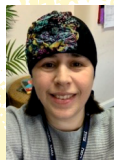


THE TRIBE WEEKLY

PARASHAT VAYEITZEI

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The Epic Journey



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In this thrilling biblical odyssey, we follow Yaakov (Jacob), the grandson of Avraham, on a captivating adventure of love, betrayal and self-discovery. Fleeing his brother's anger, Yaakov embarks on a life-changing journey, encountering a mysterious ladder to heaven and building his family. Amidst family rivalries and deceit, he works tirelessly for his cunning uncle, Lavan. As the saga unfolds, Parashat Vayeitzei unveils a gripping narrative of faith, endurance and the enduring legacy of a patriarch.

But the Torah is more than a blockbuster film or gripping storybook; it's a timeless life guide, imparting

values, ethics and history to help us navigate our own journeys. Here are four key lessons we can learn from Yaakov's journey:

1. Hard work and patience

Yaakov works tirelessly for his uncle Lavan for many years in order to be able to marry his beloved wife Rachel and to earn a living. He tends to Lavan's sheep and faces many challenges along the way. This teaches us the importance of hard work and perseverance. It's essential to understand that success often comes from putting in the effort and being patient with our goals and dreams.

2. Honesty and integrity

Yaakov maintains honesty and integrity despite Lavan's attempts to deceive him. This teaches us the value of staying true to our principles and not compromising integrity, even in challenging or unethical situations.

3. Family relationships

The parasha of Vayeitzei highlights the complex dynamics within Yaakov's family, particularly with his wives, Leah and Rachel, and their handmaids. It shows the importance of communication and empathy within family relationships, essential for fostering understanding and harmony.

4. Dreams and aspirations

Yaakov's visionary dream of a ladder to heaven reminds us of the significance of having dreams, aiming high and believing in our potential for greatness. In life, we should dare to dream and work towards our goals. The true magic of the Torah is that there are personal lessons for each and every one of us hidden in the text of these historic stories. In every parasha, find the message which is there just for you, and learn from the guidance of our illustrious ancestors.

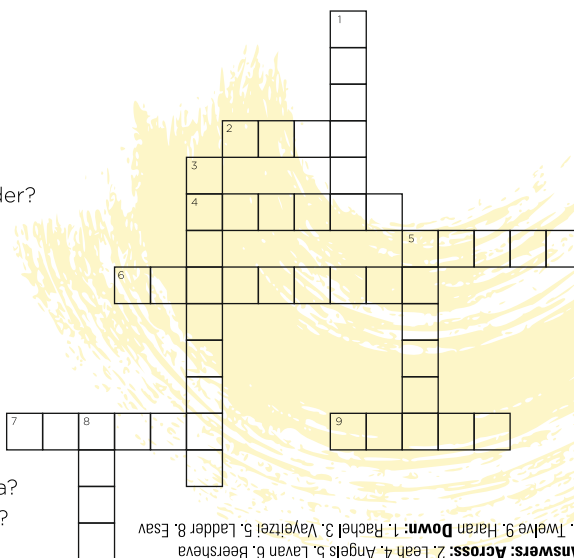
Parasha Crossword

Across

- Who was Lavan's eldest daughter?
- What were going up and down the ladder?
- Who tricked Yaakov?
- Where did Yaakov's journey begin?
- How many tribes were there?
- When Yaakov fled from his brother, which place did he head towards?

Down

- Who was Yaakov's first love?
- What is the name of this week's parasha?
- What was the object in Yaakov's dream?
- Who was Yaakov's brother?



Answers: Across: 2. Leah 4. Angels 5. Lavan 6. Beersheva 7. Twelve 9. Haran Down: 1. Rachel 3. Vayeitzei 5. Ladder 8. Esav