## Vayetzei, Torah

## Genesis 31:17-32:3

(17) Thereupon Jacob put his children and wives on camels; (18) and he drove off all his livestock and all the wealth that he had amassed, the livestock in his possession that he had acquired in Paddan-aram, to go to his father Isaac in the land of Canaan. (19) Meanwhile Laban had gone to shear his sheep, and Rachel stole her father's household idols. (20) Jacob kept Laban the Aramean in the dark, not telling him that he was fleeing, (21) and fled with all that he had. Soon he was across the Euphrates and heading toward the hill country of Gilead. (22) On the third day, Laban was told that Jacob had fled. (23) So he took his kinsmen with him and pursued him a distance of seven days, catching up with him in the hill country of Gilead. (24) But God appeared to Laban the Aramean in a dream by night and said to him, "Beware of attempting anything with Jacob, good or bad." (25) Laban overtook Jacob. Jacob had pitched his tent on the Height, and Laban with his kinsmen encamped in the hill country of Gilead. (26) And Laban said to Jacob, "What did you mean by keeping me in the dark and carrying off my daughters like captives of the sword? (27) Why did you flee in secrecy and mislead me and not tell me? I would have sent you off with festive music, with timbrel and lyre. (28) You did not even let me kiss my sons and daughters good-by! It was a foolish thing for you to do. (29) I have it in my power to do you harm; but the God of your father said to me last night, 'Beware of attempting anything with Jacob, good or bad.' (30) Very well, you had to leave because you were longing for your father's house; but why did you steal my gods?" (31) Jacob

## בראשית ל"א:י"ז-ל"ב:ג'

(יי) ויקם יעקב וישא את־בניו ואת־נשיו עַל־הַגְמַלִּים: (יח) וַיִּנָהָג אָת־כַּל־מִקנָהוּ וָאָת־כַּל־רַכִשוֹ אַשֵּׁר רַכָּשׁ מִקְנֵה קְנֵינוֹ אָשֶׁר רָכַשׁ בְּפַדֵּן אֲרֶם לָבֵוֹא אֵל־יִצְחַקּ אַביו אַרצָה כַּנַעַן: (יט) וַלְבַן הַלַּךְ לְגִּוֹז אָת־צֹאנָוֹ וַתְּגַנָב רָחֵׁל אָת־הַתְּרַפִּים אַשֵּׁר לְאַבֵּיהַ: (כ) וַיְגַנָב יַעַקְּב אָת־לֵב לְבַן האַרָמֵי עַל־בָּלִי הָגִיד לוֹ כֵּי בֹרֶחַ הוּא: (כא) וַיִּבְרַח הוּא וְכַל־אַשֶּׁר־לוֹ וַיִּקָם וַיִּעַבִּר אָת־הַנָּהֶר וַיֶּשֶׂם אָת־פָּגִיו הֵר הַגִּלְעֵד: (כב) וַיַּגָּד לְלַבֵן בַּיִּוֹם הַשִּׁלִישֵׁי כֵּי בַרָח יַעַקְב: (כג) וַיַּקָח אָת־אָחִיוֹ עַמֹּו וַיִּרְדִּף אַחַרִיו דַּרְדְּ שָׁבַעַת יַמֵּים וַיַּדְבֵּק אֹתוֹ בְּהֵר הַגִּלְעַד: (כד) וַיַּבָא אֵלהִים אֵל־לָבַן הַאַרְמִי בַּחַלְם הַלַיִלָה וַיִּאמֶר לוֹ הִשַּׁמֶר לְךָּ פַּן־תִּדַבֵּר עם־יַעַקֹב מַטָּוֹב עַד־רֵע: (כה) וַיַּשֵּׂג לְבַן אַת־יַעַקֹב וְיַעַקֹב תַּקַע אַת־אַהַלוֹ בַּהַּר וִלָבַן תַקע אָת־אָחַיו בָּהֵר הַגַּלְעַד: (כו) וַיִּאמֶר לָבַן לִיַעַקָּב מֵה עַשִּׁיתַ וַתִּגִּנָב אֵת־לְבַבֵּי וַתַּנָהגֹ אַת־בִּנֹתִי כִּשְׁבִיוֹת חַרָב: (כז) לְמָה נַחַבַּאתַ לִבָרֶח וַתָּגוָב אֹתִי וַלֹא־הָגַּדָתַ לִּי וַאֲשַׁלַחַדַּ בִּשִּׁמְחָה וּבִשְׁרֵים בִּתְף וּבִכְנַוֹר: (כח) וַלֹא נִטְשְׁתַּנִי לְנַשֵּׁק לְבַנֵי וַלְבַנֹתִי עתה הסכלת עשו: (כט) יש־לאל ידי לעשות עמכם רע ואלהי אביכם אמשן אַמַר אָלֵי לֵאמֹר הִשַּׁמֶר לְּךָּ מִדְּבֵּר עָם־יַעַקֹב מְטִוֹב עַד־רֵע: (ל) וְעַתַּה הַלְּדְ הַלָּכָתַ כֵּי־נִכְסָף נִכְסֵפָתַה לְבֵית אַבֵּיךּ לֵמַה גַנַבְתַּ אֶת־אֱלֹהֵי: (לא) וַיַּעַן יַעַקֹב וַיָּאמֶר לְלַבֵן כֵּי יֵרָאתִי כֵּי אַמַּרתִי פַּן־תִּגוֹּל אָת־בְּנוֹתֶידְ מֵעִמְי: (לב) עם אֲשֶׁר תִּמְצֵא

