Children's Torah Portion





Ya'aqov sent messengers to his brother Esau and they returned to tell him that Esau was coming with four hundred men. Ya'aqov was afraid so he divided his camp into two camps, so that, if Esau went to one camp and destroyed it, the other could get away. Then Ya'aqov prayed to YHWH. He spent the night there, then sent gifts to Esau, hoping that he would forgive him.

He got up that night and sent his wives and his children across the stream and was left alone, wrestling with a Man until the break of dawn. When the Man saw that he could not overcome Ya'aqov, he struck his hip socket, dislocating it. Then the Man told Ya'aqov to let him go because dawn was breaking, but Ya'aqov said, "I will not let you go unless you bless me". The Man asked, "What is your name?". Ya'aqov replied, "Ya'aqov", and the Man said that his name would no longer be Ya'aqov, but Yisrael, because he had fought with the Divine and overcome Him. And the Man blessed him. Ya'aqov called the place Peniel, because he saw Elohim face to face and his life was spared.

Esau was coming so Ya'aqov divided the children with their mothers and put the handmaids first, then Leah, then Rachael. Then he went toward Esau, bowing seven times. Esau ran toward Ya'aqov and kissed him, and they wept. Then he noticed all the women and children and asked who they were, and they all came forward and bowed. Esau asked Ya'aqov why he had sent the gifts and offered to give them back, but Ya'aqov would not take them. Esau went his way. Ya'aqov went to Shechem, in Canaan and bought land and lived there.

YHWH told Ya'aqov to go to Beth-el and live there, He also told him to build an altar. There YHWH changed Ya'aqov's name to Yisrael. They were on there way to Ephrath, when



Rachel went into labor and had much difficulty giving birth. She named her son Ben Oni, but Yisrael called him Benyamin. Then Rachel died and Yisrael buried her along the road to Ephrath.

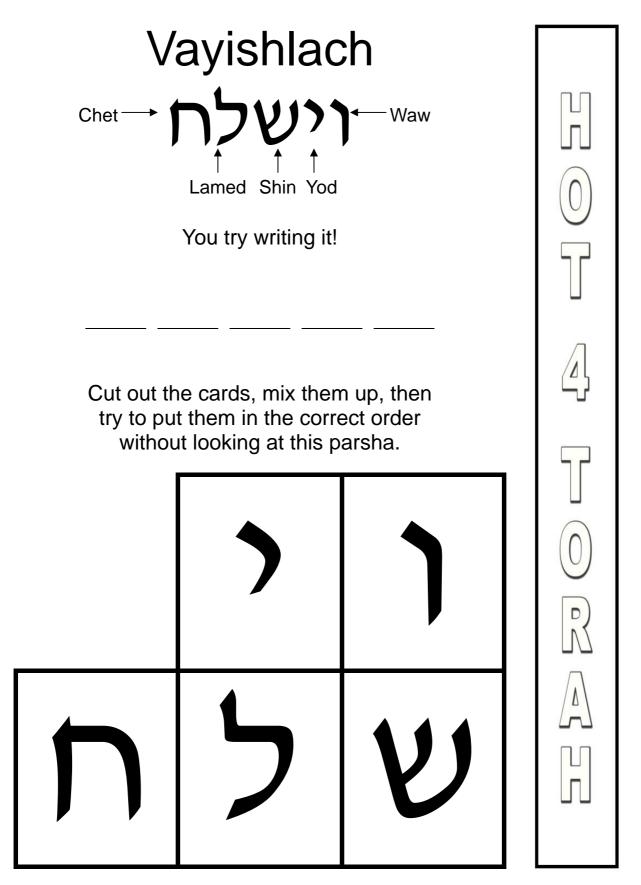
Ya'aqov went to Mamre, to his father, Yitzchak. Yitzchak died at one hundred-eighty years old, and Esau and Ya'aqov buried him.

