

**VaYishlach - וישלך - And He Sent**



**B'reishit / Genesis 32:4 - 36:43**

In the context of the Torah narrative, reflected in the title *Va'Yishlach* - And He Sent - God is sending Jacob/*Ya'akov* back to his homeland. Twenty years have passed since he fled from his brother's wrath. He is uncertain of the reception he will receive from Esau. Maybe he still intends to murder him? Nevertheless, he knows it is God's will and he returns. He makes pro-active contact with Esau and thinks it wise to send - *lishlo'ach* - לשלוח - messages and gifts of goodwill ahead of their meeting.

**Helpful hint:**



**Remember that the Infinitive form of a verb always has the letter *la'med* as a prefix. Examples:**

- to write - *lichtov* - לכתוב
- to study - *lilmod* - ללמוד
- to speak - *ledaber* - לדבר
- to send - *lish'lo'ach* - לשלוח

English	Transliteration	Hebrew
He sends a letter. (m. pres.)	Hu sho'lei'ach michtav,	הוא שולח מכתב.
She sends a letter. (f. pres.)	Hi sho'la'chat michtav.	היא שולחת מיכתב.
We send a letter. (m. pl)	Anachnu sholchim michtav.	אנחנו שולחים מיכתב.
We send a letter. (f. pl.)	Anachnu sholchot michtav.	אנחנו שולחות מיכתב.

**Tenses:**

Past - Present - Future      *Avar - Hovei - Atid*      עבר - הווה - עתיד

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**Back to *parasha*:**

In Genesis 32:10, we are told that after making all the possible preparations for his meeting with Esau, Ya'akov turns to God in prayer for deliverance. These are the first words of personal prayer ( *te'fi'lah* ) recorded in the Bible. After his encounter and wrestling with an angelic being ( *mal'ach* ), in which he overcomes him, Ya'akov is renamed Israel ( *Yis'ra'el* ). We later hear that his meeting with Esau is successful and he arrives safely and settles in Schechem in a state of *shalem* (in peace, unharmed and whole in every way). He had overcome his fear and was filled with trust - *bitachon* in his Almighty God.



**VOCABULARY    MILIM    WORDS**

English	Transliteration	Hebrew
prayer	tefilah	תְּפִילָּה
whole / wholeness	shalem / shleimut	שָׁלֵם / שְׁלִימוֹת
face	panim	פָּנִים
heart	lev	לֵב
fear	pachad	פָּחַד
trust	bitachon	בְּטָחוֹן
Israel	Yisrael	יִשְׂרָאֵל

