

## Parshat Shelach Lecha- The Story of the Spies: We've Seen This All Before

### Bamidbar Chapter 13/14

**2**"Send out for yourself men who will scout the Land of Canaan, which I am giving to the children of Israel. You shall send one man each for his father's tribe; each one shall be a chieftain in their midst."

**בַּשְּׁלַח לְךָ אַנְשִׁים וַיִּתְּרוּ אֶת־אֶרֶץ כְּנָעַן אֲשֶׁר־אֲנִי נֹתֵן לְבְנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל אִישׁ אֶחָד לְמִטְּהָ אַבְתִּיו תִּשְׁלַחוּ כָּל גּוֹשֵׁי אֶרֶץ כְּנָעַן:**

**18**You shall see what [kind of] land it is, and the people who inhabit it; are they strong or weak? Are there few or many?

**וַיַּחְרְאוּ אֶת־הָאָרֶץ מֵהָהוּא וְאֶת־הָעָם הַיֹּשֵׁב עָלֶיהָ הֲחֹזֵק הוּא הֲרַפָּה הַמְעַט הוּא אִם־רַב:**

**22**They went up in, the south, and they came to Hebron, and there were Ahiman, Sheshai, and Talmi, the descendants of the giant. Now Hebron had been built seven years before Zoan of Egypt.

**כַּבְּוִיעֵלוּ בְּנֵי־יִבְבֹּי וַיָּבֹאוּ עַד־חֶבְרוֹן וְשָׁם אַחִימֵן שִׁשַׁי וְתַלְמִי יְלִידֵי הָעֵנָק וְחֶבְרוֹן שִׁבְעַת שָׁנִים נִבְנְתָה לִפְנֵי צֶעֶן מִצְרַיִם:**

**26**They went, and they came to Moses and Aaron and all the congregation of the children of Israel in the desert of Paran, to Kadesh. **They brought them back a report**, as well as to the entire congregation, **and they showed them the fruit of the land.**

**כֹּוּיָלְכוּ וַיָּבֹאוּ אֶל־מֹשֶׁה וְאֶל־אַהֲרֹן וְאֶל־כָּל־עֲדַת בְּנֵי־יִשְׂרָאֵל אֶל־מִדְבַּר פָּאָרָן קְדֵשָׁה וַיִּשִׁיבוּ אֲתָם דְּבַר וְאֶת־כָּל־הָעֵדָה וַיִּרְאוּ אֶת־פְּרֵי הָאָרֶץ:**

**30**Caleb silenced the people to [hear about] Moses, and he said, "We can surely go up and take possession of it, for we can indeed overcome it."

**לִיְהִי סֵלֶם לְכָל־אֶת־הָעָם אֶל־מֹשֶׁה וַיֹּאמֶר עָלַי נַעֲלֶה וְנִרְשָׁנוּ אֹתָהּ כִּי־יָכוֹל נוֹכַח לָהּ:**

**32**They spread an [evil] report about the land which they had scouted, telling the children of Israel, "The land we passed through to explore is a land that consumes its inhabitants, and all the people we saw in it are men of stature.

**לִבִּי וַיֵּצֵאוּ דְבַר הָאָרֶץ אֲשֶׁר תָּרוּ אֹתָהּ אֶל־בְּנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל לֵאמֹר הָאָרֶץ אֲשֶׁר עָבְרָנוּ בָּהּ לְתוֹר אֹתָהּ אָרֶץ אֲכָלֶת יוֹשְׁבֶיהָ הוּא וְכָל־הָעָם אֲשֶׁר־רָאִינוּ בְּתוֹכָהּ אַנְשֵׁי מַדּוֹת:**

**1**The entire community raised their voices and shouted, **and the people wept** on that night.

**אֹתָם שָׁאָל כָּל־הָעֵדָה וַיִּתְּנוּ אֶת־קוֹלָם וַיִּבְכּוּ הָעָם בַּלַּיְלָה הַהוּא:**

**6**Joshua the son of Nun and Caleb the son of Jephunneh, who were among those who had scouted the land, **tore their clothes.**

**וַיַּהֲזִיעוּ בִּן־נּוּן וְכָל־בְּנֵי־יִפְנֶה מִן־הַתָּרִים אֶת־הָאָרֶץ קָרְעוּ בְּגָדֵיהֶם:**

**7**They spoke to the entire congregation of the children of Israel, saying, "The land we passed through to scout is an exceedingly good land.

