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Angels on a Ladder מַלְאָכִים עַל סוּלָם

1. Fill in the blanks (using the words in the box).

On the way to _____ to live with his _____, Lavan, Yaakov makes camp. He takes some _____, places them around his _____, and falls asleep. Then he dreams of _____ going up and down a _____. God tells Yaakov that he and his _____ will inherit the land of _____ and that God will be with him.

When Yaakov wakes up, he _____ the sanctity of the place, and he calls it Beit-El **בֵּית אֵל**, which means "The House of God". Yaakov _____ that if God will be with him, feed him, clothe him, and return him _____ to his father's house, then he will give a _____ of everything he owns to God.

safely / descendants / head / realizes / Haran / tenth stones / Canaan / swears / angels / uncle / ladder

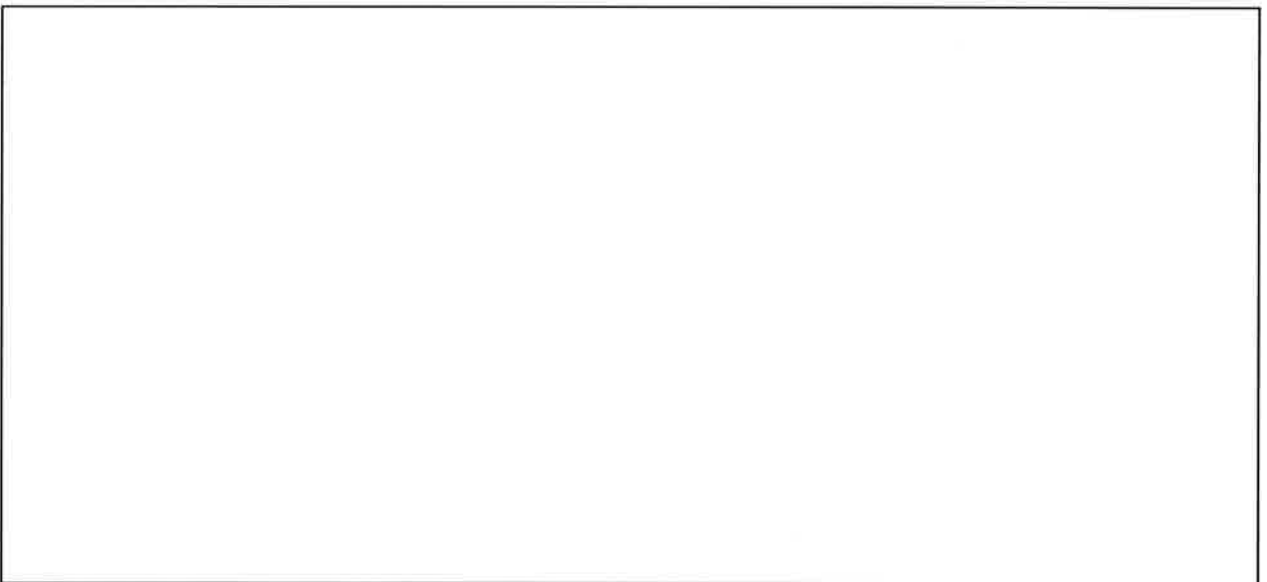
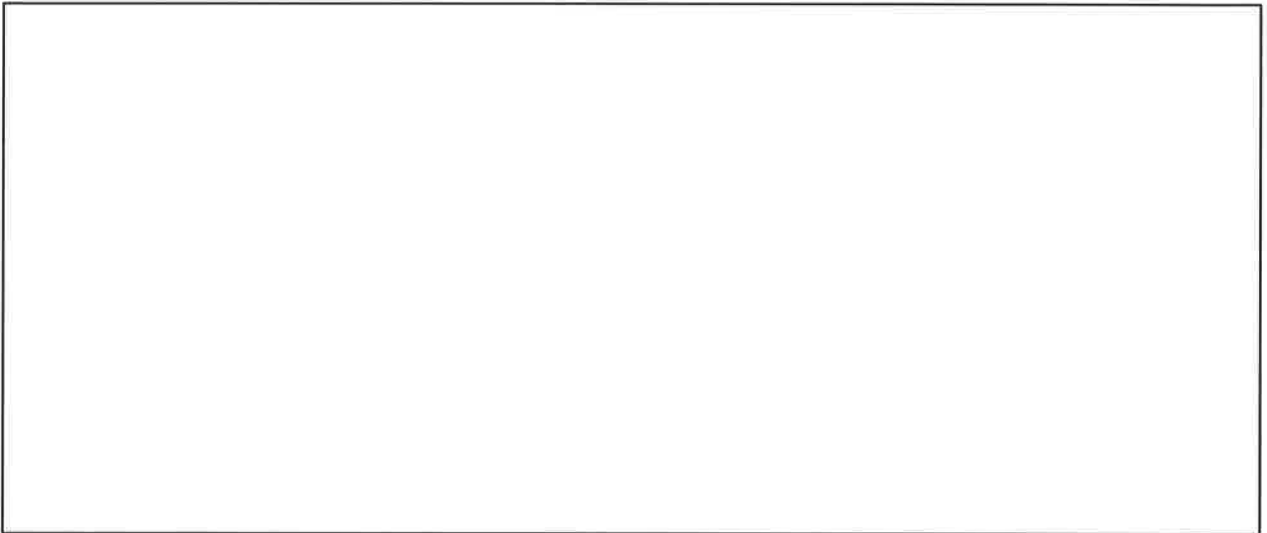
וַיִּקַּח מֵאֲבְנֵי הַמָּקוֹם וַיִּשֶׂם מְרֹאֲשֵׁתוֹ (פרק כ"ח פסוק י"א)
He took from the stones of the place and he put them around his head

2. Why do you think Yakkov put the stones around his head? What were the stones use for? Write at least two reasons.

Rashi notices that Yaakov took few stones (plural form) and not only one. He explains:

The stones began to quarrel among themselves. This one said: “Let the righteous one rest his head on me,” while the other said, “Let the righteous one rest his head on me.” God then took all the stones and combined them into one, as it states (on n”ו קוּבָה, when Yaakov woke up) “he took the stone (note the singular form here) which he had at his head”.

