

Portion: VaYeshev (And He Settled)
Berēshith (Genesis 37:1-36)

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- 1 And Ya'aqob dwelt in the land of his father's sojournings, in the land of Kena'an.
- 2 This is the genealogy of Ya'aqob. Yosēph, being seventeen years old, was feeding the flock with his brothers. And the young man was with the sons of Bilhah and the sons of Zilpah, his father's wives. And Yosēph brought an evil report of them to his father.
- 3 And Yisra'el loved Yosēph more than all his children, because he was the son of his old age. And he made him a long robe.
- 4 But when his brothers saw that their father loved him more than all his brothers, they hated him and were not able to speak peaceably to him.
- 5 And Yosēph dreamed a dream, and told it to his brothers. So they hated him even more.
- 6 And he said to them, "Please listen to this dream which I have dreamed:
- 7 See, we were binding sheaves in the midst of the field, and see, my sheaf rose up and also stood up. And see, your sheaves stood all around and bowed down to my sheaf.
- 8 And his brothers said to him, "Shall you indeed reign over us? Shall you indeed rule over us?" So they hated him even more for his dreams and for his words.
- 9 And he dreamed still another dream and related it to his brothers, and said, "See, I have dreamed another dream, and see, the sun and the moon and the eleven stars bowed down to me."
- 10 And he related it to his father and his brothers. And his father rebuked him and said to him, "What is this dream that you have dreamed? Shall we, your mother and I and your brothers, indeed come to bow down to the earth before you?"
- 11 And his brothers envied him, but his father guarded the word.
- 12 And his brothers went to feed their father's flock in Shekem.
- 13 And Yisra'el said to Yosēph, "Are not your brothers feeding the flock in Shekem? Come, I send you to them." So he said to him, "Here I am."
- 14 And he said to him, "Please go and see if it is well with your brothers and well with the sheep, and bring back word to me." So he sent him out of the Valley of Hebron, and he went to Shekem.
- 15 And a certain man found him, and see, he was wandering in the field. And the man asked him, saying, "What do you seek?"
- 16 And he said, "I am seeking my brothers. Please inform me where they are feeding their sheep."
- 17 And the man said, "They have left here, for I heard them say, 'Let us go towards Dothan.'" So Yosēph went after his brothers and found them in Dothan.
- 18 And they saw him from a distance, and before he came near them, they plotted against him, to kill him.
- 19 And they said to each other, "See, this master of dreams is coming!
- 20 Now, then, come and let us now kill him and throw him into some pit, and shall say, 'Some wild beast has devoured him.' Let us then see what comes of his dreams!

21 But Re'ubēn heard and rescued him from their hands, and said, "Let us not strike his being."

22 And Re'ubēn said to them, "Shed no blood. Throw him into this pit which is in the wilderness, and do not lay a hand on him" - in order to rescue him out of their hands, and bring him back to his father.

23 So it came to be, when Yosēph had come to his brothers, that they stripped Yosēph of his robe, the long robe which was on him.

24 And they took him and threw him into a pit. And the pit was empty, there was no water in it.

25 And they sat down to eat a meal. And they lifted their eyes and looked and saw a company of Yishma'ēlites, coming from Gil'aḏ with their camels, bearing spices, and balm, and myrrh, going to take them down to Mitsrayim.

26 And Yehuḏah said to his brothers, "What would we gain if we kill our brother and conceal his blood?

27 Come and let us sell him to the Yishma'ēlites, and let not our hand be upon him, for he is our brother, our flesh. And his brothers listened.

28 And men, Midyanite traders passed by, so they pulled Yosēph up and lifted him out of the pit, and sold him to the Yishma'ēlites for twenty pieces of silver. And they took Yosēph to Mitsrayim.

