KldS FOR TORAH וישלת Vayishlach

(And He Sent)

And Dinah went out to see the daughters of the land. And Shekem, son of Chamor the Hivvite, prince of the land, saw her and took her and lay with her, and humbled her. And his being clung to Dinah the daughter of Ya'aqov, and he loved the girl and spoke kindly to the girl. And Shekem spoke to his father Chamor, saying, "Take this girl for me for a wife." And Ya'aqov heard that he had defiled Dinah his daughter. Now his sons were with his livestock in the field, so Ya'aqov kept silent until they came. And Chamor, the father of Shekem, went out to Ya'aqov to speak with him. And the sons of Ya'aqov came in from the field when they heard it. And the men were grieved and very wroth, because he had done a senseless deed in Yisrael by lying with Ya'aqov's daughter, which should not be done. But Chamor spoke with them, saying, "My son Shekem's being longs for your daughter. Please give her to him for a wife. And intermarry with us, give us your daughters and take our daughters for yourselves, and dwell with us, and let the land be before you. Dwell and move about in it, and have possessions in it." And Shekem said to her father and her brothers, "Let me find favor in your eyes, and whatever you say to me I give. Ask of me a bride price and gift ever so high, and I give according to what you say to me, but give me the girl for a wife." But the sons of Ya'aqov answered Shekem and Chamor his father, and spoke with deceit, because he had defiled Dinah their sister. And they said to them, "We are not able to do this matter, to give our sister to one who is uncircumcised, for that would be a reproach to us. Only on this condition would we agree to you: If you become as we are, to have every male of you circumcised, then we shall give our daughters to you, and take your daughters to us. And we shall dwell with you, and shall become one people. But if you do not listen to us and be circumcised, we shall take our daughter and go." And their words pleased Chamor and Shekem, Chamor's son. And the young man did not delay to do this because he delighted in Ya'aqov's daughter. Now he was more respected than all the household of his father. And Chamor and Shekem his son came to the gate of their city, and spoke with the men of their city, saying, "These men are at peace with us, so let them dwell in the land and move about in it. And see, the land is large enough for them. Let us take their daughters for us for wives, and let us give them our daughters. Only on this condition would the men agree to dwell with us, to be one people: if every male among us is circumcised as they are circumcised. Their herds and their possessions, and all their beasts, should they not be ours? Only let us agree with them, and let them dwell with us." And all who went out of the gate of his city listened to Chamor and Shekem his son; every male was circumcised, all who went out of the gate of his city. And it came to be on the third day, when they were in pain, that two of the sons of Ya'aqoy, Shimon and Levi, Dinah's brothers, each took his sword and came boldly upon the city and killed all the males.