answered Laban, saying, "I was afraid because I thought you would take your daughters from me by force. (32) But anyone with whom you find your gods shall not remain alive! In the presence of our kinsmen, point out what I have of yours and take it." Jacob, of course, did not know that Rachel had stolen them. (33) So Laban went into Jacob's tent and Leah's tent and the tents of the two maidservants; but he did not find them. Leaving Leah's tent, he entered Rachel's tent. (34) Rachel, meanwhile, had taken the idols and placed them in the camel cushion and sat on them; and Laban rummaged through the tent without finding them. (35) For she said to her father, "Let not my lord take it amiss that I cannot rise before you, for the period of women is upon me." Thus he searched, but could not find the household idols. (36) Now Jacob became incensed and took up his grievance with Laban. Jacob spoke up and said to Laban, "What is my crime, what is my guilt that you should pursue me? (37) You rummaged through all my things; what have you found of all your household objects? Set it here, before my kinsmen and yours, and let them decide between us two. (38) "These twenty years I have spent in your service, your ewes and she-goats never miscarried, nor did I feast on rams from your flock. (39) That which was torn by beasts I never brought to you; I myself made good the loss; you exacted it of me, whether snatched by day or snatched by night. (40) Often, scorching heat ravaged me by day and frost by night; and sleep fled from my eyes. (41) Of the twenty years that I spent in your household, I served you fourteen years for your two daughters, and six years for your flocks; and you changed my wages time and again. (42) Had not the God of my father, the God of Abraham and the Fear of Isaac, been with me, you would have sent me away emptyhanded. But God took notice of my plight and the toil of my hands, and He gave judgment last night." (43) Then Laban spoke up and said to Jacob, "The daughters are my

