

# Vayishlach

"He Sent"

Genesis 32:3 - 36:43  
Katan Bet/Gadol



In This Edition:

8.2 - So, We Meet Again!  
Genesis 32:3-20; 33; 35:1-7, 9-15



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# Pearl Seeking

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## TREASURING HIS WORD

Let's do a quick overview of the entire Torah portion:

Monday:	Gen. 32:3-32	Ya'aqob prepares to meet Esaw; Ya'aqob wrestles with a 'Man' until daybreak and gets his hip dislocated; Ya'aqob's name is changed to Yisra'el
Tuesday:	Gen. 33	Ya'aqob and Esaw are reunited
Wednesday:	Gen. 34	Dinah's story
Thursday:	Gen. 35	Ya'aqob keeps his promise to return to Beyth El; Rahel dies after Binyamin is born; Yitshaq dies
Friday:	Gen. 36	Genealogy of Esaw, father of the Edomites

\*Much had happened to Ya'aqob since he left his parent's home. In parsha Vayeitzei, he had settled down to sleep on a stone and had a dream from Yahweh that encouraged him to continue on his journey. Here is a brief overview of the rest of the parsha (which we shall provide in a future year): Ya'aqob had arrived at his Uncle Laban's home, married his 2 wives and fathered 11 children. His 20 years of service to his father-in-law, Laban, was marked with many challenges and conflicts. In this week's Parsha Pearls lesson, Ya'aqob returns to his homeland with his family and all his possessions, wanting to make amends with his brother Esaw. He also has to fulfill his vow to Yahweh, where he swore that if Yahweh would bring him to his father's home in peace, he would return to Beyth El. Now, let's read Gen. 32:3-20; 33 & 35:1-7, 9-15.

## PARSHA POINTS

- While on his way to Esaw his brother in the land of Se'ir, the field of Edom, Ya'aqob sends messengers ahead of him with words of peace towards Esaw - 32:3
- Ya'aqob's messengers are to tell Esaw that Ya'aqob his 'servant', has been with Laban all this time and has acquired bulls, donkeys, flocks, and male and female servants, with the hope to find favor in his 'master' Esaw's eyes - 32:4-5
- The messengers return with a disturbing message: Esaw is approaching Ya'aqob's camp with 400 (**arba me'ot**) men - 32:6



- Fearing that his brother, Esaw, is coming to finally take vengeance upon him, Ya'aqob splits his family into 2 (**shtayim**) camps, so that if Esaw strikes one camp, the other can escape - 32:7-8
- As soon as he is left all alone, Ya'aqob immediately begins to plead with Yahweh (32:9-12):



- "Elohim of my father **A**braham and Elohim of my father Yitshaq" (*reminding Yahweh that he is in this line of promise*)
- "Return to your land and to your relatives, and I do good to you" (*reminding Yahweh what He said*)
- "I do not deserve the least of all the kindness/loving-commitment and all the truth which You have shown Your servant" (*humbly appealing to Yahweh's righteous characteristics*)
- "Deliver me, I pray, from the hand of my brother, from the hand of Esaw, for I fear him" (*Even though he knows all of the above, he still does NOT have confidence that all will end well*)
- "For You said, 'I shall certainly do good to you, and shall make your seed as the sand of the sea, which are too numerous to count'" (*ending with a reminder that he is the one who must continue the promise/covenant, and needs to be alive to do that*)
- Ya'aqob sorts into droves (groups) presents (**minchah**) of livestock and servants he intends to give his brother Esaw (32:13-17):

We have a resource available to learn these Hebrew numbers. You can find it on the YMTOI site: <https://ymtoi.org/parsha-pearls/resources/>

- 200 (**matayim**) female goats
- 20 (**esrim**) male goats
- 200 ewes
- 20 rams
- 30 (**shloshim**) suckling-camels with their colts
- 40 (**arba'im**) cows
- 10 (**eser**) bulls
- 20 female donkeys
- 10 foals



- Ya'aqob instructs his servants to line up in droves. Each drove of presents is meant to 'butter up' Esaw and to assure him that Ya'aqob is coming behind them - 32:18-20
- Ya'aqob arranges his family so that the female servants (Bilhah and Zilpah) and their children go first, followed by Le'ah and her children, and lastly, Rahel and Yoseph - 33:1-2

- When Ya'aqob sees his brother Esaw, he begins bowing to the ground, and does this 7 (**sheva**) times before reaching him - 33:3
- Esaw runs to his brother, embraces and kisses him and they both weep - 33:4



- Ya'aqob introduces his family to his brother - 33:5-7
- Esaw and Ya'aqob talk about the presents Ya'aqob has sent, with Esaw asserting that he doesn't need them - At last, Ya'aqob convinces Esaw to receive them - 33:8-11
- The brothers (**achim**) also 'discuss' the pace at which they need to proceed. Ya'aqob convinces his brother that he needs to go at a slower pace and that he does NOT need Esaw's men to stay with them - 33:12-16
- Ya'aqob settles in **Sukkoth** (booths), builds himself a house, and makes booths for his livestock - 33:17
- Ya'aqob sets up an altar to Yahweh in Shekem, pitches his tent there and calls it **El Elohe Yisra'el** (meaning, 'Mighty One of Israel') - 33:18-20

\* Remember back in Parsha Vayetzai (28:20-22) that Ya'aqob had a dream and made a vow to Yahweh that if he returned to his father's house in peace, he would return to Beyth El (House of Elohim) and do some things? Let's find out the conclusion of this story.

- Elohim tells Ya'aqob to go to Beyth El and make an altar to Him there, where He first appeared to him - 35:1
- Ya'aqob's household is told to put away their mighty ones (idols) before they go before Yahweh and to cleanse themselves and change their garments - 35:2
- Ya'aqob takes the idols and earrings and hides them (buries them) under the terebinth tree near Shekem - 35:4
- The surrounding cities recognize that Elohim is with Ya'aqob, and allow him to pass through them without being pursued - 35:5
- Ya'aqob builds an altar in Beyth El - 35:7
- Elohim appears to Ya'aqob and declares a second time (first time - 32:28) that his name is now Yisra'el. He also tells him (35:10-12):
  - "I am El Shaddai"
  - "Be fruitful and increase"
  - "A nation and a company of nations will arise from you"
  - "Sovereigns will arise from him"
  - "The land I gave to your forefathers, I give to you and your children"
- Ya'aqob sets up a standing column/pillar and pours a wine drink offering and oil on it - 35:14-15



# DIGGING DEEPER

Parents/Teachers may choose to use these prompts for further discussion of the Torah portion.

