

Sh'lach, Haftarah, June 21, 2025

Joshua 2:1-24

(1) Joshua son of Nun secretly sent two men from Shittim as spies, saying, "Go, reconnoiter the region of Jericho." So they set out, and they came to the house of a certain prostitute named Rahab and lodged there. (2) The king of Jericho was told, "Some men have come here tonight, Israelites, to spy out the country." (3) The king of Jericho thereupon sent orders to Rahab: "Produce the men who came to you and entered your house, for they have come to spy out the whole country." (4) The woman, however, had taken the two men and hidden them. "It is true," she said, "the men did come to me, but I didn't know where they were from. (5) And at dark, when the gate was

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(א) וַיִּשְׁלַח יְהוֹשֻעַ בְּנֵי-נֹון
מִן-הַשְּׂטִים שְׁנַיִם-אֲנָשִׁים מְרַגְלִים
חָרַשׁ לֵאמֹר לָכוּ רְאוּ אֶת-הָאָרֶץ
וְאֶת-יְרִיחוֹ וְיִלְכוּ וַיָּבֹאוּ בֵּית-אִשָּׁה
זוֹנָה וּשְׁמָהּ רַחַב וַיִּשְׁכְּבוּ-שָׁמָּה:
(ב) וַיֵּאמֶר לְמֶלֶךְ יְרִיחוֹ לֵאמֹר הִנֵּה
אֲנָשִׁים בָּאוּ הַנָּה הַלַּיְלָה מִבְּנֵי
יִשְׂרָאֵל לַחְפֹּר אֶת-הָאָרֶץ: (ג)
וַיִּשְׁלַח מֶלֶךְ יְרִיחוֹ אֶל-רַחַב לֵאמֹר
הֲצִיאי הָאֲנָשִׁים הַבָּאִים אֵלַיךְ
אֲשֶׁר-בָּאוּ לְבֵיתְךָ כִּי לַחְפֹּר
אֶת-כָּל-הָאָרֶץ בָּאוּ: (ד) וַתִּקַּח
הָאִשָּׁה אֶת-שְׁנֵי הָאֲנָשִׁים וַתַּצְפֵּנוּ
וַתֹּאמֶר | כֵּן בָּאוּ אֵלַי הָאֲנָשִׁים
וְלֹא יָדַעְתִּי מֵאֵין הֵמָּה: (ה) וַיְהִי
הַשָּׁעַר לְסָגֹר בַּחֲשֹׁךְ וְהָאֲנָשִׁים
יָצְאוּ לֹא יָדַעְתִּי אָנָּה הָלְכוּ

about to be closed, the men left; and I don't know where the men went. Quick, go after them, for you can overtake them.” — (6) Now she had taken them up to the roof and hidden them under some stalks of flax that she had lying on the roof. — (7) So the men pursued them in the direction of the Jordan down to the fords; and no sooner had the pursuers gone out than the gate was shut behind them. (8) The spies had not yet gone to sleep when she came up to them on the roof. (9) She said to the men, “I know that GOD has given the country to you, because dread of you has fallen upon us, and all the inhabitants of the land are quaking before you. (10) For we have heard how GOD dried up the waters of the Sea of Reeds for you when you left Egypt, and what you did to Sihon and Og, the two Amorite kings across the Jordan, whom you doomed. (11) When we heard about it, we lost

