



Children's Torah Portion

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On his way to Lavan's, Ya'aqov stopped at Haran and set a rock under his head to sleep. And while he slept, he had a dream, in which there was a ladder from the heavens to the earth with malachim (angels) going up and down, and YHWH was standing over him and promised that land to Ya'aqov's descendants. When Ya'aqov awoke, he set up an altar, using the stone that he had slept on, because he knew that YHWH was there.

Ya'aqov went on his way and came to a well with shepherds who were waiting to water their flocks. He asked them where they were from and if they knew Lavan. They said that they knew him and that he was well. They pointed out Lavan's daughter, who was coming with her father's flock. When Ya'aqov saw her, he rolled back the stone that was on the well and watered her sheep; then he told her who he was. Lavan came and took Ya'aqov to his house and he stayed there for a while.

After a month, Lavan said that Ya'aqov should not work for him without anything in return, and asked him what his wages were. Ya'aqov said that he would work for seven years to marry his younger daughter, Rachael.

Lavan agreed, and it seemed to Ya'aqov only a few days, because he loved Rachael; but when it was time for Ya'aqov to marry her, Lavan tricked him and gave him his older daughter, Leah, instead. When Ya'aqov realized what had been done he was very upset. Lavan said that it was the custom of that place to have the older daughter get married before the younger one, and he told him that he would give Rachael to him if he promised to work for him another seven years. So, Ya'aqov promised and married Rachael, also. YHWH saw that

Ya'aqov did not love Leah, so he opened her womb, but he did not allow Rachael to have children.

Leah gave birth to Reuven, and later gave birth to Shimeon , then Levi, then Yehudah, and then Leah stopped giving birth. Rachael saw that her sister was having children and that she was not, so she gave her maidservant, Bilhah, to Ya'aqov as a wife. Bilhah had a son, which Rachael named Dan, and later one named Naphtali. Leah saw that she had stopped giving birth and gave her maidservant, Zilpah, to Ya'aqov as a wife, and Zilpah bore Gad, and later, Asher. Leah, then, had another son and called him Yissachar. Then she gave birth to Zevulun, followed by a daughter, Dinah. YHWH remembered Rachael, and opened her womb, and she gave birth to a son, whom she called Yoseph.

After Rachael gave birth, Ya'aqov went to Lavan and asked him if he could take his family and leave. Lavan did not want Ya'aqov to leave, because he was making him wealthy. He promised to give Ya'aqov certain lambs, according to what Ya'aqov gave to him. And most of the lamb's were what Ya'aqov said would be his.

Lavan would not let them leave and kept deceiving Ya'aqov, so Ya'aqov called Rachael and Leah and told them that YHWH had told him to leave and asked them if it was okay with them. They said that it was, so they left without telling Lavan. As they were leaving, Rachael took Lavan's idols.

When Lavan found out that Ya'aqov had left, he went after him. When he caught up with them he asked about his idols, and Ya'aqov said that whoever had them should die, for he did not know that Rachael had taken them. Lavan searched all over for his idols, but did not find them, because Rachael had hidden them in her camel's pack and sat on them, saying that she was unclean and could not get up. Lavan and Ya'aqov set up an altar there and they both went their separate ways.

B'reshit 28:10-32:3

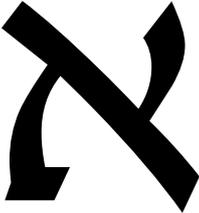
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You try writing it!

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then try to put them in the proper
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Write down Ya'aqov's sons' names from oldest to youngest, along with each one's mother's name.

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What was the name of Ya'aqov's daughter? Who was her mother?

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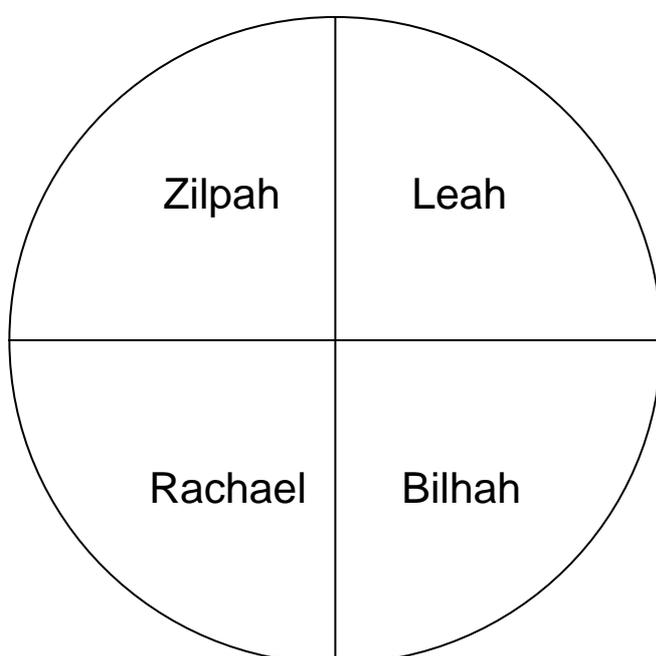