- Why does Ya'aqob call himself Esaw's 'servant' when he has the birthright and firstborn inheritance? Why does he call Esaw his 'master'? Is he 'battering' him up? (32:4)
- Why did Ya'aqob have mighty ones (gods/idols/elohim) in his camp? Do you think that Ya'aqob just found out about these idols? Could Ya'aqob have been thinking that these might have been the idols that were stolen from Laban's house? (35:2)
- Why did Ya'aqob tell his household to remove their earrings before they left for Beyth El? Do you think they might have been worn for superstitious reasons or pagan practices? (35:4)
- Why do you think Ya'aqob hid the idols under the terebinth tree instead of destroying them as we see later instructed in Scripture? (35:4; also see Ex. 23:24; 34:13, Deut. 7:5; 12:3)
- Is Rahel's early death a fulfillment of what Ya'aqob said in Genesis 31:32? Notice she died shortly after the idols were discovered. (35:19)



# Searching Out Hebrew

Parents/Teachers can print out the '[Hebrew Pronunciation Guide](#)' to help with the pronunciation of Hebrew names and words. They can be cut out and used in conjunction with the Flashcards.

## WORDS

Parents/Teachers see the following page for 3 x 5 card cut outs of the words from this week's parsha. If printed on cardstock, they can be kept in a box to reinforce learning.

Achim ( **אחים** ) - brothers

Sukkoth ( **סוכות** ) - booths

El Elohe Yisra'el ( **אל אלהי ישראל** ) - Mighty One of Israel

Minchah ( **מנחה** ) - presents/gifts

## NUMBERS

Parents/Teachers can print out these numbers to have as additional resources. These can be found under the 'Resources' tab on the YMTOI website.

2 - shtayim

7 - sheva

10 - eser

20 - esrim

30 - shloshim

40 - arba'im

200 - matayim

400 - arba me'ot

# WORD MATCH

Match this week's Hebrew words to their correct definition.

Achim

Booths

El Elohe Yisra'el

Brothers

Minchah

Mighty One of Israel

Sukkoth

Presents/Gifts





# FLASHCARDS

אחים

**Achim**

Ach-im

brothers

מנחה

**Minchah**

Min-chah

presents/gifts

אל אלהי ישראל

**El Elohe Yisra'el**

El El-o-he Yis-ra-el

Mighty One of Israel

סוכות

**Sukkoth**

Su-kkoth

booths

# WRITING HEBREW

Achim (brothers)

אחים

Mem Soft Yud Chet Aleph  
א ח י ם

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Miinchah (presents/gifts)

מנחה

Hey Chet Nun Mem  
מ נ ח ה

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El Elohe Yisra'el (Mighty One of Israel)

אל אלהי ישראל

Lamed Aleph Lamed Aleph Yod Hey Lamed Aleph  
ל א ל א י ה ל א ל

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Sukkoth (booths)

סוכות

Tav Vav Kaf Vav Samech  
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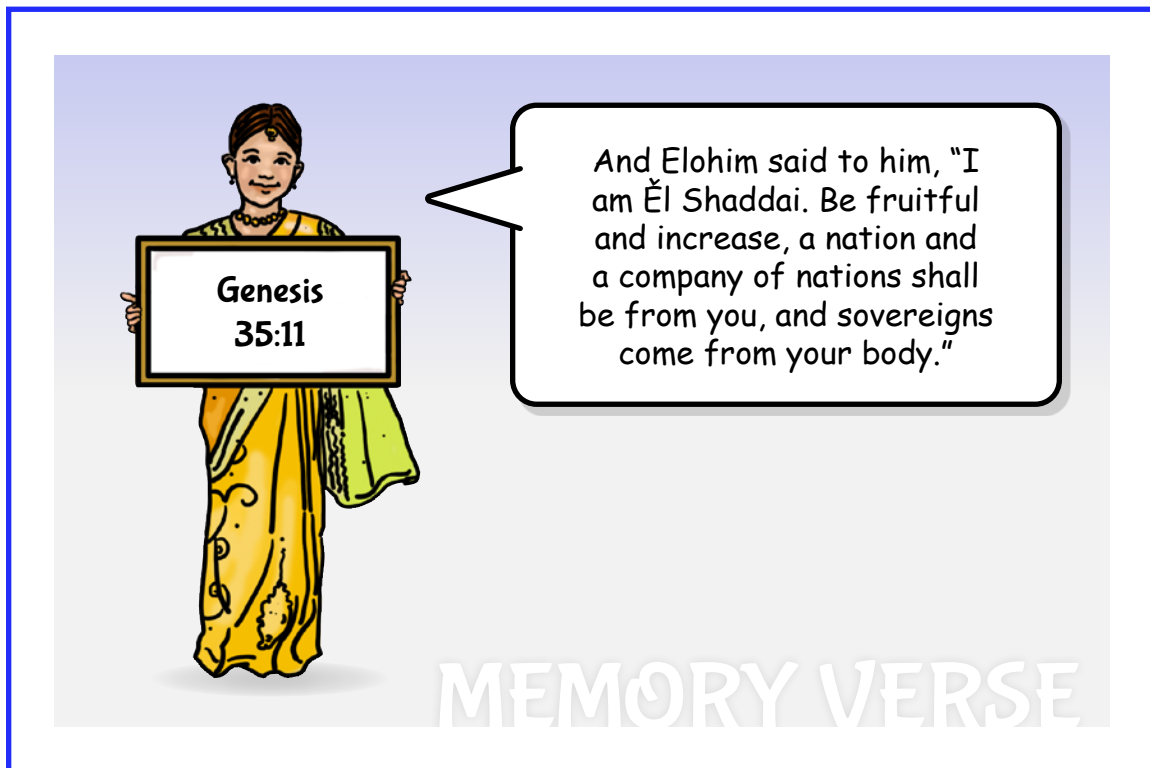


# Counting What You Gained

This next section is intended to be reinforcement of the lessons learned during this parsha. Choose the activities that best fit your child.

## STORING UP TREASURE IN MY HEART

The Katan Bet and Gadol memory verse is *Genesis 35:11*. You can review the verse with them by reciting it out loud, acting it out, putting it to music...whatever works for you.



Genesis  
35:11

And Elohim said to him, "I am Ėl Shaddai. Be fruitful and increase, a nation and a company of nations shall be from you, and sovereigns come from your body."

MEMORY VERSE



# SEEKING TREASURE

1.

What did Ya'aqob refer to his brother as in Genesis 32:4?

\_\_\_\_\_

What did Ya'aqob refer to himself as?

\_\_\_\_\_



2.

What did Ya'aqob say he owned?

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

(32:5)



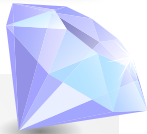
3.

How many men were coming with Esaw?

Circle the correct choice.

40   400   4,000

(32:6)



4.

How many groups did Ya'aqob divide his flocks, herds, camels and people into?

Circle the correct choice.

12   2   21

(32:7)



5.

What presents did Ya'aqob have for his brother Esaw?

\_\_\_\_\_ female goats

\_\_\_\_\_ male goats

\_\_\_\_\_ ewes

\_\_\_\_\_ rams

\_\_\_\_\_ milk camels

\_\_\_\_\_ cows

\_\_\_\_\_ bulls

\_\_\_\_\_ female donkeys

\_\_\_\_\_ foals

(32:13-15)



6.