הָאֲנָשִׁים רָדְפוּ מֵהָר אַחֲרֵיהֶם כִּי
תִשְׁיָגוּם: (ו) וְהִיא הֶעֱלָתָם הַגָּגָה
וַתִּטְמֶנֶם בַּפִּשְׁתִּי הָעֵץ הָעֲרֻכּוֹת לָהּ
עַל־הַגָּג: (ז) וְהָאֲנָשִׁים רָדְפוּ
אַחֲרֵיהֶם דֶּרֶךְ הַיַּרְדֵּן עַל הַמַּעְבְּרוֹת
וְהַשָּׁעַר סָגְרוּ אַחֲרָי כַּאֲשֶׁר יֵצְאוּ
הָרָדְפִים אַחֲרֵיהֶם: (ח) וְהָמָּה טָרֵם
יִשְׁכָּבוּן וְהִיא עָלָתָה עֲלֵיהֶם
עַל־הַגָּג: (ט) וַתֹּאמֶר אֶל־הָאֲנָשִׁים
יְדַעְתִּי כִּי־נָתַן יְהוָה לָכֶם
אֶת־הָאָרֶץ וְכִי־נִפְלָה אֵימַתְכֶם
עָלֵינוּ וְכִי נִמְגּוּ כָּל־יֹשְׁבֵי הָאָרֶץ
מִפְּנֵיכֶם: (י) כִּי שָׁמַעְנוּ אֵת
אֲשֶׁר־הוֹבִישׁ יְהוָה אֶת־מִי יַם־סוּף
מִפְּנֵיכֶם בְּצֵאתְכֶם מִמִּצְרַיִם וְאֲשֶׁר
עָשִׂיתֶם לְשֹׁנִי מֶלֶכִי הָאֱמֹרִי אֲשֶׁר
בָּעֶבֶר הַיַּרְדֵּן לְסִיחֹן וּלְעוֹג אֲשֶׁר
הִחְרַמְתֶּם אוֹתָם: (יא) וַנִּשְׁמַע וַיִּמָּס
לְבַבֵּנוּ וְלֹא־קָמָה עוֹד רוּחַ בְּאִישׁ
מִפְּנֵיכֶם כִּי יְהוָה אֱלֹהֵיכֶם הוּא
אֱלֹהִים בַּשָּׁמַיִם מִמַּעַל וְעַל־הָאָרֶץ

heart, and no one had any more spirit left because of you; for the ETERNAL your God is the only God in heaven above and on earth below. (12) Now, since I have shown loyalty to you, swear to me by GOD that you in turn will show loyalty to my family. Provide me with a reliable sign (13) that you will spare the lives of my father and mother, my brothers and sisters, and all who belong to them, and save us from death.” (14) The men answered her, “Our lives are pledged for yours, even to death! If you do not disclose this mission of ours, we will show you true loyalty when GOD gives us the land.” (15) She let them down by a rope through the window—for her dwelling was at the outer side of the city wall and she lived in the actual wall. (16) She said to them, “Make for the hills, so that the pursuers may not come upon you. Stay there in hiding three days, until the pursuers

מִתַּחַת: (יב) וְעָתָה הִשָּׁבְעוּ-נָא לִי
בִּיהוָה כִּי-עָשִׂיתִי עִמָּכֶם חֶסֶד
וְעָשִׂיתֶם גַּם-אִתָּם עִם-בֵּית אָבִי
חֶסֶד וּנְתַתֶּם לִי אוֹת אֲמַת: (יג)
וְהִחַיְתֶּם אֶת-אָבִי וְאֶת-אִמִּי
וְאֶת-אֲחִי וְאֶת- [אֲחֵיוֹתִי] (אֲחוֹתִי)
וְאֵת כָּל-אֲשֶׁר לָהֶם וְהִצַּלְתֶּם
אֶת-נַפְשֹׁתֵינוּ מִמּוֹת: (יד) וַיֹּאמְרוּ
לָהּ הָאֲנָשִׁים נַפְשֵׁנוּ תַחְתִּיכֶם
לְמוֹת אִם לֹא תִגִּידוּ אֶת-דְּבָרֵנוּ זֶה
וְהָיָה בְּתַת־יְהוָה לָנוּ אֶת-הָאָרֶץ
וְעָשִׂינוּ עִמָּךְ חֶסֶד וְאֲמַת: (טו)
וְתוֹרְדֶם בַּחֲבֵל בְּעֵד הַחֲלוֹן כִּי
בֵּיתָהּ בְּקִיר הַחוֹמָה וּבַחוֹמָה הִיא
יוֹשֶׁבֶת: (טז) וַתֹּאמֶר לָהֶם הִהֲרָה
לָכוּ פֶן-יִפְגְּעוּ בָכֶם הָרֹדְפִים
וְנִחַבְתֶּם שָׁמָּה שְׁלֹשַׁת יָמִים עַד
שׁוּב הָרֹדְפִים וְאַחֵר תֵּלְכוּ
לְדַרְכְּכֶם: (יז) וַיֹּאמְרוּ אֵלֶיהָ
הָאֲנָשִׁים נָקִים אַנְחֵנוּ מִשְׁבַּעְתְּךָ
הַזֶּה אֲשֶׁר הִשָּׁבַעְתָּנוּ: (יח) הִנֵּה