אַת־אֵלהוֹדֹ לָא יַחִיָהֹ נָגָד אַחֵינוּ הַכֵּר־לְדַּ מָה עִמַּדִי וָקַח־לַךְ וִלְא־יַדֵע יַעַקְּב כֵּי רַחֵל גָנַבַתַם: (לג) וַיַּבֹא לַבַּן בִּאְהֵל יַעֵקְבוּ וּבְאָהַל לַאָה וּבְאָהֵל שָׁתֵי הַאַמָּהָת וַלָּא מצא ויצא מאהל לאה ויבא באהל רחל: (לד) וְרַחֶּל לַקְחָה אֵת־הַתְּרַפִּים וַתִּשְׁמֵם בַּכַר הַגָּמֵל וַתִּשֶׁב עַלִיהָם וַיִּמְשֵּׁשׁ לְבַן אָת־כַּל־הַאָּהַל וַלָּא מַצַא: (לה) וַתַּאֹמֵר אַל־אַבִּיהַ אַל־יָּחַר בְּעִינֵי אַדֹּנִי כֵּי לִוֹא אוּכַל לַקוּם מִפַּנִּידְ כִּי־דֵרֶדְ נַשִּׁים לֵי וַיָּחֶבּ (לוֹ) וַיַּחֶבּ לְיַעֵּלְב וַיָּרֵב בּּלָבֶן וַיַּעַן יַעֲלִב וַיָּאֹמֶר לְלְבְּׁן מַה־פִּשִׁעִי מַה חַטַּאתִי כֵּי דַלֵקתַ אַחַרֵי: (לז) כַּי־מִשֵּׁשׁתַּ אֵת־כַּל־כַּלָי מַה־מַצְאֹתַ מַכַּל כַּלִי־בֵיתָּךְ שִׁים כֹּה נַגַד אַחַי וַאַחַיךְּ וְיוֹכֵיחוּ בֵּין שׁנֵינוּ: (לח) זַה עשׁרִים שׁנַה אַנֹכִי עַמַּדְ רַחַלִידְ וְעַזִּידְ לֹא שָׁכֵּלוּ וְאֵילֵי צאנה לא אַכַלתִי: (לט) טָרַפַּה לא־הָבַאתִי אַלֹידְ אַנֹכִי אַחַטְּנָה מִידִי תַבַקְשׁנָה גַנָבְתִי יוֹם וּגְנֵבְתֵי לֵיִלָה: (מ) הָיֶיתִי בַיָּוֹם אֲכְלַנִי חָרֶב וָקֶרָח בַּלַיִלָה וַתְּדֵּד שְׁנָתִי מֵעִינֵי: (מא) זה־לי עשרים שנה בביתה עבדתיה אַרבּע־עַשָּׁרָה שַׁנָה בִּשְׁתֵּי בִנֹהֵידְּ וְשֵׁשׁ שַנִים בִּצֹאנֶדְ וַתַּחֲלֵף אֵת־מַשְׂכַּרְתִּי עַשֶּׁרַת מֹנֵים: (מב) לוּלֵי אֱלֹהֵי אָבִי אֱלֹהֵי אַבְרָהְׁם ופַחַד יִצָּחַלְ הַיָה לִי כֵּי עַתַּה רֵיקַם שַׁלַחַתַּנִי אָת־עַנַיִּי וְאָת־יגֵיעַ כַּפִּי רַאָה אֱלֹהֶים וַיִּוֹכַח אֱמֶשׁ: (מג) וַיַּעַן לַבַּן וַיָּאמֶר אַל־יַעַקָּב הַבַּנוֹת בִּנֹתִי וַהַבַּנִים בַּנַי וַהַצָּאון צאני וכל אשר־אַתַה ראָה לִי־הוּא וַלְבַנֹתִי מה־אַעשה לַאַלָּה הַיּוֹם אַוֹ לְבַנִיהַן אַשׁר יַלֵדוּ: (מד) וְעַתַּה לְכֵה נִכְרְתַה בָרֵית אֲנֵי וַאָּתַה וָהַיָה לִעֵד בֵּינֵי וּבֵינֵדְ: (מה) וַיַּקַח יעקב אבן וירימה מצבה: (מו) ויאמר יַעַקָב לָאָחַיוֹ לָקְטָוּ אֲבַנִּים וַיִּקְחָוּ אֲבַנֵים וַיַּעֲשׁוּ־גַל וַיָּאֹכָלוּ שֵׁם עַל־הַגַּל: (מז) וַיָּקָרָא־לְוֹ לַבָּן יָגֵר שַׂהָדוּתָא וְיַעֵּקֶּב קָרָא לְוֹ גַּלְעֵד: (מח) וַיָּאֹמֶר לְבָּן הַגַּּל הַזֵּה עֵד בֵּינֵי