What was the order of Ya'aqob's family in approaching Esaw?

front \_\_\_\_\_

middle \_\_\_\_\_

last \_\_\_\_\_

(33:2)



7.

How many times did Ya'aqob bow to his brother Esaw?

Circle the correct choice.

70   700   7

(33:3)



8.

Where did Ya'aqob build himself a house?

\_\_\_\_\_

(33:17)



9.

What was the name of the place where Ya'aqob built an altar to Yahweh?

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

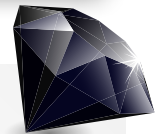
(33:20)



10.

So they gave Ya'aqob all the \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ which were in  
their hands, and all their \_\_\_\_\_  
which were in their ears. And Ya'aqob  
\_\_\_\_\_ them under the terebinth  
tree which was near Shekem.

(35:4)



11.

What emotion does the Scriptures say the people in the nearby cities showed toward Ya'aqob as he passed through their cities?

Circle the correct choice.

excitement   anger   fear   joy

(35:5)



12.

What name did Elohim give to Ya'aqob?

\_\_\_\_\_

(35:10)



14.

Did Ya'aqob fulfill his vow to return to Beyth El and set up a standing column and anoint it with oil?

Yes / No

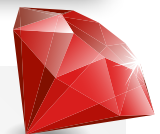
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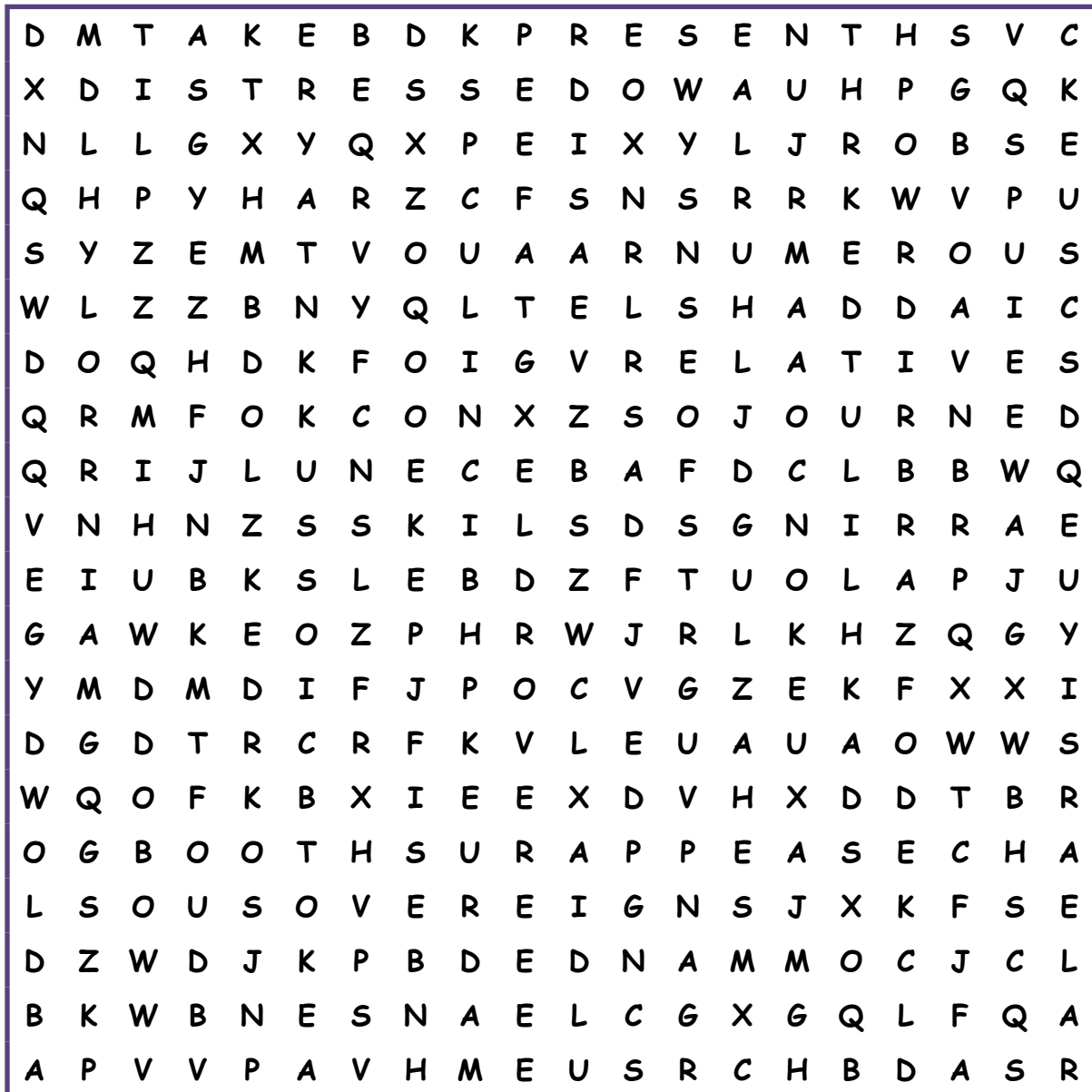
And Elohim said to him, "I am \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_. Bear fruit and increase, a  
\_\_\_\_\_ and a \_\_\_\_\_  
of nations shall be from you, and  
\_\_\_\_\_ come from your body."

(35:11)



# WORD SEARCH

Search for the hidden words from this week's parsha.