return; then go your way.” (17) But the men warned her, “We will be released from this oath that you have made us take (18) [unless,] when we invade the country, you tie this length of crimson cord to the window through which you let us down. Bring your father, your mother, your brothers, and all your family together in your house; (19) and if anyone ventures outside the doors of your house, their blood will be on their head, and we shall be clear. But if a hand is laid on anyone who remains in the house with you, their blood shall be on our heads. (20) And if you disclose this mission of ours, we shall likewise be released from the oath that you made us take.” (21) She replied, “Let it be as you say.” She sent them on their way, and they left; and she tied the crimson cord to the window. (22) They went straight to the hills and stayed there three days, until the pursuers

וַאֲנַחְנוּ בָּאִים בָּאָרֶץ אֶת־תְּקוּת חוּטִי
הַשָּׁנִי הַזֶּה תִּקְשְׁרִי בַּחֲלוֹן אֲשֶׁר
הוֹרְדָתָנוּ בּוֹ וְאֶת־אֲבִיךָ וְאֶת־אִמְךָ
וְאֶת־אֲחִיךָ וְאֵת כָּל־בֵּית אָבִיךָ
תֹאסְפִי אֵלֶיךָ הַבֵּיתָה: (יט) וְהָיָה
כָּל אֲשֶׁר־יֵצֵא מִדֹּלְתִי בֵיתְךָ |
הַחוּצָה דָּמוֹ בְּרֹאשׁוֹ וְאֲנַחְנוּ נִקְיִים
וְכָל אֲשֶׁר יִהְיֶה אִתְּךָ בַּבַּיִת דָּמוֹ
בְּרֹאשׁוֹ אִם־יֵד תִּהְיֶה־בּוֹ: (כ)
וְאִם־תִּגִּידִי אֶת־דְּבָרֵנוּ זֶה וְהָיִינוּ
נִקְיִים מִשְׁבַּעַתְךָ אֲשֶׁר הִשְׁבַּעְתָּנוּ:
(כא) וְתֹאמַר כְּדַבְּרִיכֶם כֹּן־הוּא
וְתִשְׁלַחֵם וַיֵּלְכוּ וַתִּקְשֶׁר אֶת־תְּקוּת
הַשָּׁנִי בַּחֲלוֹן: (כב) וַיֵּלְכוּ וַיָּבֹאוּ
הַהָרָה וַיֵּשְׁבוּ שָׁם שְׁלֹשֶׁת יָמִים
עַד־שִׁבּוֹ הָרִדְפִים וַיִּבְקְשׁוּ הָרִדְפִים
בְּכָל־הָדֶרֶךְ וְלֹא מָצְאוּ: (כג) וַיֵּשְׁבוּ
שְׁנֵי הָאֲנָשִׁים וַיֵּרְדּוּ מִהָהָר וַיַּעֲבְרוּ
וַיָּבֹאוּ אֶל־יְהוֹשֻׁעַ בֶּן־נֹון וַיְסַפְּרוּ־לּוֹ
אֵת כָּל־הַמַּצָּאוֹת אוֹתָם: (כד)
וַיֹּאמְרוּ אֶל־יְהוֹשֻׁעַ כִּי־נָתַן יְהוָה

turned back. And so the pursuers, searching all along the road, did not find them. (23) Then the two men came down again from the hills and crossed over. They came to Joshua son of Nun and reported to him all that had happened to them. (24) They said to Joshua, "GOD has delivered the whole land into our power; in fact, all the inhabitants of the land are quaking before us."

בִּידְנוּ אֶת-כָּל-הָאָרֶץ וְגַם-נִמְגּוּ
כָּל-יֹשְׁבֵי הָאָרֶץ מִפְּנֵינוּ: {ס}