**וַיֹּאמְרוּ אֶל־כָּל־עֲדַת בְּנֵי־יִשְׂרָאֵל לֵאמֹר הָאָרֶץ אֲשֶׁר עָבְרָנוּ בָּהּ לְתוֹר אֹתָהּ טוֹבָה הָאָרֶץ מְאֹד מְאֹד:**

## Bereishit Chapter 37

**1**Jacob dwelt in the land of his father's sojournings, in the land of Canaan.

אֲוֹיִשָׁב יַעֲקֹב בְּאֶרֶץ מִגֹּרֵי אָבִיו בְּאֶרֶץ  
כְּנָעַן:

**2**These are the generations of Jacob: when Joseph was seventeen years old, being a shepherd, he was with his brothers with the flocks, and he was a lad, [and was] with the sons of Bilhah and with the sons of Zilpah, his father's wives; and Joseph brought **evil tales** about them to their father.

בְּאֵלֶּה | תְּלִדֹת יַעֲקֹב יוֹסֵף בֶּן־שֶׁבַע־  
עָשָׂרָה שָׁנָה הָיָה רֹעֵה אֶת־אֲחָיו בְּצֹאן  
וְהוּא נָעַר אֶת־בְּנֵי בְלָהָה וְאֶת־בְּנֵי זִלְפָּה  
נְשֵׁי אָבִיו וַיֵּבֵא יוֹסֵף אֶת־דְּבָרֵם רָעָה אֶל־  
אָבִיהֶם:

**3**And Israel loved Joseph more than all his sons, because he was a son of his old age; and he made him a fine woolen coat.

גַּויִשְׂרָאֵל אֶהָב אֶת־יוֹסֵף מִכָּל־בְּנָיו כִּי־בֶן־  
זָקֵנִים הוּא לוֹ וַעֲשָׂה לוֹ כְּתֹנֶת פְּסִים:

**13**And Israel said to Joseph, "Are your brothers not pasturing in Shechem? Come, and **I will send you** to them." And he said to him, "Here I am."

יַגִּיד אִמְרַי יִשְׂרָאֵל אֶל־יוֹסֵף הֲלוֹא אֲחֵיךָ  
רֹעִים בְּשֶׂכֶם לְכֹה וְאֶשְׁלַחְךָ אֵלֵיהֶם וַיֹּאמֶר  
לוֹ הִנְנִי:

**14**So he said to him, "Go now and **see** to your brothers' welfare and the welfare of the flocks, and **bring me back word**." So he sent him from **the valley of Hebron**, and he came to Shechem.

יֵד וַיֹּאמֶר לוֹ לֶרְגֹל רְאֵה אֶת־שְׁלוֹם אֲחֵיךָ  
וְאֶת־שְׁלוֹם הַצֹּאן וְהַשְּׂבִי דְבַר וַיִּשְׁלַחְהוּ  
מֵעֵמֶק חֶבְרוֹן וַיֵּבֵא שְׂכֵמָה:

**26**And Judah said to his brothers, "What is the gain if we slay our brother and cover up his blood?"

כֹּוַיֹּאמֶר יְהוּדָה אֶל־אֲחָיו מִה־בְּצַע כִּי  
נִהְרַג אֶת־אֲחֵינוּ וְכִסִּינוּ אֶת־דַּמּוֹ:

**32**And they sent the fine woolen coat, and they brought [it] to their father, and they said, "We have found this; **now recognize** whether it is your son's coat or not."

לִבְוִשְׁלָחוֹ אֶת־כְּתֹנֶת הַפְּסִים וַיְבִיאוּ אֶל־  
אָבִיהֶם וַיֹּאמְרוּ זֹאת מֵצָאנוּ הַכֶּר־נָא  
הַכְּתֹנֶת בְּנֶךְ הוּא אִם־לֹא:

**33**He recognized it, and he said, "[It is] my son's coat; **a wild beast has devoured him**; Joseph has surely been torn up."

לִגְוִיכִירָה וַיֹּאמֶר כְּתֹנֶת בְּנִי חִיָּה רָעָה  
אֶכְלָתָהּ טָרֵף טָרֵף יוֹסֵף:

**34**And Jacob **rent his garments**, and he put sackcloth on his loins, and he mourned for his son many days.

לִדְוִיקָרַע יַעֲקֹב שְׂמֵלָתָיו וַיִּשֶׂם שֵׁק  
בְּמִתְגָּיו וַיִּתְאַבֵּל עַל־בְּנוֹ יָמִים רַבִּים:

**35**And all his sons and all his daughters arose to console him, but he refused to be consoled, for he said, "Because I will descend on account of my son as a mourner to the grave"; **and his father wept for him**.

לֵה וַיִּקְמוּ כָל־בְּנָיו וְכָל־בְּנֹתָיו לְנַחֲמוֹ וַיִּמְאֵן  
לְהִתְנַחֵם וַיֹּאמֶר כִּי־אֶרְדּוּ אֶל־בְּנֵי אֲבָל  
שְׂאֵלָה וַיִּבְרַךְ אֶתֹו אָבִיו: