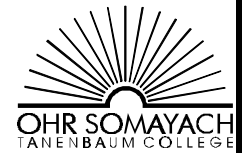


Parsha Q&A



For the week ending 11 Kislev 5760
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Parshat Vayeitze

Parsha Questions

1. When Yaakov traveled to Charan, the Torah stresses that he departed from Be'er Sheva. Why?
2. On the night of his dream, Yaakov did something he hadn't done in 14 years. What?
3. Hashem compressed the entire Land of Israel underneath the sleeping Yaakov. What did this symbolize?
4. Yaakov said "I will return with *shalom*." What did he mean by "*shalom*"?
5. Why did Yaakov rebuke the shepherds?
6. Why did Rachel, and not her brothers, tend her father's sheep?
7. Why did Yaakov cry when he met Rachel?
8. Why did Lavan run to greet Yaakov?
9. Why were Leah's eyes tender?
10. How old was Yaakov when he married?
11. What did Rachel find enviable about Leah?
12. Who was Yaakov's fifth son?
13. Who was Leah's handmaiden? Was she older or younger than Rachel's handmaiden?
14. How do you say "*dudaim*" in Arabic?
15. "Hashem remembered Rachel" (30:22). What did He remember?
16. What does "Yosef" mean? Why was he named that?
17. G-d forbade Lavan to speak to Yaakov "either of good or of bad." Why didn't G-d want Lavan to speak of good?
18. Where are there two Aramaic words in this week's Parsha?
19. Who was Bilhah's father? Who was Zilpah's father?
20. Who escorted Yaakov into *Eretz Yisrael*?

Kasha!

(*kasha* means "question")

How would you answer this question on the Parsha?
G-d said: "Beware lest you speak with Yaakov either good or bad." (31:24)

G-d told Lavan not to talk to Yaakov at all, yet we see that Lavan did indeed meet Yaakov and speak with him. Did Lavan simply ignore G-d's command?

Answer:

G-d's command that Lavan speak "neither good nor bad" meant that Lavan should make no offers to entice Yaakov to return, nor threaten him with punishment if he failed to do so.

Ramban

I Did Not Know That!

"And Lavan gathered all the people of the place and made a feast (*lit. drinking repast*)." (Bereishet 29:22)

Lavan wanted Yaakov to get intoxicated so that he could more easily fool him into marrying Leah. That's why he made a festive meal which included alcoholic beverages. But when Yaakov married Rachel, Lavan made no feast at all.

Da'at Zekeinim Miba'alei Hatosafot

Recommended Reading List

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| 28:12 | Yaakov's Dream |
| 29:2 | Three Flocks |
| 30:2 | Yaakov's Anger |
| 31:19 | The <i>Terafim</i> |

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| 28:12-13 | Yaakov's Dream |
| 29:6 | A Proper Guest |
| 29:11 | Why Yaakov Cried |
| 31:32 | Yaakov's Curse |
| 32:1 | A Father's Blessing |

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Answers to this Week's Questions

All references are to the verses and Rashi's commentary, unless otherwise stated

1. 28:10 - The departure of a righteous person leaves a noticeable void in that place.
2. 28:11 - Sleep at night lying down.
3. 28:13 - That the Land would be easy for his descendants to conquer.
4. 28:21 - Completely without sin.
5. 29:7 - He thought they were loafing, stopping work early in the day.
6. 30:27 - Her brothers weren't born yet.
7. 29:11 - He saw prophetically that they would not be buried together; or because he was penniless.
8. 29:13 - He thought Yaakov was carrying money.
9. 29:17 - She cried continually because she thought she was destined to marry Esav.
10. 29:21 - Eighty-four.
11. 30:1 - Her good deeds, thinking they were the reason Leah merited children.
12. 30:5 - Dan.
13. 30:10 - Zilpah. She was younger.
14. 30:14 - Jasmine (*Yasmin*).
15. 30:22 - That Rachel gave Leah the "signs of recognition" that Yaakov had taught her, so that Leah wouldn't be embarrassed.
16. 30:24 - "Yosef" means "He will add." Rachel asked Hashem for another son in addition to Yosef.
17. 31:24 - Because the "good" that comes from wicked people is bad for the righteous.
18. 31:41 - *Yagar Sahaduta*, meaning "wall of testimony."
19. 19.31:50 - Lavan.
20. 32:1 - The angels of *Eretz Yisrael*.