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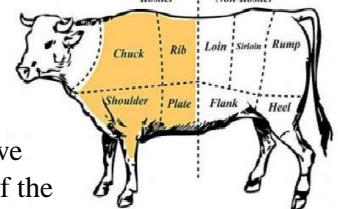
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יעקב sent that his brother, עשו was coming with 400 men. **יעקב** prepared to meet **עשו** in three ways:

1. he divided his camp into two - should one be struck the other would survive;
2. he said to the 'man' (a hip socket was injured) that he would not let the 'man' go until he blessed him. The angel said:

“... לא יְעַקֹּב יֹאמֶר עוֹד שְׁמֶךָ כִּי אֶמְשֶׁרֶל כִּי־שְׁרִית עַמְּדָלְקִים וְעַמְּדָנִים וְתוֹכֶל:”

“No longer will it be said that your name is for you have become great before (or: “you have fought with”) the and man, and you have won.”



יעקב began to limp because of his injured hip. This is why we may not eat the sciatic nerve, from the hindquarter of the animal - to this day. **יעקב** saw **עשו** coming. He divided his children among his wives and the handmaids, then went ahead, bowing seven times as he approached his brother. **יעקב** ran towards him, fell upon his neck, and kissed him; then they wept. **יעקב** saw the women and children and asked: “Who are these to you?” **יעקב** answered: “The children whom the 'man' has graciously given to your servant.”

יעקב's wives, שפחות and children then came forward and bowed down. **יעקב** urged his brother to accept the gifts and refused at first, but then, finally, accepted. (The **מזרש** teaches that **יעקב** had really wanted to accept all the time.) **יעקב** said that they should travel together, but **יעקב** answered that his children, and his nursing flocks and cattle would not cope with **יעקב**'s pace. **כֹּנְעָן**, in שכם arrived at **יעקב**.

צינעה was kidnapped by **חמור**, the prince of the region. **שכם** asked his father, **חמור**, if he could have as a wife. **יעקב** went to speak with **בנוי ישראל** to marry each other and live amongst each other. **יעקב**'s sons told **שכם** and his father that their men would all have to have **ברית מילה**. They returned and told this to their people. All the males then had **ברית מילה** and killed every male with their swords and rescued **צינעה**. **צינעה** was very cross with **שכם** and for what they had done. ‘told **יעקב** to go to **Beis El** and build a **הה** as had said. **יעקב** did as **הה** had said. **מיזבָח** blessed him, and told him that his name would be **ישראל**.

שְׁבִיעִי died as she was giving birth to **יעקב**. She was buried on the road to **אפרת**, which is put a monument over her grave. **יעקב** died at the age of 180 and was buried by his sons, **יעקב** and **יעקב**. The **תורה** lists the descendants of **יעקב** and the chiefs of his children, known as the **אלופי עשו**.

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שמעאי says: Make your study a fixed practice; say little and do much, and receive everyone with a cheerful face.

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