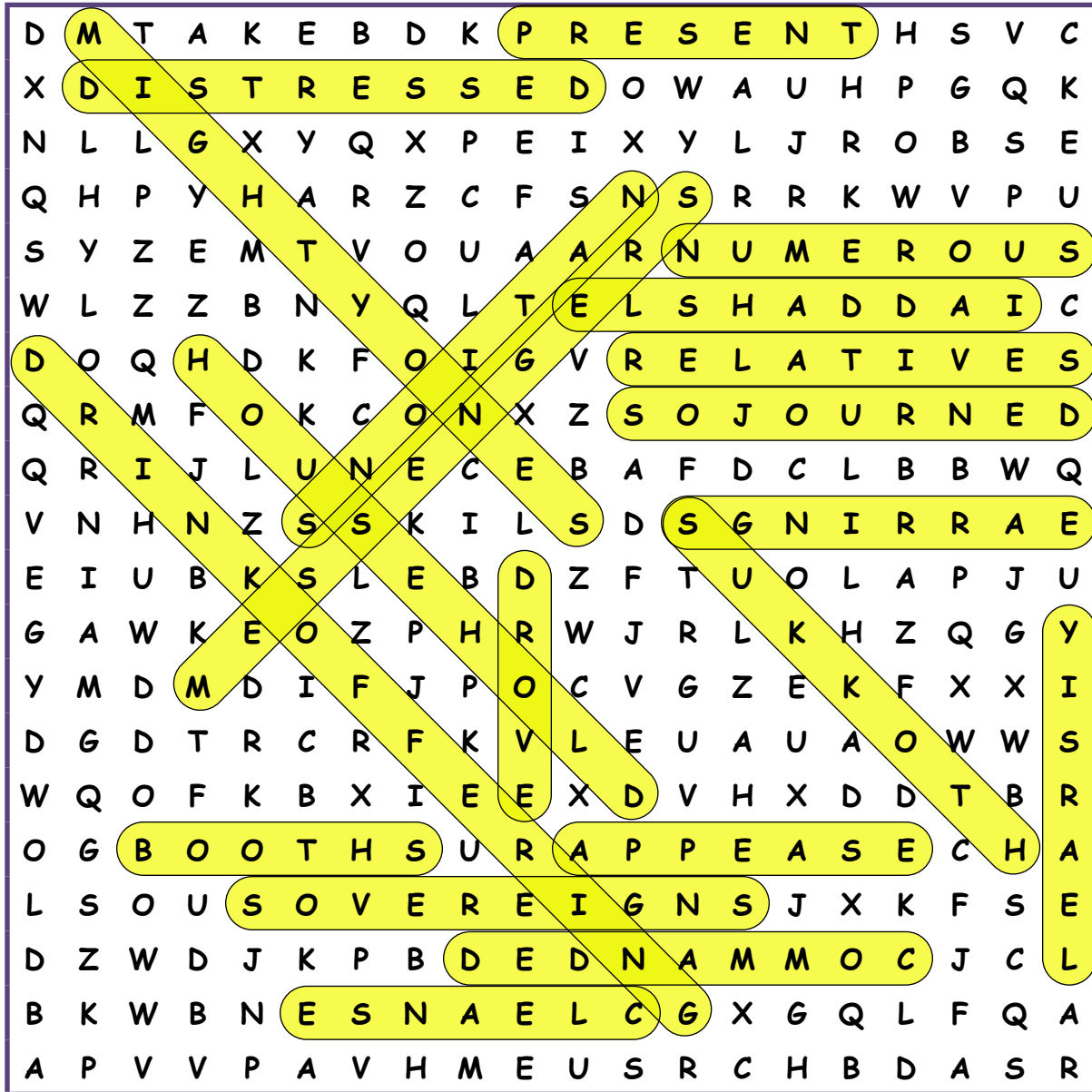
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# Answer Key



MESSENGERS  
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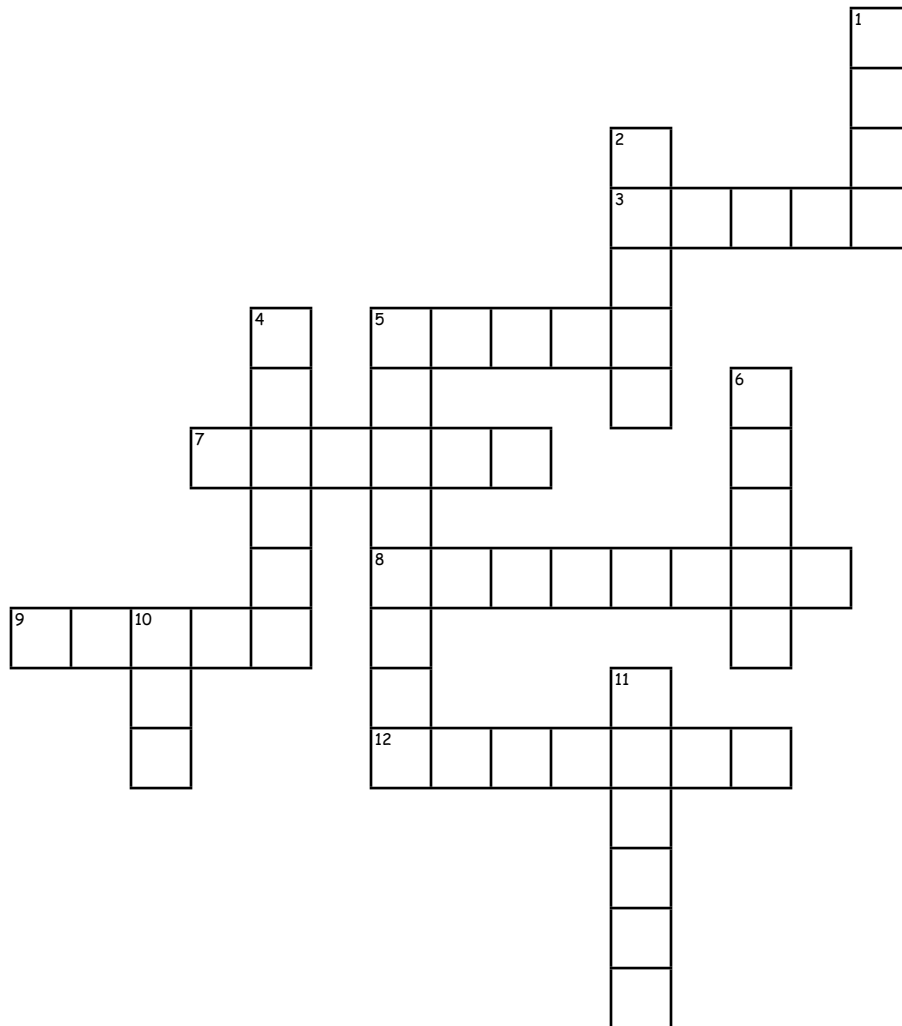
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# CROSSWORD PUZZLE

Complete the crossword using words from this week's parsha.



