

# Parshat Lekh L'kha A

Genesis 12:1-12

## First Aliyah

Chapter 12:1 The Eternal said to Abram,  
“Go forth from your native land and from your father’s  
house to the land that I will show you.  
<sup>2</sup> I will make of you a great nation,  
And I will bless you;  
I will make your name great,  
And you shall be a blessing.  
<sup>3</sup> I will bless those who bless you  
And curse the one that curses you;  
And all the families of the earth  
Shall bless themselves by you.”

## Second Aliyah

<sup>4</sup> Abram went forth as the Eternal had commanded him,  
and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old  
when he left Haran. <sup>5</sup> Abram took his wife Sarai and his  
brother’s son Lot, and all the wealth that they had  
amassed, and the persons that they had acquired in  
Haran; and they set out for the land of Canaan. When  
they arrived in the land of Canaan, <sup>6</sup> Abram passed  
through the land as far as the site of Shechem, at the  
terebinth of Moreh. The Canaanites were then in the  
land.

### **Third Aliyah**

<sup>7</sup> The Eternal appeared to Abram and said, “I will assign this land to your heirs.” And he built an altar there to the Eternal who had appeared to him. <sup>8</sup> From there he moved on to the hill country east of Bethel and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east; and he built there an altar to the Eternal and invoked the Eternal by name. <sup>9</sup> Then Abram journeyed by stages toward the Negev.

### **Fourth Aliyah**

<sup>10</sup> There was a famine in the land, and Abram went down to Egypt to sojourn there, for the famine was severe in the land. <sup>11</sup> As he was about to enter Egypt, he said to his wife Sarai, “I know what a beautiful woman you are.” <sup>12</sup> If the Egyptians see you, and think, ‘She is his wife,’ they will kill me and let you live.