29 And Re'ubēn returned to the pit, and see, Yosēph was not in the pit. And he tore his garments.

30 And he returned to his brothers and said, "The boy is gone! And I, where am I to go?"

31 So they took Yosēph's robe, slew a male goat, and dipped the robe in the blood,

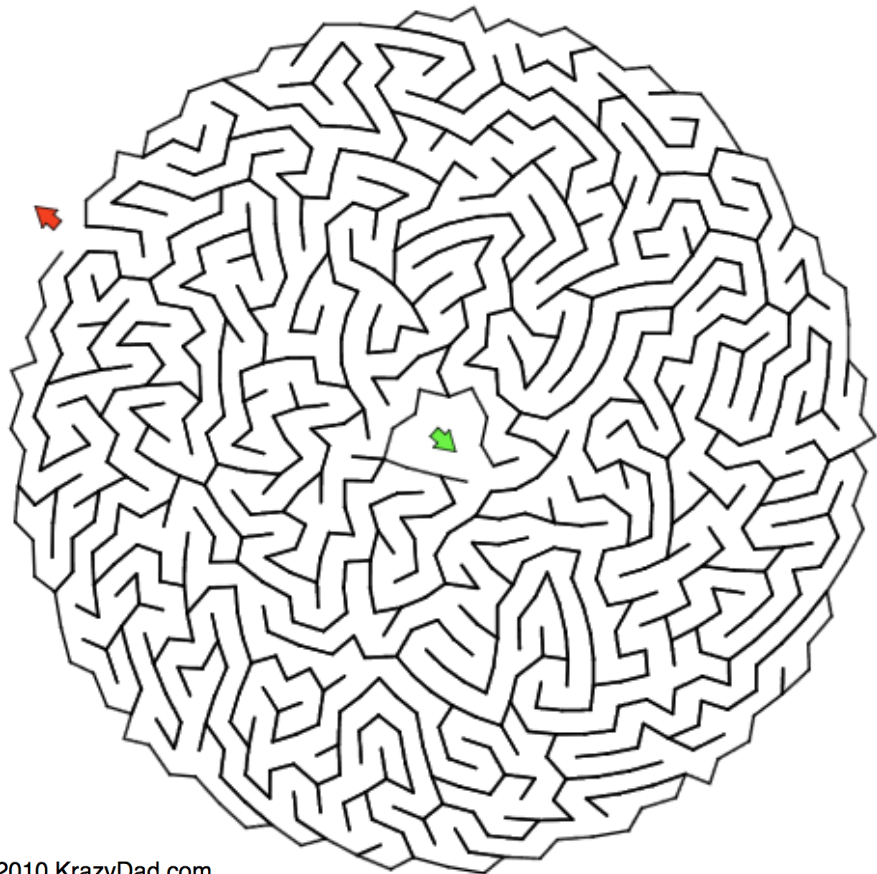
32 and sent the long robe and brought it to their father and said, "We have found this. Please look, is it the robe of your son or not?"

33 And he recognized it and said, "It is my son's robe. An evil beast has devoured him. Yosēph is torn, torn to pieces."

34 And Ya'aqob tore his garments, and put sackcloth on his waist, and mourned for his son many days.

35 And all his sons and all his daughters arose to comfort him, but he refused to be comforted, and he said, "Now let me go down into to my son in mourning." So his father wept for him.

36 And the Midyanites had sold him in Mitsrayim to Potiphar, an officer of Pharaoh and captain of the guard.



Fill In The Blank

- 1) _____ returned to the pit, and see, _____ was not in the pit.
- 2) What would we _____ if we kill our brother and _____ his blood?
- 3) When Yosëph had come to his _____, that they _____ Yosëph of his robe, the long robe which was on him.
- 4) See, I have dreamed another dream, and see, the _____ and the moon and the _____ stars bowed down to me.
- 5) It is my son's robe. An evil _____ has _____ him. Yosëph is torn, torn to pieces.
- 6) Please go and see if it is _____ with your brothers and well with the sheep, and bring back _____ to me.
- 7) Yisra'ël _____ Yosëph more than all his children, because he was the son of his _____ age.
- 8) They took Yosëph's robe, _____ a _____ goat, and dipped the robe in the blood.
- 9) This is the _____ of Ya'aqob. Yosëph, being _____ years old, was feeding the flock with his brothers.
- 10) Come and let us sell him to the _____, and let not our _____ be upon him, for he is our brother, our flesh.

