



## Summary of the פרשה, עליות

**בְּחֵן** (רש"י - הַר הַמּוֹרֵקָה) On the way, he slept in a place and dreamt about מַלְאָכִים going up and down on a ladder. In the dream, ה' stood over him. ה' promised יַעֲקֹב he would have many descendants and become a great nation. ה' promised to look after יַעֲקֹב. When יַעֲקֹב awoke, he set up the stone which was under his head as a pillar and poured oil on it. He named the place 'Beis El.'

**לֵוִי** As יַעֲקֹב continued his journey he came across a well with sheep lying beside it. יַעֲקֹב asked the shepherds where they were from and whether they knew his uncle לָבָן. They were from חָרָן and they did know him. יַעֲקֹב asked whether לָבָן was well. They said he was, and that his daughter רָחֵל was coming with her father's flock. When רָחֵל arrived יַעֲקֹב rolled the large stone from the mouth of the well and watered לָבָן's sheep. יַעֲקֹב kissed רָחֵל and told her who he was. She ran to tell her father. לָבָן ran out to meet יַעֲקֹב. יַעֲקֹב agreed to work for seven years for רָחֵל.

**שְׁלִישִׁי** At the end of seven years לָבָן tricked יַעֲקֹב, giving him לָאָה instead of רָחֵל. לָבָן said that in that place the younger girl did not marry before the older. After a week יַעֲקֹב married רָחֵל. He worked for another seven years. רָחֵל was upset she did not have children and bore four sons - ראובן, שמעון, לוי, יהודה. יַעֲקֹב gave רָחֵל שִׁפְחָה בִּלְהָה, שִׁפְחָה יַעֲקֹב. Now אֲשֶׁר bore גָּד and זְלֶפְחָה. יַעֲקֹב, זְלֶפְחָה, שִׁפְחָה bore לָאָה.

**רְבִיעִי** רָחֵל bore יִשְׁשַׁכָּר and זְבֻלֹן. Then she bore a daughter and called her דִּינָה. יַעֲקֹב asked לָבָן to let him leave with his family. רָחֵל now bore a son, and she called him יוֹסֵף.

**חֲמִישִׁי** לָבָן agreed to give יַעֲקֹב, as a wage, all of the speckled, spotted and brownish lambs and speckled and spotted goats. However, he removed these and gave them to his sons to look after, at a three day distance from יַעֲקֹב. יַעֲקֹב peeled streaks in some rods and put them in the watering troughs when the animals mated. He became very wealthy: וַיִּפְרֹץ הָאִישׁ מְאֹד מְאֹד וַיְהִי־לּוֹ צֹאן רַבּוֹת וַשִּׁפְחוֹת וַעֲבָדִים וַגְּמָלִים וַחֲמֹרִים:

לָבָן's sons were saying that יַעֲקֹב had become wealthy dishonestly. ה' told יַעֲקֹב to leave and that He would look after him. יַעֲקֹב told רָחֵל and לָאָה that ה' had told them to go. They said they had no reason to stay, they would not inherit anything from their father. They would do as ה' had said.

**שִׁשִּׁי** יַעֲקֹב left with his children, his wives, and all of his livestock and property. רָחֵל stole idols belonging to her father. יַעֲקֹב did not tell לָבָן he was leaving. לָבָן found out יַעֲקֹב had left. He chased him and caught up. ה' warned לָבָן not to speak with יַעֲקֹב either good or bad. לָבָן told יַעֲקֹב how upset he was that they had left so secretively - לָבָן would have sent them off with joy, song and music. He asked why they had stolen his idols. יַעֲקֹב said he had thought that לָבָן would steal his daughters away from him. He added that whomever is found to have the idols should not live. לָבָן searched but did not find them. רָחֵל was sitting on them, they were under her camel saddle. יַעֲקֹב now spoke to לָבָן of how loyal and hardworking he had always been for twenty years. Without ה' looking after him he would surely have left empty-handed.

**שְׁבִיעִי** יַעֲקֹב and לָבָן made a בְּרִית, an agreement. They set up a pile of rocks, which they would not cross to do harm to each other. In the morning, לָבָן kissed and blessed his sons and daughters then went on his way. יַעֲקֹב left, too, and came across מַלְאָכֵי אֱלֹקִים - angels of ה'.

## ספר בראשית

בְּרֵאשִׁית  
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חַיֵּי שָׂרָה  
תּוֹלְדֹת  
וַיֵּצֵא  
וַיִּשְׁלַח  
וַיֵּשֶׁב  
מִקָּץ  
וַיִּגַּשׁ  
וַיַּחֲזִי

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בֶּן זֹמָא said: "Who is wise? He who learns from all men, as it is said: 'From all my teachers I have gained understanding...' " (Tehillim 119:99)

פְּרָקִי אָבוֹת ד': א

בֶּן זֹמָא אָמַר, אִיזְהוּ חָכָם, הַלּוֹמֵד מִכָּל אָדָם, שְׁנַאמַר (תהלים קיט:צט) , מִכָּל מְלַמְדֵי הַשְּׂכָלְתִּי כִּי עֲדוּתִיד שִׁיחָה לִּי.