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1. Yakov sent helpers to עֲשׂוֹ / Aisav. Why? TO SEE IF AISAV WAS STILL ANGRY AT HIM
2. What did the helpers tell Yakov? THAT AISAV WAS COMING TOWARD HIM WITH 400 SOLDIERS READY TO FIGHT A WAR
3. ה' had promised Yakov many times that He would protect him and his family. When Yakov heard that Aisav was coming toward him, why was Yakov scared? HE WAS AFRAID HE OR HIS FAMILY SINNED AND SO ה' WOULD NOT PROTECT THEM ANY MORE
4. Yakov did three things to get ready to meet his brother Aisav. One thing is that he prayed. Who did he pray to? ה'
5. What did Yakov ask ה' in his prayers? TO SAVE HIM AND HIS FAMILY FROM AISAV
6. Another thing Yakov did was to give many presents to Aisav. How did he get the presents to Aisav? BY SENDING HELPERS
7. Why did he have to give many presents to Aisav? AS A PUNISHMENT FOR NOT GIVING ONE OUT OF EVERY TEN THINGS TO TZEDAKA AS HE PROMISED
8. Another thing Yakov did to get ready to meet Aisav had to do with dividing his family into groups. How many groups did he make? TWO
9. Why did Yakov divide his family into two groups? IF AISAV ATTACKED ONE GROUP, THE OTHER WOULD BE ABLE TO RUN AWAY
10. Before Yakov met Aisav, he hid his daughter דִּינָה / Dina so Aisav would not see her. Why was this not good? BECAUSE IF DINA HAD MARRIED AISAV, SHE MIGHT HAVE BEEN ABLE TO MAKE HIM BE A BETTER PERSON
11. Yakov went to the other side of the Yaboke River. Who did he fight with? AISAV'S ANGEL
12. Who hurt Yakov's thigh? THE ANGEL
13. Who won the wrestling match? YAKOV
14. The angel wanted to go back to heaven. What did Yakov say the angel would have to do so Yakov would let him go? BLESS HIM (say he was right to take Aisav's blessing)
15. What did the angel change Yakov's name to? יִשְׂרָאֵל / YISRAEL
16. EXTRA CREDIT: What does the word *Yisrael* mean? WINNING AGAINST ה'
17. Because the holy angel hurt Yakov's thigh, Jews may not eat the הַגִּיד הַנֶּשֶׂה / gid ha-na-she. In which part of the animal can the gid ha-na-she be found? THIGH (leg)
18. All countries have an angel to watch them. Which country does not have one? ISRAEL
19. Why doesn't Israel need an angel? BECAUSE THE JEWISH PEOPLE ARE HOLY AND SPECIAL AND CAN TALK TO ה' THEMSELVES

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20. When Yakov and Aisav met, what miracle did ה' make? AISAV DID NOT HURT YAKOV

21. Aisav thought that because Yakov was a good man, he wasn't supposed to have a lot of money and animals and other things. He asked Yakov why he had these things. What did Yakov say? ה' GAVE HIM THE THINGS SO HE COULD DO GOOD THINGS WITH THEM

22. What did Aisav want to do with the presents Yakov gave him? GIVE THEM BACK TO YAKOV

23. Did Yakov tell Aisav to give the presents back to him or to keep them? KEEP THEM

24. What did Aisav want to do with Yakov and his family? TRAVEL TOGETHER IN THE DESERT

25. What did Yakov say about travelling together? LATER BUT NOT NOW

26. Yakov never went to Say-ir to see Aisav. When will Yakov and Aisav's descendants meet? WHEN מְשִׁיחַ / MASHIACH COMES

27. דִּינָה / Dinah was Yakov's daughter. While she was watching some people play instruments and sing songs, what did שָׁכֶם / Shchem do to her? KIDNAPPED HER

28. Shchem wanted to marry her. חַמּוֹר / Chamor, who was Shchem's father, asked permission for his son to marry Dinah. Who did Chamor ask? YAKOV FIRST, THEN HIS SONS

29. Shimon and Laivi were two sons of Yakov. They told Chamor that if Shchem wanted to marry Dinah, what would the men and boys of Shchem have to give themselves? אַ בְּרִית מִלָּה / brit milah (circumcision)

30. Shchem and Chamor agreed. What was the real reason Chamor and Shchem and the others decided to get a brit milah? SO THEY COULD GET YAKOV'S MONEY AND OTHER THINGS

31. Did everyone in Shchem like the idea of getting a brit milah? NO

32. After the men and boys got a brit milah, what did Shimon and Laivi do to the men of Shchem? KILLED THEM

33. What happened to Dina? SHIMON AND LAIVI BROUGHT HER HOME

34. Did Yakov like what Shimon and Laivi did? NO

35. Some people from Canaan did not like the fact that Shimon and Laivi killed the men of Shchem. So they wanted to attack Yakov and his family. What miracle did ה' make? THEY DECIDED NOT TO ATTACK YAKOV AND HIS FAMILY

36. ה' told Yakov that he had not yet offered sacrifices as he promised. So what did ה' tell Yakov to do in Bait-Ail? OFFER SACRIFICES

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37. In the city of Shchem, what did Yakov bury under a tree? IDOLS BELONGING TO PEOPLE HE TALKED INTO BELIEVING IN ה'

38. Where did these people get idols from? THE MEN OF SHCHEM WHOM SHIMON AND LAIVI KILLED

39. Devora died and was buried in Bait-Ail. She was Rivka's nurse. Why did she come to see Yakov? TO TELL HIM TO COME BACK TO HIS PARENTS' HOUSE

40. Then Yakov found out that his mother Rivka died. Where did Aisav bury her? THE מְעַרְת הַמַּכְפַּיִלָּה / MA-A-RAT HAMACHPAILA (Cave of Machpaila)

41. What land did ה' promise to give to Yakov and his descendants? THE LAND OF CANAAN (Israel)

42. In the city of חֶבְרוֹן / Chevron, Yakov's favorite wife רַחֵל / Rachel gave birth to a son. What was his name? בְּנִימִן / BINYAMIN

43. What happened to Rachel after she gave birth to Binyamin? SHE DIED

44. She was buried in Kevair Rachel near Bait Lechem. Can Jews pray there today? YES

45. EXTRA CREDIT: Rachel was very young when she died. Why did she die so young? BECAUSE YAKOV ACCIDENTALLY CURSED HER WHEN SHE STOLE HER FATHER'S IDOLS, AND ה' DOES THE CURSE OF A צַדִּיק / TZADIK (a very good man)

46. After Rachel died, Yakov lived with Rachel's maid בִּלְהָה / Bilah. Reuvain didn't like this. So he moved his father's things to his mother Leah's tent. Was this good or bad? BAD

47. Ylitzchak died at the age of 180. Where was he buried? MA-A-RAT HAMACHPAILA (Cave of Machpaila)

48. After Yitzchak died, Yakov and Aisav took some of their father's things. Who took the helpers, gold, silver and animals? AISAV

49. Who took the right to live in Israel and the right to be buried in the Ma-arat Hamachpaila? YAKOV