daughters, the children are my children, and the flocks are my flocks; all that you see is mine. Yet what can I do now about my daughters or the children they have borne? (44) Come, then, let us make a pact, you and I, that there may be a witness between you and me." (45) Thereupon Jacob took a stone and set it up as a pillar. (46) And Jacob said to his kinsmen, "Gather stones." So they took stones and made a mound; and they partook of a meal there by the mound. (47) Laban named it Yegar-sahadutha, but Jacob named it Gal-ed. (48) And Laban declared, "This mound is a witness between you and me this day." That is why it was named Galed; (49) and [it was called] Mizpah, because he said, "May the LORD watch between you and me, when we are out of sight of each other. (50) If you ill-treat my daughters or take other wives besides my daughters though no one else be about, remember, God Himself will be witness between you and me." (51) And Laban said to Jacob, "Here is this mound and here the pillar which I have set up between you and me: (52) this mound shall be witness and this pillar shall be witness that I am not to cross to you past this mound, and that you are not to cross to me past this mound and this pillar, with hostile intent. (53) May the God of Abraham and the god of Nahor"—their ancestral deities—"judge between us." And Jacob swore by the Fear of his father Isaac. (54) Jacob then offered up a sacrifice on the Height, and invited his kinsmen to partake of the meal. After the meal, they spent the night on the Height. (1) Early in the morning, Laban kissed his sons and daughters and bade them good-by; then Laban left on his journey homeward. (2) Jacob went on his way, and angels of God encountered him. (3) When he saw them, Jacob said, "This is God's camp." So he named that place Mahanaim.

וּבֵינִךְּ הַיָּוֹם עַל־בֵּן קָרָא־שִׁמְוֹ גַּלְעֵד: (מט) וָהַמִּצְפָּה אֲשֵׁר אַמַּר יָצֵף יָהוֶה בִּינִי וּבֵינֵךְ בִּי נָסָתֵר אֵישׁ מֶרְעֵהוּ: (נ) אָם־תִּעַנֵּה אָת־בָּנֹתִי וָאָם־תַּקָּח נַשִׁים עַל־בָּנֹתִי אַין אָישׁ עַמַנוּ רָאָה אֵלהִים עַד בֵּינֵי וּבִינַדְּ: (נא) וַיִּאמֶר לָבֵן לְיָעֵקָב הָנָה וֹ הַגֵּל הַלָּה וָהַנַּה הַמַּצֵבָה אַשר יַרִיתִי בִּינֵי וּבִינַדְּ: (נב) עֶד הַגָּל הַלֶּה וְעֵדֵה הַמַּצֵבָה אִם־אַנִי לא־אַעַבר אֵלִידְּ אַת־הגַל הַּזָּה וָאִם־אַמָּה לאיתעבר אַלַי אַתיהגַל הַזֵּה וְאֵתיהַמַּצְבָה הַנְאת לַרַעָה: (נג) אַלהֹי אַבְרַהַם וַאַלהי נחור ישפטו בינינו אלהי אביהם וישבע יַעֵקֶׂב בְּפַחַד אָבִיו יִצְחַק: (נד) וַיִּזְבָּח יַעֵקֹב זַבַה בַּהָּר וַיִּקְרֵא לְאָחֵיו לֵאֵכַל־לַחֶם וַיֹּאכָלוּ לָחָם וַיַּלִינוּ בַּהַר: (א) וַיַּשְׁבָּם לַבַּן בַּבֹּקֵר וַיִנִשַׁק לְבַנֵיו וַלְבְנוֹתֵיו וַיִבַרֶךְ אֵתְהֵם וַיַעַקֹב הַלַך (ב) וַיַעַקֹב הַלַך הַלַּך הַלַּך (ג) :לַדָּרְכָּוֹ וַיִּפָּגָעוּ־בָוֹ מַלְאֵכֵי אֱלֹהֵים: וַיָּאֹמֶר יַעֲקֹבֹ כַּאֲשֶׁר רָאָֹם מַחַגַה אֵלהִים וָה וַיִּקרֵא שֵׁם־הַמַּקוֹם הַהְוּא מַחַנַיִם: {פּ}

