

דף הפרשה Parashah Sheet

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Summary of the פֿרשֿה, by עליות

ask your children questions!

כהן sent **יעקב** ahead of him, to **עשו**. The **מלאכים** returned and told **יעקב** that his brother, **עשו**, was coming with 400 men. **יעקב** prepared to meet **עשו** in three ways: 1. he divided his camp into two - should one be struck the other would survive; 2. he said תפלות to 'ה';

לוי 3. he sent gifts to **עשו**. **יעקב** wrestled with a 'man' (a **מלאך**). **יעקב**'s hip socket was injured. **יעקב** said that he would not let the **מלאך** go until he blessed him. The angel said:

“... לא יעקב נאמר עוד שמך כי אם ישראל כי שרית עם-אלקים ועם-אנשים ותוכל:”
“No longer will it be said that your name is יעקב, but ישראל, for you have become great before (or: “you have fought with”) ה and man, and you have won.”

שלישי **יעקב** began to limp because of his injured hip. This is why we may not eat the **הנשה** - גיד הנשה - the sciatic nerve, from the hindquarter of the animal - to this day. **יעקב** saw **עשו** coming. He divided his children among his wives and the **שפחות** (handmaids), then went ahead, bowing seven times as he approached his brother. **עשו** ran towards him, fell upon his neck, and kissed him; then they wept. **עשו** saw the women and children and asked: “Who are these to you?” **יעקב** answered: “The children whom ה has graciously given to your servant.”

רביעי **יעקב**'s wives, **שפחות** and children then came forward and bowed down. **יעקב** urged his brother to accept the gifts and **עשו** refused at first, but then, finally, accepted. (The **מדרש** teaches that **עשו** had really wanted to accept all the time.) **עשו** said that they should travel together, but **יעקב** answered that his children, and his nursing flocks and cattle would not cope with **עשו**'s pace. **יעקב** arrived at **שכם**, in **כנען**.

חמישי **דינה** was kidnapped by **שכם**, the prince of the region. **שכם** asked his father, **חמור**, if he could have **דינה** as a wife. **חמור** went to speak with **יעקב**. He wanted his people and **בני ישראל** to marry each other and live amongst each other. **יעקב**'s sons told **שכם** and his father **חמור** that their men would all have to have **ברית מילה**. They returned and told this to their people. All the males then had **ברית מילה**. On the third day, **לוי** and **שמעון** killed every male with their swords and rescued **דינה**. **יעקב** was very cross with **שמעון** and **לוי** for what they had done. **ה** told **יעקב** to go to **אל** and build a **מזבח**. **יעקב** did as **ה** had said. **ה** appeared to **יעקב**, blessed him, and told him that his name would be **ישראל**.

ששי **יעקב** put a monument over her grave. **יעקב** died as she was giving birth to **בנימין**. She was buried on the road to **אפרת**, which is **בית לחם**. **יעקב** put a monument over her grave. **יעקב** died at the age of 180 and was buried by his sons, **יעקב** and **עשו**. The **תורה** lists the descendants of **עשו** and the chiefs of his children, known as the **אלופי עשו**.

שביעי אלוף מגדיאל אלוף עירם אלה | אלופי אדום למשבתם בארץ אחוזתם הוא עשו אבי אדום:

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from the wisdom of the Rabbis:

שמאי says: Make your **תורה** study a fixed practice; say little and do much, and receive everyone with a cheerful face.

פרקי אבות : א: ט"ז

שמאי אומר, עשה תורתך קבע. אמור מעט ועשה הרבה, והוי מקבל את כל האדם בסבר פנים יפות:

Now read these פסוקים and the translations beneath them:

בְּרֵאשִׁית ל"ג: ד

ד וַיָּרָץ עֲשׂוֹ לְקִרְאָתוֹ וַיַּחְבְּקֵהוּ וַיִּפֹּל עַל-צַוְאָרוֹ וַיִּשָּׁקֵהוּ וַיִּבְכּוּ:

ran towards him, embraced him, fell upon his neck, and kissed him; then they wept.

ל"ה: כ"ט

פ כֵּט וַיָּגוּעַ יִצְחָק וַיָּמָת וַיֵּאָסֵף אֶל-עַמּוּיֹ זָקֵן וְשִׁבְעַת יָמִים וַיִּקְבְּרוּ אֹתוֹ עֲשׂוֹ וַיַּעֲקֹב בְּנָיו: פ

breathed his last breath, and died, and was gathered to his people, old and in the fullness of his years; his sons, עֲשׂוֹ and יַעֲקֹב, buried him.

In the ספר תורה, the word "וישקהו" - "and he kissed him" - has dots over each letter. These dots tell us that there is a secret meaning to the word. The Rabbis disagree regarding the reason for these dots, and the meaning of the word.

Some are of the opinion that the dots tell us 's kisses were insincere - without true feelings of love towards his brother. רבי שמעון בן יוחאי says that, although it is a rule that עשו hates יעקב, at that moment his mercy was aroused and he kissed יעקב with all his heart. (רש"י)

The second פסוק, above, is similar to the following, which tells us of when אברהם was buried by his sons:

פרק כה

ח וַיָּגוּעַ וַיָּמָת אַבְרָהָם בְּשִׁיבָה טוֹבָה זָקֵן וְשִׁבְעַת וַיֵּאָסֵף אֶל-עַמּוּיֹ:

ט וַיִּקְבְּרוּ אֹתוֹ יִצְחָק וַיִּשְׁמַעְאֵל בְּנָיו אֶל-מַעְרַת הַמְכֹפֵלָה
אֶל-שֵׂדֵה עֶפְרָן בֶּן-צֹחַר נַחְתִּי אֲשֶׁר עַל-פְּנֵי מַמְרָא:

- ❖ Compare the burial of אברהם with that of יצחק. Look at the order, in each case, in which the two sons are mentioned. Which comes first in each case, the older or the younger?
- ❖ With whom did יעקב wrestle?
- ❖ Why may we not eat the גיד הנשה - the sciatic nerve, from the hindquarter of the animal?
- ❖ What made יעקב very cross?
- ❖ Who were the אלופי עשו?

שבת שלום!