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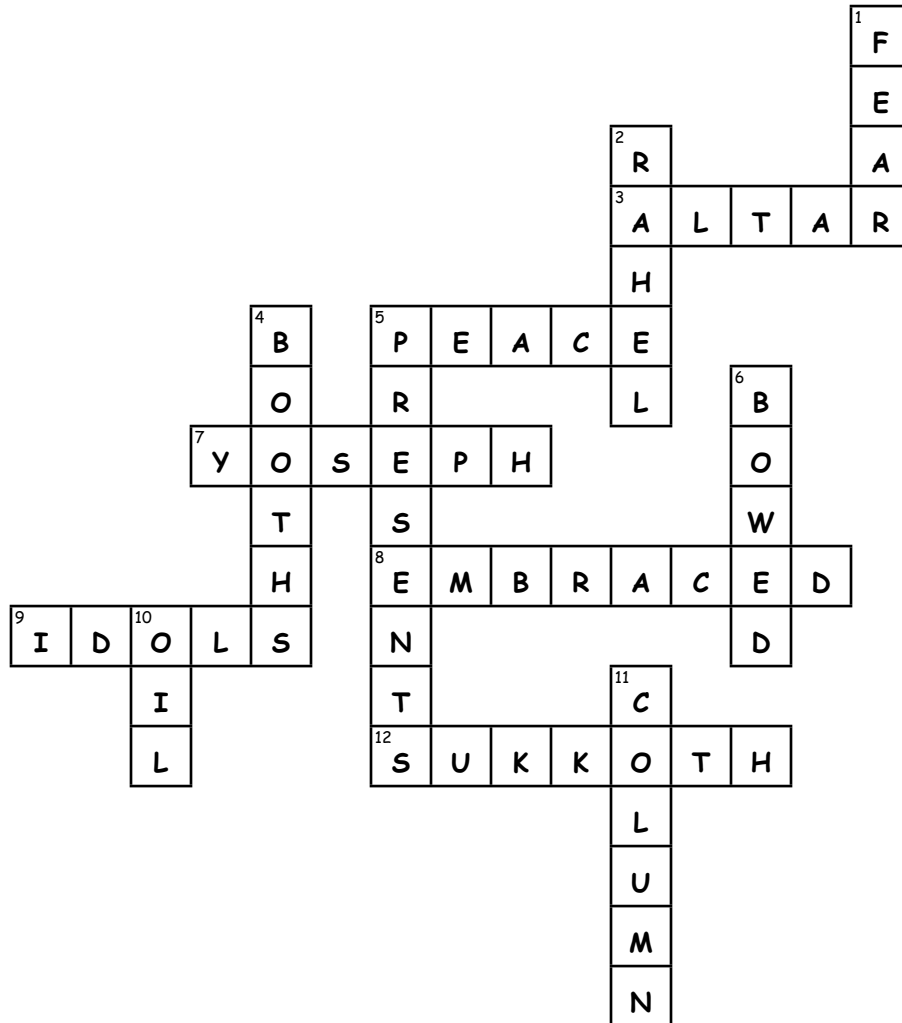
1. What emotion did Ya'aqob feel toward his brother Esaw?
2. Which wife of Ya'aqob was last in the line up?
4. Ya'aqob made \_\_\_\_\_ for his livestock.
5. Ya'aqob sent \_\_\_\_\_ to Esaw to 'butter' him up.
6. Ya'aqob and his wife and children \_\_\_\_\_ themselves when they came near to Esaw.
10. Ya'aqob poured a drink offering and what else on the stone?
11. Ya'aqob set up a standing \_\_\_\_\_ where he had spoken to Yahweh.

## Across

3. Ya'aqob made an \_\_\_\_\_ to Yahweh in Beyth El.
5. Ya'aqob sent messengers ahead of Esaw with words of \_\_\_\_\_.
7. Which son of Ya'aqob was last in the line up?
8. Esaw ran to meet Ya'aqob and \_\_\_\_\_ him.
9. What did Yahweh want Ya'aqob's family to put away?
12. After Esaw and Ya'aqob departed ways, where did Ya'aqob go?



# Answer Key



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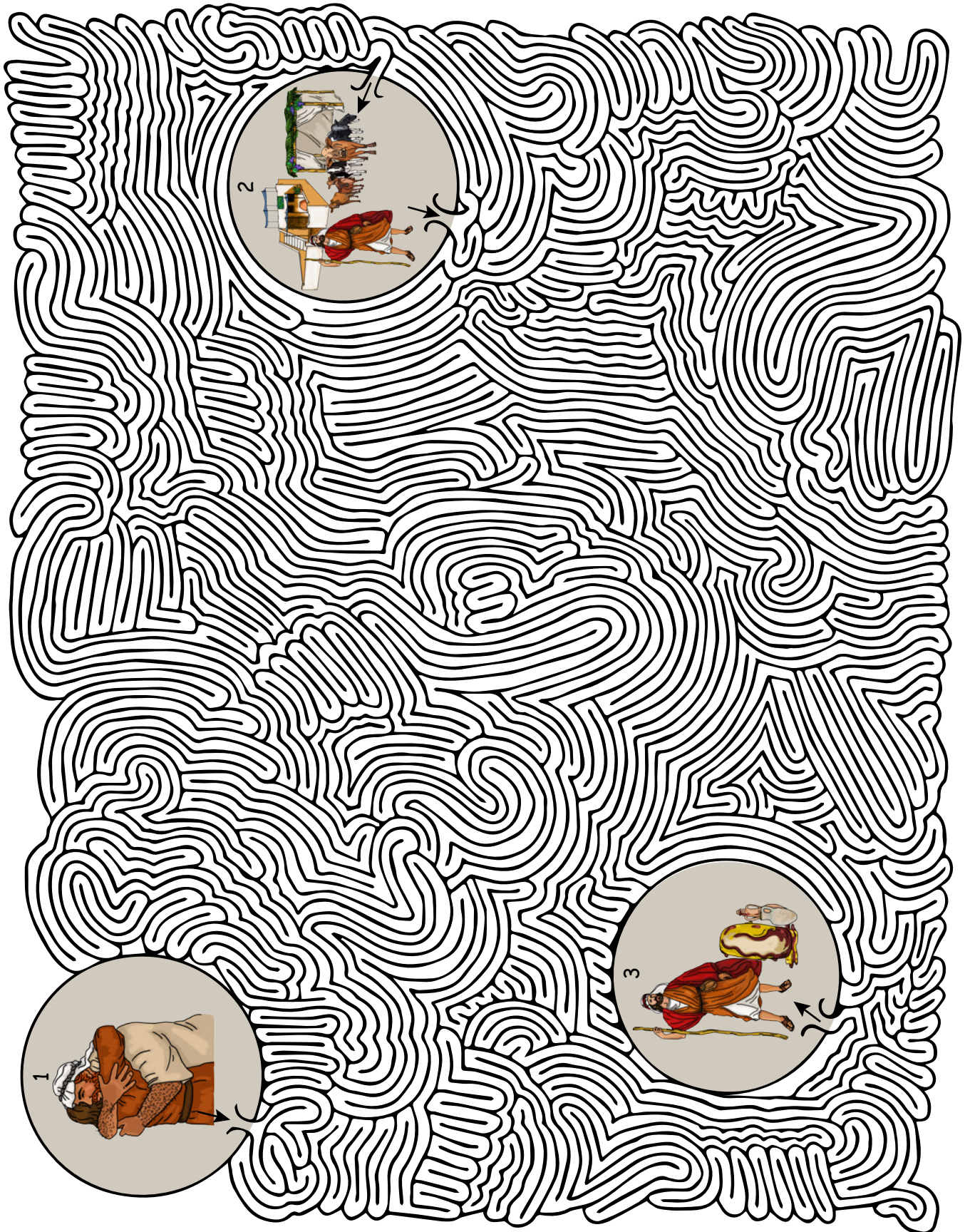
1. What emotion did Ya'aqob feel toward his brother Esaw? **fear**
2. Which wife of Ya'aqob was last in the line up? **Rahel**
4. Ya'aqob made **booths** for his livestock.
5. Ya'aqob sent **presents** to Esaw to 'butter' him up.
6. Ya'aqob and his wife and children **bowed** themselves when they came near to Esaw.
10. Ya'aqob poured a drink offering and what else on the stone? **oil**
11. Ya'aqob set up a standing **column** where he had spoken to Yahweh.