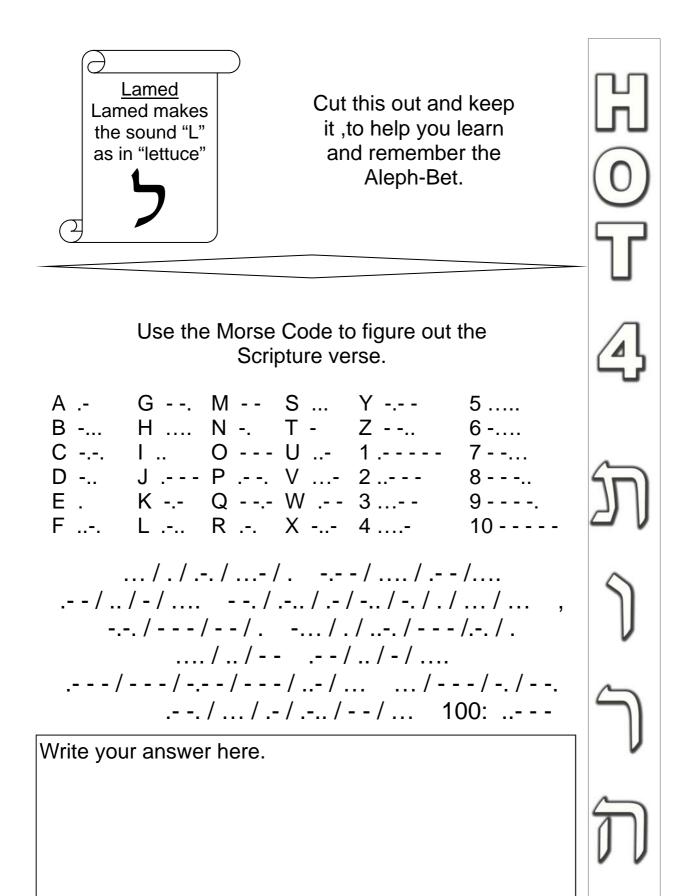


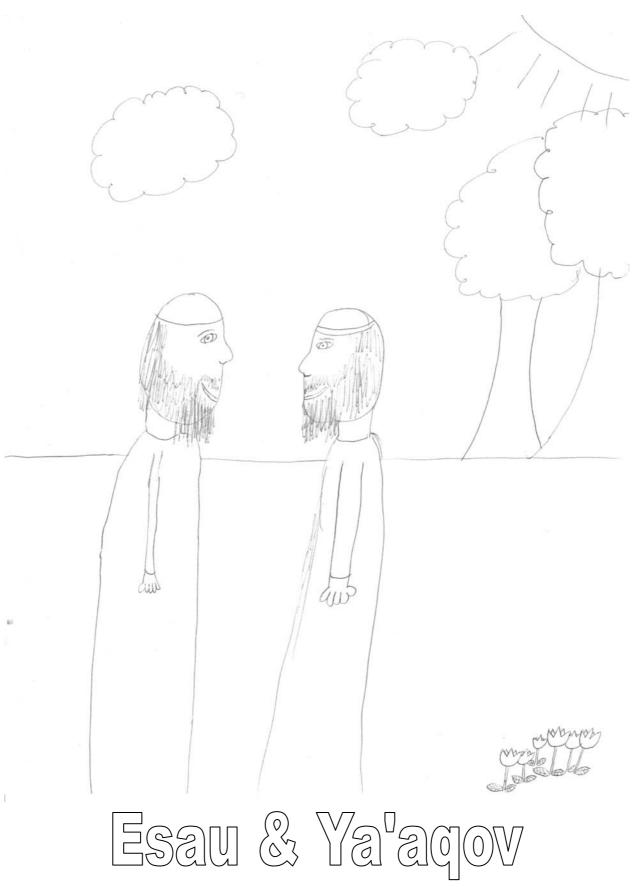
For the next Torah portion (Genesis 32:4-36:43), there is going to be a picture contest. Draw a picture that fits the Torah portion and send it to: chayili@onetorahforall.org

The pictures will appear in the next parsha in the order of the best pictures. Please try to send them on the first or second days of the week.

This will be a weekly activity.



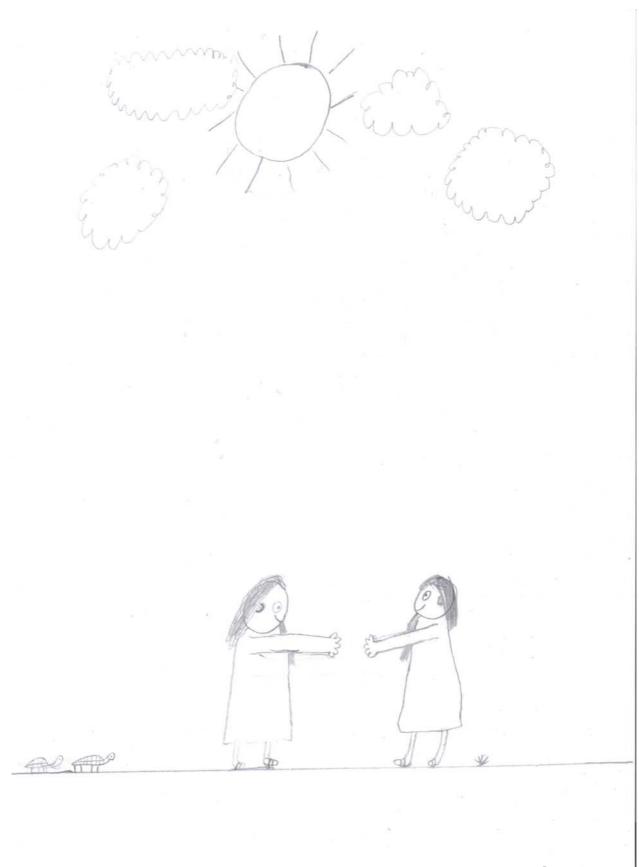






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