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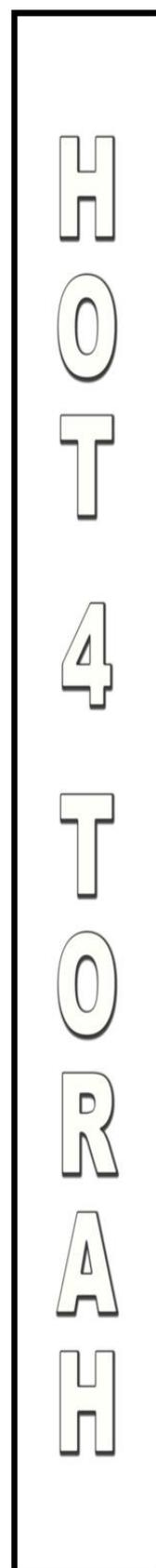
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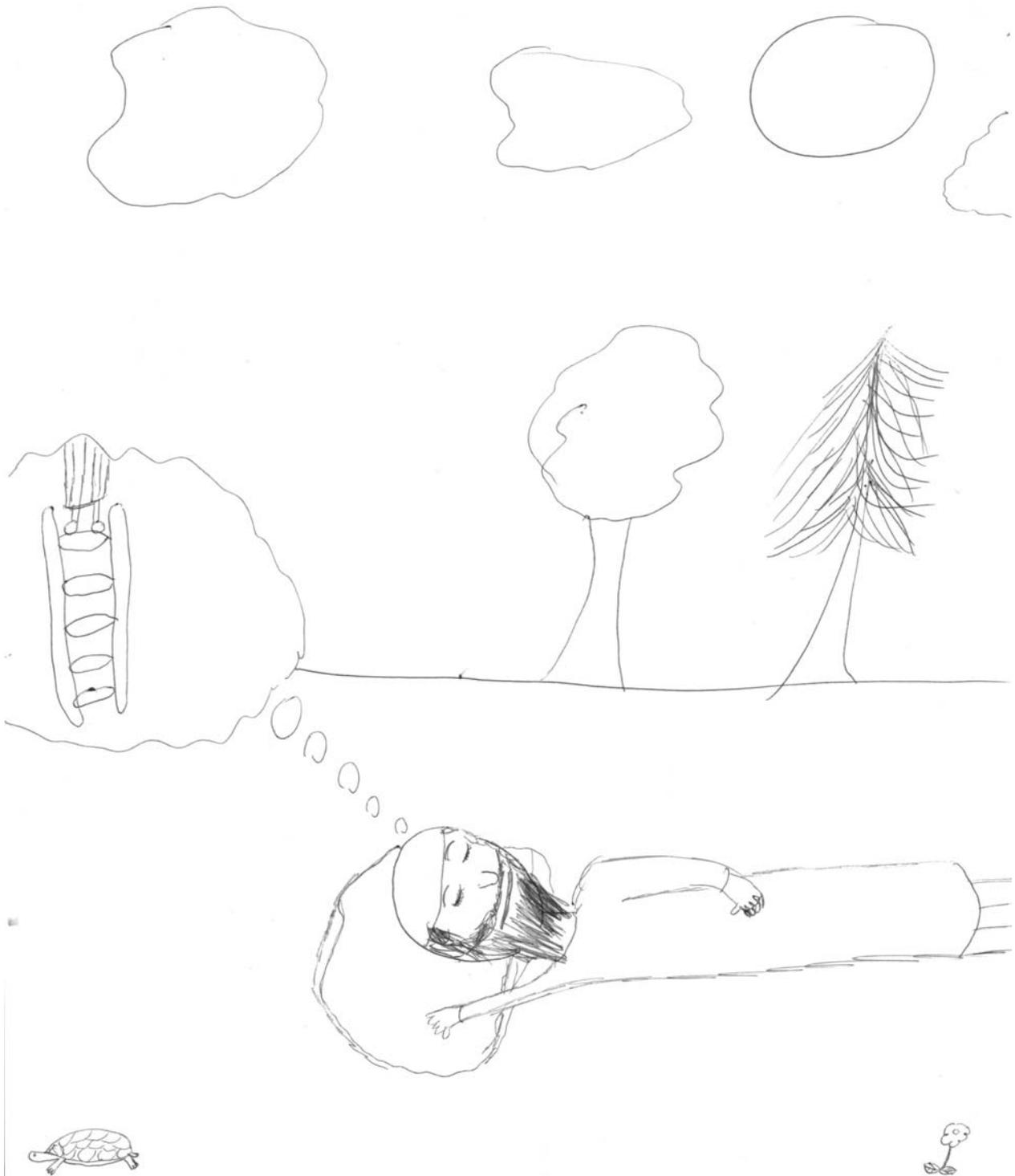


For the next Torah portion (Genesis 32:3-36:43), there is going to be a picture contest. Draw a picture that fits the Torah portion and send it to:
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The pictures will appear in the next parsha in the order of the best pictures. Please try to send them on the first or second days of the week.

This will be a weekly drawing.





Ya'aqov's Dream