3. Draw a picture (divided to two: at the evening and in the morning) that represents this *midrash*.



וְהִנֵּה מַלְאָכָי אֱלֹהִים עֹלִים וְיֹרְדִים בּוֹ: (פרק כ"ח פסוק י"ב)

a ladder....and angels of God ascending and descending on it.

4. What did Yaakov see in his dream?

5. Why do you think the angles acted like this?

Now read Rashi:

The angels who escorted Yaakov in the Land of Israel do not go out of the land so they ascended to the sky. Afterwards, the angels of the area outside the Land of Israel descended to escort him (to Haran).

6. In his explanation, Rashi answers the question: (check all that apply)

___ Why is it written "ascending" and then "descending"?

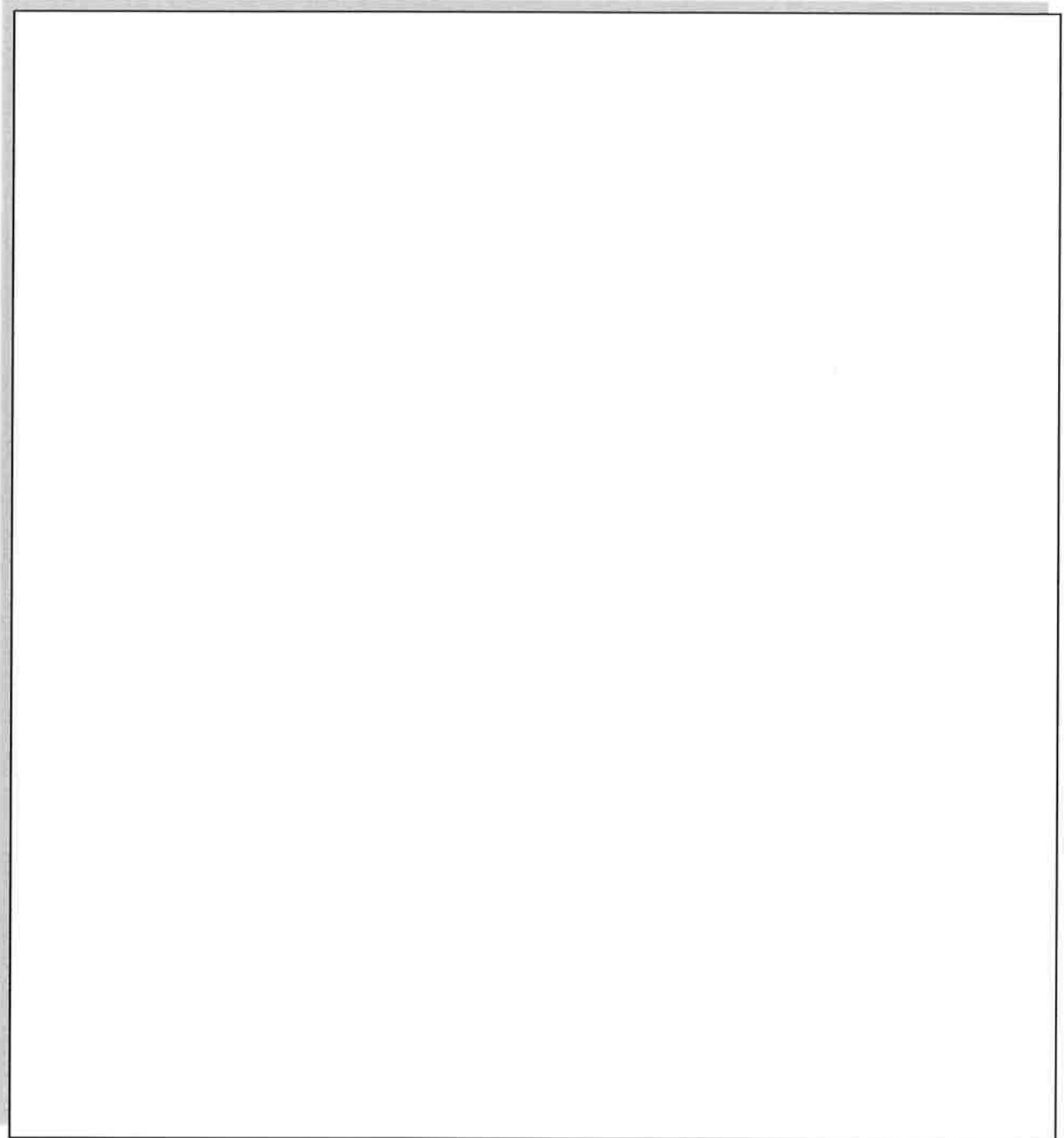
___ What is the name of the place that Yaakov camped?

___ What the length of Yaakov's ladder?

___ What is the role of the angels?

7. What is the role of the angels according to Rashi?

8. Design a creative imaginary advertisement (or brochure) that will serve as a "marketing tool" for the angels according to Rashi's explanation of their role.

A large, empty rectangular box with a thin black border, intended for the student to draw a creative imaginary advertisement or brochure for the angels.