

Portion: VaYetze (He Went Out)  
Berēshith (Genesis 31:20-32:3)

Genesis 31:20-55

20 And Ya'aqob̄ deceived Laban the Aramean, because he did not inform him that he was about to flee.

21 And he fled with all that he had. And he rose up and passed over the river, and headed toward the mountains of Gil'ad̄.

22 And on the third day Laban was told that Ya'aqob̄ had fled.

23 Then he took his brothers with him and pursued him for seven days' journey, and he overtook him in the mountains of Gil'ad̄.

24 But in a dream by night Elohim came to Laban the Aramean, and said to him, "Guard yourself, that you do not speak to Ya'aqob̄ either good or evil."

25 Then Laban overtook Ya'aqob̄. Now Ya'aqob̄ had pitched his tent in the mountains, and Laban with his brothers pitched in the mountains of Gil'ad̄.

26 And Laban said to Ya'aqob̄, "What have you done, that you have deceived me, and driven my daughters off like captives taken with the sword?"

27 "Why did you flee secretly and deceive me, and not inform me, and I would have sent you away with joy and songs, with tambourine and lyre?"

28 And you did not allow me to kiss my sons and my daughters. Now you have been foolish to do this.

29 "It is in the power of my hand to do evil to you, but the Elohim of your father spoke to me last night, saying, 'Guard yourself, that you do not speak to Ya'aqob̄ either good or evil.'

30 "And now you have gone because you greatly long for your father's house, but why did you steal my mighty ones?"

31 And Ya'aqob̄ answered and said to Laban, "Because I was afraid, for I said, 'Lest you tear your daughters away from me.'

32 With whomever you find your mighty ones, do not let him live. In the presence of our brothers, see for yourself what is with me and take it with you. For Ya'aqob̄ did not know that Raḥēl had stolen them.

33 And Laban went into Ya'aqob̄'s tent, and into Lě'ah's tent, and into the tents of the two female servants, but he did not find them. And he came out of Lě'ah's tent and entered Raḥēl's tent.

34 Now Raḥēl had taken the house idols and put them in the camel's saddle, and sat on them. And Laban searched all about the tent but did not find them.

35 And she said to her father, "Let it not displease my master that I am unable to rise before you, for the way of women is with me." And he searched but did not find the house idols.

36 And Ya'aqob̄ was wroth and contended with Laban, and Ya'aqob̄ answered and said to Laban, "What is my transgression? What is my sin, that you have hotly pursued me?"

37 "Now that you have searched all my goods what have you found of all your household goods? Set it here before my brothers and your brothers, and let them decide between the two of us!

38 "These twenty years I have been with you. Your ewes and your female goats have not miscarried their young, and I have not eaten the rams of your sheep.

39 "That which was torn by beasts I did not bring to you, I myself bore the loss of it. You required it from my hand, whether stolen by day or stolen by night.

40 "Thus I was! By day the heat consumed me, and the frost by night, and my sleep fled from my eyes.

41 "These twenty years I have been in your house. I served you fourteen years for your two daughters, and six years for your flock, and you have changed my wages ten times.

42 "Unless the Elohim of my father, the Elohim of Abraham and the Fear of Yitshaq, had been with me, you would now have sent me away empty-handed. Elohim has seen my affliction and the labour of my hands, and rendered judgment last night."

43 And Laban answered and said to Ya'aqob, "These daughters are my daughters, and these children are my children, and this flock is my flock, and all that you see is mine. But what shall I do today to these, my daughters or to their children whom they have borne?

44 And now, come, let us make a covenant, you and I, and it shall be a witness between you and me.

45 So Ya'aqob took a stone and set it up as a standing column.

46 And Ya'aqob said to his brothers, "Gather stones." And they took stones and made a heap, and they ate there on the heap.

47 And Laban called it Yeḡar Saḡadutha, but Ya'aqob called it Gal'ēd.

48 And Laban said, "This heap is a witness between you and me today." That is why its name was called Gal'ēd,

49 also Mitspah, because he said, "Let יהוה watch between you and me when we are out of each other's sight.

