

Visual Midrash - Yaakov's Dream

My Own Visual *Midrash* – מדרש התמונה שלי

From Text to Artwork

Midrash = an interpretive act, seeking the answers to religious questions (both practical and theological) by plumbing the meaning of the words of the Torah.

Midrash is a literary genre that uses allegory and imaginative narrative to fill in those places in the text where the stories do not feel complete.

Visual midrash uses the visual arts medium as a tool to create a midrash.

Answering the following questions will help you to prepare to create your own visual midrash about Yaakov's Dream. (List three ideas for numbers 1, 2 and 3)

1. What do I find interesting or puzzling about Yaakov's dream?

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2. What message not fully explained by the Torah text will you make clear in your picture?

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3. In order to explore the dream further by creating a visual midrash, what would I want to include in my illustration?

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4. What medium would work best to accomplish my goals?
What size should it be?

5. What colors could I use to show the emotional temperature of my midrash?