## Across

3. Ya'aqob made an **altar** to Yahweh in Beyth El.
5. Ya'aqob sent messengers ahead of Esaw with words of **peace**.
7. Which son of Ya'aqob was last in the line up? **Yoseph**
8. Esaw ran to meet Ya'aqob and **embraced** him.
9. What did Yahweh want Ya'aqob's family to put away? **idols**
12. After Esaw and Ya'aqob departed ways, where did Ya'aqob go? **Sukkoth**



# MAZE



# Precious Possessions

## NOTEBOOK PAGE

### Family Line Up

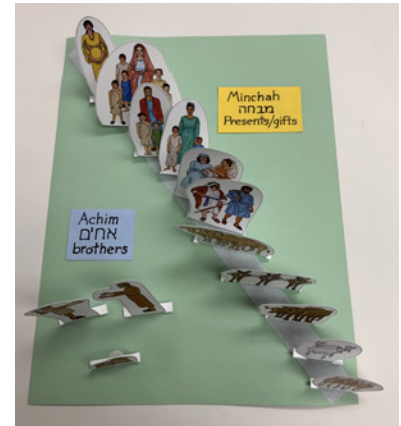
Genesis 33:1-7

### Materials:

- Cardstock - color of choice & white
- Velcro strip - loop side (10")
- Velcro circles - hook side (14)
- Scissors
- Glue
- Coloring pencils, crayons or markers
- Notebook Templates: A (BW) or B (color)

#### Parent/Teacher Preparation:

- Print Notebook Template of choice on white cardstock.



### Instructions for the Notebook Page:

- If using BW Template, color using medium of choice.
- Cut out all Template pieces. (P1a)
- Fold the tabs inward on all the template pieces. (P1b)
- Cut a strip of Velcro 'loop side' so that it lays diagonal on your Main Page. Place glue on strip. (P2)
- Starting at the upper left corner of the colored cardstock, place the Velcro strip on the page diagonal going to the bottom right side of the page. (P3)
- Adhere a Velcro circle 'hook side' on the bottom tabs of all the Template pieces. (P4a, P4b)



P1a



P1b



P2



P3



P4a



P4b

## Instructions for the Notebook Page cont'd:

- Attach 3 *Velcro* circles 'loop side' on the Main Page where you will place Esaw, Ya'aqob and the gift sacks. (P5)
- Cut small squares from the 'hook side' of the 'hook and loop' tape.
- Add the animals in front. Make sure that you leave enough room for the people to be in back of the drove. (P6)
- Place the people in the line up after the animals as follows: (P7)
  - Male servants - 1<sup>st</sup>
  - Female servants - 2<sup>nd</sup>
  - Zilpah and children - 3<sup>rd</sup>
  - Bilhah and children - 4<sup>th</sup>
  - Le'ah and children - 5<sup>th</sup>
  - Rahel and Yoseph - Last
- Place Esaw and Ya'aqob along with the gift sacks on the 'loop side' circles on the Main Page. (P8)
- Ya'aqob and Esaw are extending their arms out to hug and make peace with each other.



P5



P6



P7



P8



P9



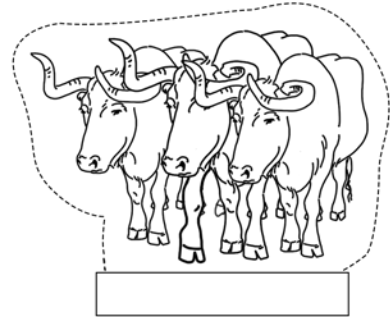
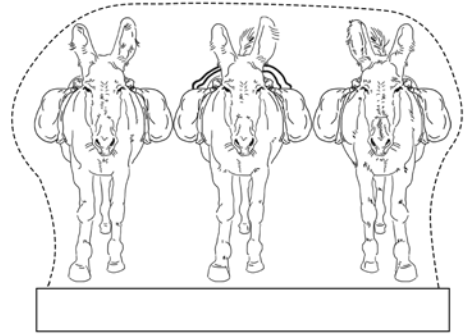
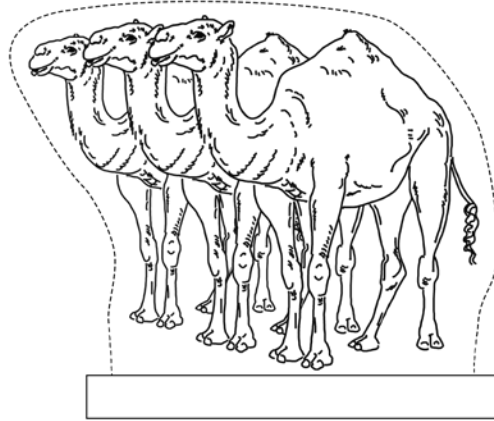
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### Hebrew Words

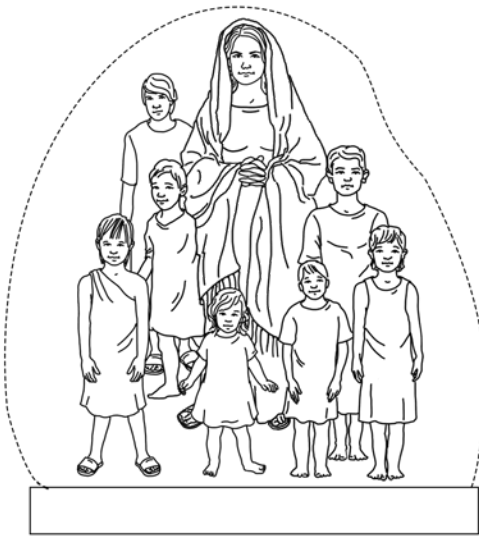
- Write the following directly on the Main Page or on a piece of colored cardstock and glue directly to the page:
  - 1) **Achim**      2) **אחים**      3) **Brothers** (P9)
  - 1) **Minchah**    2) **מנחה**      3) **Presents/Gifts** (P10)

*You now have a visual representation Ya'aqob's family line up when he reunited with his brother Esaw.*

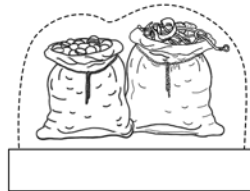
Notebook Template A (BW)



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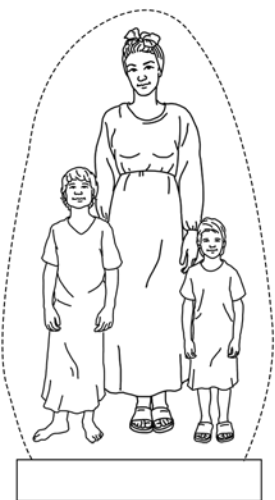
**Leah and children**