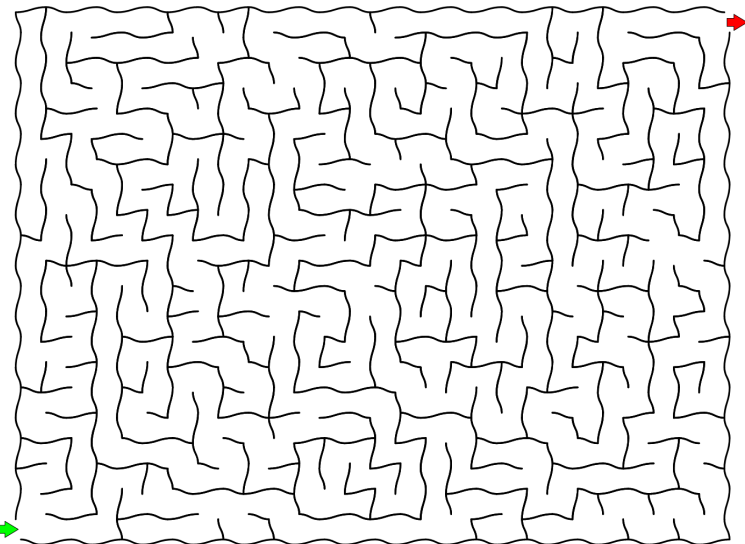
50 If you afflict my daughters, or if you take other wives besides my daughters, although no man is with us; see, Elohim is witness between you and me!

51 And Laban said to Ya'aqob, "See this heap and see this standing column, which I have placed between you and me.

52 "This heap is a witness, and this standing column is a witness, that I do not pass beyond this heap to you, and you do not pass beyond this heap and this standing column to me, for evil.

53 "The Elohim of Abraham, the Elohim of Nahor, and the Elohim of their father rightly rule between us!" And Ya'aqob swore by the Fear of his father Yitshaq.

54 And Ya'aqob slaughtered a slaughtering on the mountain, and called his brothers to eat bread. And they ate bread and spent the night on the mountain.



55 And Laban rose up early in the morning, and kissed his sons and daughters and blessed them. And Laban left and returned to his place. Genesis 32:1-3 1 And Ya'aqob went on his way, and the messengers of Elohim met him. 2 And when Ya'aqob saw them, he said, "This is the camp of Elohim." And he called the name of that place Maḥanayim. 3 And Ya'aqob sent messengers before him to Ēsaw his brother in the land of Sē'ir, the field of Edom

### Fill In The Blank

- 1) That which was torn by \_\_\_\_\_ I did not bring to you, I myself bore the loss of it. You \_\_\_\_\_ it from my hand, whether stolen by day or stolen by night.
- 2) These \_\_\_\_\_ years I have been in your house. I served you fourteen years for your two daughters, and six years for your \_\_\_\_\_, and you have changed my wages ten times.
- 3) It is in the \_\_\_\_\_ of my hand to do evil to you, but the Elohim of your father spoke to me last night, saying, ' \_\_\_\_\_ yourself, that you do not speak to Ya'aqob either good or evil.'
- 4) These twenty years I have been with you. Your ewes and your female goats have not \_\_\_\_\_ their young, and I have not \_\_\_\_\_ the rams of your sheep.
- 5) Then Laban \_\_\_\_\_ Ya'aqob. Now Ya'aqob had pitched his tent in the mountains, and Laban with his brothers pitched in the \_\_\_\_\_ of Gil'ad.
- 6) And Laban went into Ya'aqob's tent, and into Lě'ah's tent, and into the tents of the two female \_\_\_\_\_, but he did not find them. And he came out of Lě'ah's tent and entered \_\_\_\_\_ tent.
- 7) And \_\_\_\_\_ answered and said to Ya'aqob, "These daughters are my daughters, and these children are my children, and this flock is my flock, and all that you see is mine. But what shall I do today to these, my daughters or to their children whom they have \_\_\_\_\_?"

