

STATS

4th of the 54 sedras; 4th of 12 sedras in Bereshit.
 Written on 252 lines in a Torah, rank: 5.
 6 Parshiyot; 4 open, 2 closed.
 147 pesukim - ranks 7th (4th in Bereshit).
 2085 words - ranks 2nd (1st in Bereshit).
 7862 letters - rank: 3rd (2nd in Bereshit).
 Vayeira is actually the 2nd largest sedra in the Torah. (Naso, is #1 with no rival - Bamidbar, Pinchas, and R'ei all take up more lines than Vayeira, but those sedras each have many parshiyot, which means a lot of blank space between parshiyot, which adds to the line-count.)

MITZVOT

None of Taryag (the 613 mitzvot) are found in Vayeira (one of 17 sedras without entries on the list of 613) - however, there are Midot and values and other lessons.

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RAV, BEIT KNESSET BEIT YISRAEL, YEMIN MOSHE

"Vayakumu **Mesham** Ha'anashim" (18:16)

"And the men rose up from **there** and looked out towards Sodom"

What is the meaning of the word "Mesham" - "from there"? Obviously, the angels just left the tent of Avraham where they received his hospitality. It's understood that they left from there to here, looking out at Sodom.

Rav Meir Dan Plotsky (Poland 1866-1928) known as the "Klei Chemdah", points out the importance of the word "from there". When the angels witnessed the hospitality and righteousness of Avraham, there, at his tent, and then saw the great contrast of the wickedness of Sodom from afar, they were then driven even harder to fulfil their mission to destroy the city. Therefore, the pasuk reiterates that "the men rose up" from Avraham's tent and "looked out towards", now determined more than ever, to eradicate Sodom.

Rashi introduced this thought by saying – the reference to "looking out" in the Torah indicates evil.

- Shabbat Shalom