**Servant Women**



**Ya'aqob**



**Zilpah and sons**



**Rahel and Yoseph**

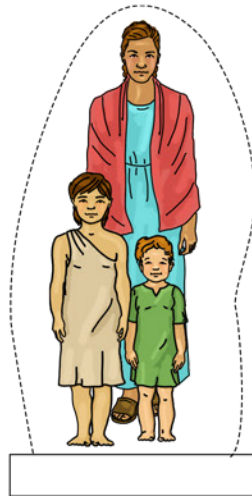
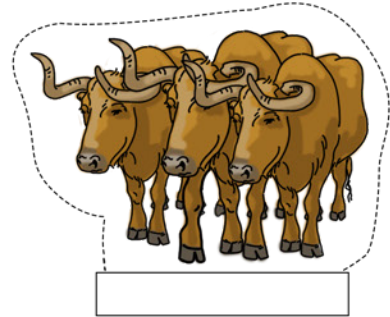
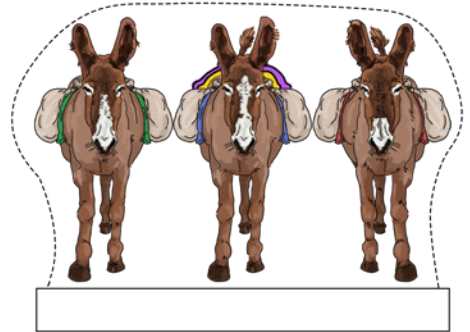
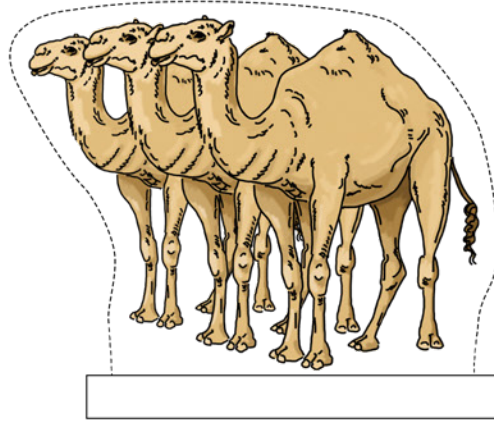
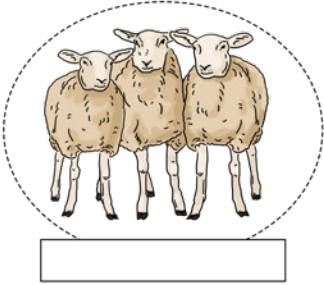


**Esaw**

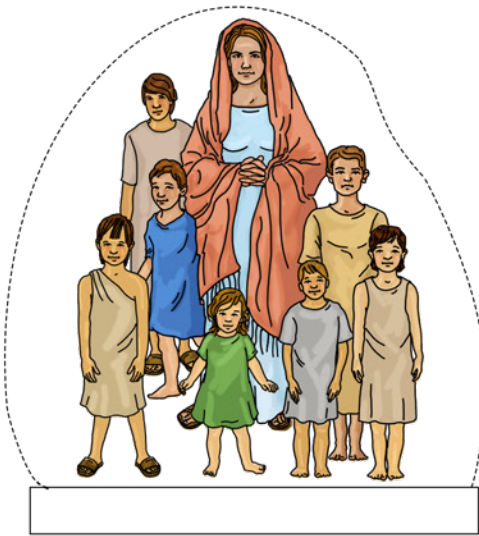


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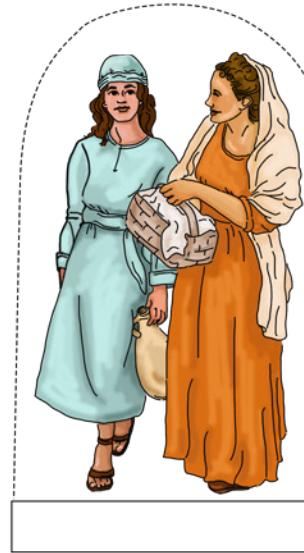
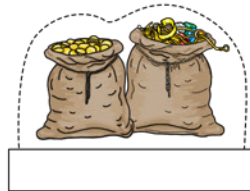
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**Bilhah and sons**



