**OHH! Lech Lecha – “Get Yourself Out”**

**Introduction**:

Hebrew letter

* ג – gimmel = 3
* Meaning: camel, prophet, feet, nourish, resurrection

Hebrew names and meanings:

* Ab (or Av) = father
* Abram = exalted father
* Abraham = father of a multitude
* Sarah = princess
* Melech = king
* Avimelek = my father is king (literally: father king)
* Lot = a covering, a veil.
* Tzedek = righteous
* Melchizedek = king of righteousness

Hebrew Words:

* Lech Lecha = “get yourself out” or “go forth yourself”

Fun Factoid:

* Dead Sea –
	+ is the largest free spa on earth!
	+ The Dead Sea is known for its powerful healing properties due to its high salt and mineral content.
	+ People go there for treatment of various skin problems such as acne and psoriasis. It is also good for muscle aches and arthritis.

**Body**:

Torah Portion summation (Genesis 12:1-17:27):

* God calls Abram.
* Abram and Lot separate because their shepherds were fighting.
* Abram rescues Lot, pays tithes to Melchizedek (king of Salem), and rejects king of Sodom’s offer.
* God makes a covenant with Abram.
* Abram gets ahead of God and tries to make the covenant come to pass using Hagar and Ishmael.
* God reminds Abram of His Covenant and the child of promise, God changes Abram and Sarai’s names, and establishes the covenant of circumcision which is a sign of His Covenant.

Torah Portion Themes:

* Obedience
* Redemption
* Covenant

**Conclusion**:

So What?!! Application section:

1. Can Abraham’s journey be a blueprint for us? How so?
2. How did Abram’s obedience require faith?
3. Why did Abram take Lot with him?
4. Question: what could “treat me well” imply?
5. How does Israel’s Exodus from Egypt parallel Abraham’s journey to Egypt?
6. What are some consequences that the possessions Abram received from Pharaoh had upon him? And upon us today?