### True Or False

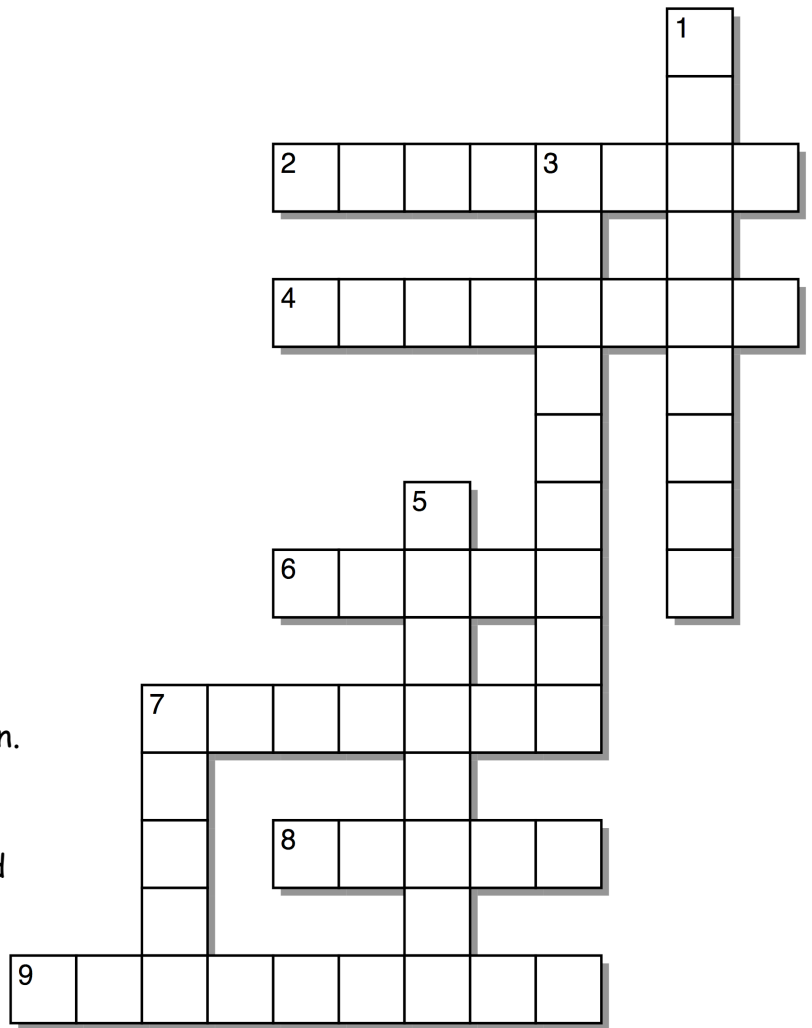
- 1) Lě'ah was able to keep the mighty ones hidden from Laban. True/False
- 2) Ya'aqob crossed a river and headed toward the mountains of Gil'ad when he fled. True/False

**Across**

2. See this heap and see this \_\_\_\_\_ column, which I have placed between you and me.
4. By day the heat \_\_\_\_\_ me, and the frost by night, and my sleep fled from my eyes.
6. So Ya'aqob took a \_\_\_\_\_ and set it up as a standing column.
7. This heap is a \_\_\_\_\_ between you and me today.
8. \_\_\_\_\_ yourself, that you do not speak to Ya'aqob either good or evil.
9. Laban called it Yeḡar \_\_\_\_\_, but Ya'aqob called it Gal'ēd.

**Down**

1. And Ya'aqob was wroth and \_\_\_\_\_ with Laban.
3. Because I was afraid, for I said, 'Lest you tear your \_\_\_\_\_ away from me.'
5. And now, come, let us make a \_\_\_\_\_, you and I, and it shall be a witness between you and me.
7. Let יהוה \_\_\_\_\_ between you and me when we are out of each other's sight.



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