True Or False

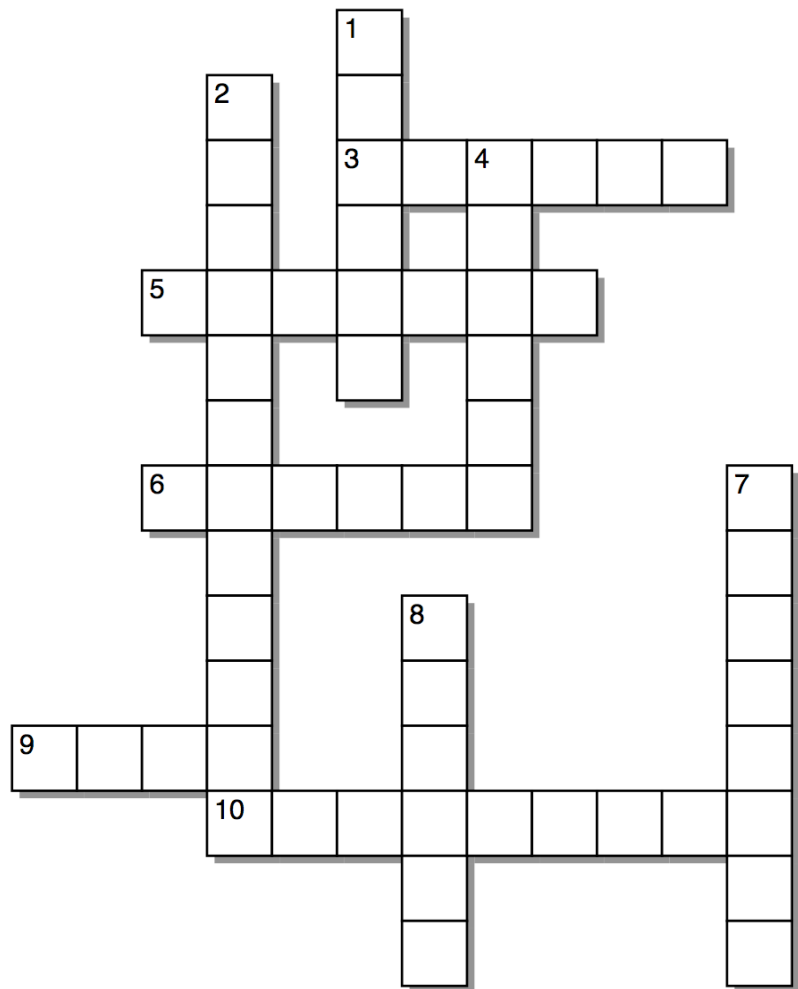
- 1) Shimon tore his robe when he didn't see Yosëph in the pit. True/False
- 2) Yosëph found his brothers feeding the flock in Shekem. True/False
- 3) Yosëph's brothers said "Shall you indeed reign over us? Shall you indeed rule over us?" True/False
- 4) They slew a male lamb, and dipped the Yosëph's robe in the blood. True/False

Across

- 3. How many pieces of silver were paid for Yosëph?
- 5. What was Yosëph's first dream about?
- 6. Who said to "Shed no blood"?
- 9. What did Yisra'ël make for Yosëph?
- 10. What did Ya'aqob place around his waist?

Down

- 1. Where did Yosëph find his brothers?
- 2. Who did the brothers see coming as they sat down to eat?
- 4. How many stars did Yosëph see in his dream?
- 7. Who bought Yosëph from the Midanites?
- 8. Where did the brothers go to feed their father's flocks?



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