Each direction one travels has a purpose and a significant meaning. Each of the four directions mystically correspond to the Sefirot. The Sefirah is defined by Letters from the Aleph Bet representing numbers. Our Sages Teach there are eleven positions. The position of the South corresponds to cheesed and lovingkindness... This is the direction that Avram and Sarai were traveling.

Ha Torah Says, ‘Avram took his wife, Sarai..’ Bereisheit 12.5

Ha Torah speaks of the physical and mystical direction Avram went in. Sarai also went in a physical and mystical direction. How do we know this? Two words represent this to us. עָרַךְ and נָסַךְ. Both mean to travel. Avram was traveling in the physical and in the mystical. Sarai was traveling in the physical and the mystical. The Letter Samech represents support. There are two Samech’s. The Samech is an eternal Letter. The Samech makes a complete 360 degree circle. The Word נָסַךְ Naw Sa meaning to journey or to travel has as it’s center the Letter Samech. This informs us that the center of our journey is a circle. This also informs us that the journey begins in the south with the Letter [נ] Nun, representing 50 then proceeds to the Letter [ס] Samech representing 60 then proceeds to the Letter [ע] Ayin representing 70. In other words the Letters move from or process from right to left. They move from south to north. Yet Avram and Sarah went from north to south. Mystically we see the circle. Avraham and Sarai are traveling in one physical direction but Spiritual they are traveling in the opposite direction. Confusing? Yes... maybe.

The Nun represents the beginning. Faithfulness, the Soul, our Emergence
The Samech represents support, protection, memory and the life cycle both physical and Spiritual.

The Ayin represents sight, insight, light. The ayin primarily identifies the organ of sight, also represents the light, vehicle that makes vision possible. Rabbi Michael Munk

So we see them traveling physically towards the south and Mystically towards the light. Shabbat is the day of Light. It is the time Jewish women and women who have taken the Spiritual responsibility of lighting Shabbat, light Shabbat Candles. Physically **light** generated by a wives **Shabbat** candles illuminates the home, on **Shabbat**, However her Spirituality is the light that lights the home during the weekdays. the Midrash tells us that the Shabbat lamps kindled by our Matriarch Sarah continued to burn for an entire week. Moreover, the miracle repeated itself whenever her daughter-in-law, our Matriarch Rivkah, lit her candles. And less visibly, the same miracle occurs whenever a Jewish woman or girl lights her Shabbat candles. Just as in the physical sense, a candle reveals the otherwise unseen contents of a room, so, too, in a spiritual sense, the Shabbat candles reveal the unseen and intangible G-dly energy which permeates our existence.

http://www.chabad.org/library/article_cdoaid/110393/jewish/Let-There-Be-Light.htm

G-d Willing we will continue this subject next Shabbat.

The Gematria of Ha Shabbat is 707

707 = 400 ת 2ב 300 ש 5ה

Just as Avram and Sarai were physically traveling in one direction Mystically and Spiritually they were traveling towards Shabbat.

Blessings, Love and peace,

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