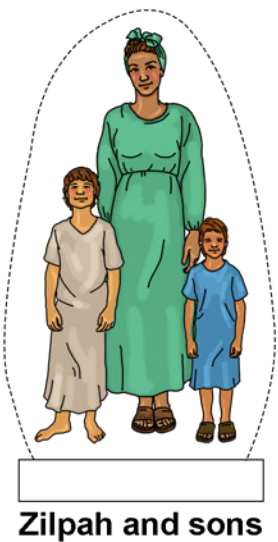
**Leah and children**



**Servant Women**



**Ya'aqob**



**Zilpah and sons**



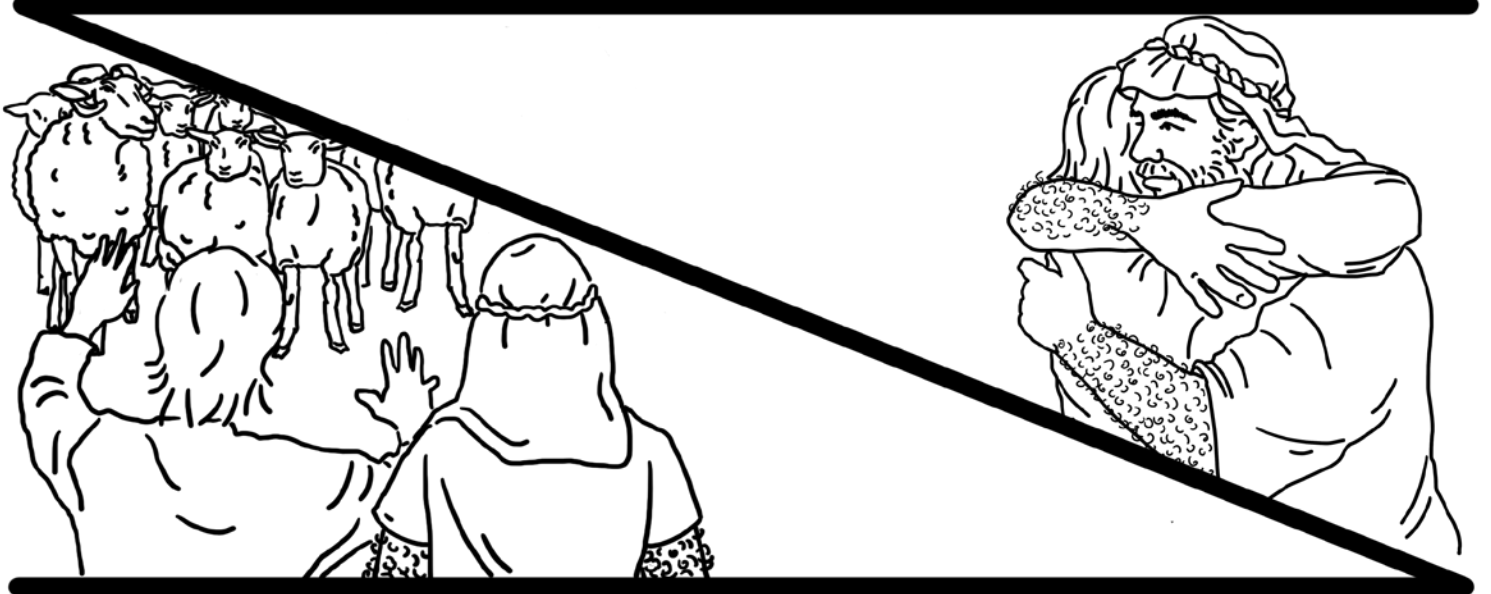
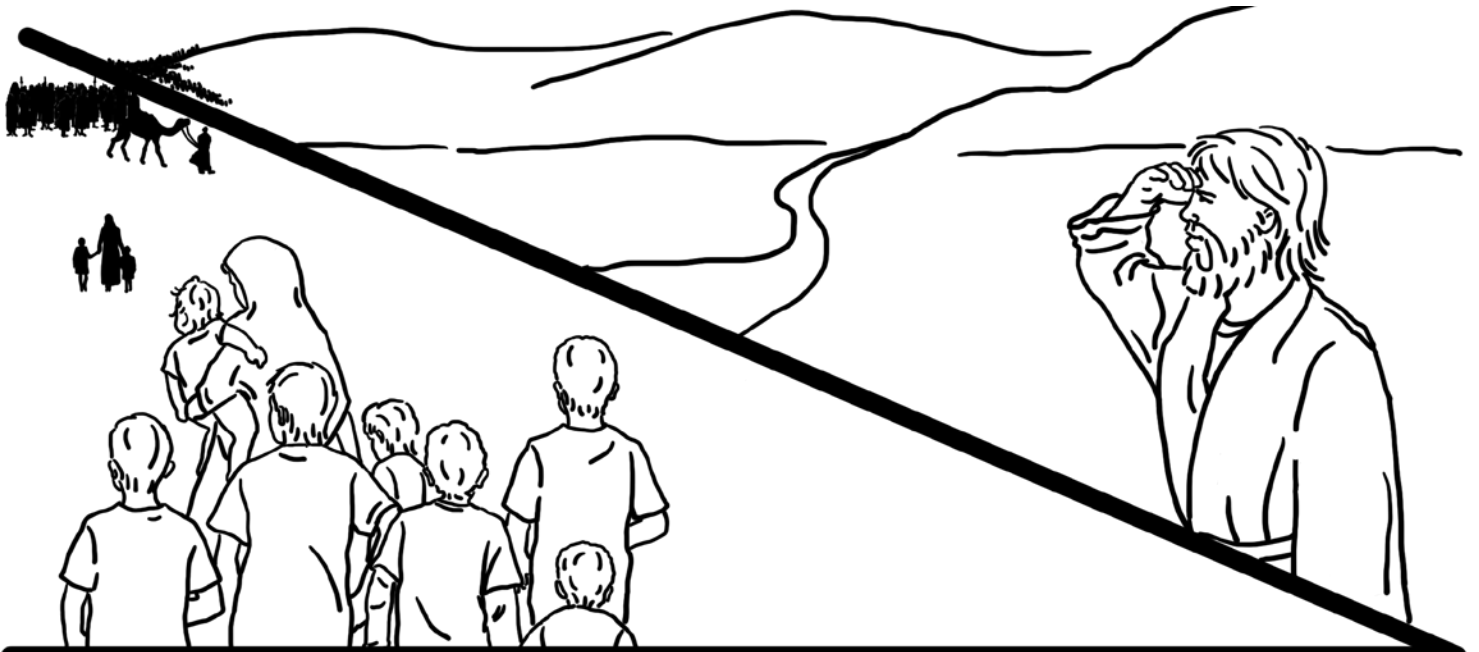
**Rahel and Yoseph**



**Esaw**



**Servant Men**





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# Sweetness of Torah

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## SWEET SOUNDS OF TORAH

(Sing Praises to His Name)

Here is the link for this song:

[https://www.podomatic.com/podcasts/steveberkson/episodes/2016-12-06T09\\_33\\_31-08\\_00](https://www.podomatic.com/podcasts/steveberkson/episodes/2016-12-06T09_33_31-08_00)

### Ya'aqob and Esaw's Reunion

Ya'aqob returned to the Promised Land  
With children, wives and riches grand  
Ya'aqob's fear of Esaw was so strong  
Esaw was angry for so long

Chorus:

\*Vayishlach Ya'aqob Malochim L'fonov  
And Ya'aqob sent messengers to Esaw

Esaw was coming with four hundred men  
Ya'aqob prayed to Yahweh  
He told his family, "Have no fear"  
Bowed seven times as he drew near

Ya'aqob returned to the Promised Land  
With presents, gifts and flocks so grand  
Ya'aqob's reunion went very well  
We are so happy to tell!



\*Vayishlach Ya'aqob Malochim L'fonov = And Ya'aqob sent messengers to Esaw

# SWEET TASTE OF TORAH

This snack relates to this week's parsha. Please take these as suggestions and make necessary changes based on your individual dietary needs.

## Sukkah/Booth

Genesis 33:17

Here are some combinations that include a meal or just a snack.  
Feel free to mix and match or come up with your own combinations.

### Instructions:

#### Mashed potatoes and chicken fingers

Take 3 chicken fingers and arrange vertically for the walls.  
Take mashed potatoes and scoop above the walls to represent the roof.

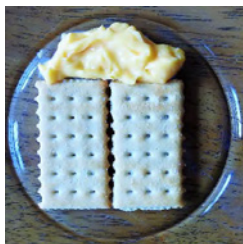


#### French green beans and fish sticks

Take 4 fish sticks and arrange vertically for the walls.  
Take a bunch of French green beans and arrange above the fish sticks to represent the roof.

#### Oreo cookie sticks and cream

Take 3 Oreo cookie sticks and arrange vertically for the walls.  
Place the cream above the walls to represent the roof.

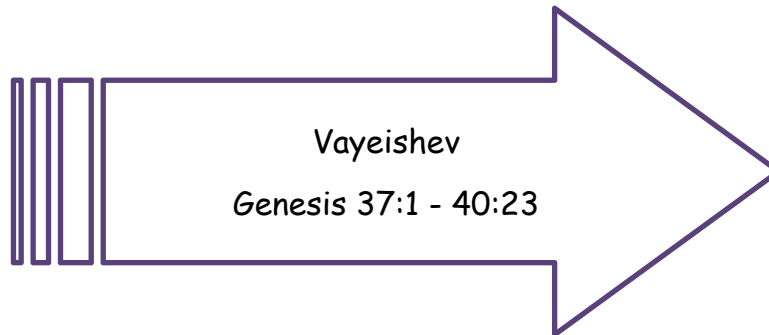


#### Saltine crackers and cheese spread

Take 2 Saltine crackers and arrange vertically for the walls.  
Place cheese spread above the walls to represent the roof.

# Next Week's Treasure Hunt

## Next Week's Torah Portion



## Suggested Reading Schedule

Monday:	Gen. 37:1-11	Yoseph the Dreamer
Tuesday:	Gen. 37:12-36	Yoseph's brothers sell him into slavery
Wednesday:	Gen. 38	Yehudah and Tamar
Thursday:	Gen. 39	The story of Yoseph and Potiphar and his wife
Friday:	Gen. 40	Yoseph the Interpreter and the 2 prisoners