

VaYigash - ויגש - And Came Near**B'reishit / Genesis 44:18- 47:27**

The hero of the story in this week's *parasha* is Joseph's brother Judah / *Yehudah* - יהודה. He steps forward and draws near to Joseph- *va'yigash l'Yosef* - in order to plead on behalf of their youngest brother Benjamin / *Benyamin* - בנימין.

Yehudah - יהודה Root word: *yadah* : ה - ד - י To give thanks: *le'hadot* - להדות

Thank you very much! תודה רבה - *Todah rabah!*

Let us give thanks to the Lord! הודו לאדוני כי טוב - *Hodu l'Adonai ki tov!*

yamin - ימין (to or on the) right **smohl** - שמאל (to or on the) left

Benyamin - בנימין - son to the right, or on the right hand side

Judah's self-sacrificial plea on behalf of his youngest brother, with the motivation to spare their father Jacob further pain at the loss of another beloved son, is pivotal in restoring unity between the brothers. Joseph sees they have repented and he is able to extend full forgiveness. Now they can draw near again and become one / *echad* - אחד ; brothers in unity / *achdut* - אחדות based on love / *ahavah* - אהבה that has been tested and will remain strong.

Yosef could reassure his brothers in saying, "It was not you (*atem* / אתם) who sent me here [to Egypt] but God!" (Gen. 45:8).

Hebrew	Transliteration	Plural Pronoun	Hebrew	Transliteration	Singular Pronoun
אנחנו	anachnu	we	אני	ani	I / me
אתם	atem	you (m)	אתא	ahtah	you (m)
אתן	aten	you (f)	את	aht	you (f)
הם	hem	they (m)	הוא	hu	he
הן	hen	they (f)	היא	hi	she

walk or going - *holech / holechet / holchim / holchot* הולך / הולכת / הולכים / הולכות

now - *achshav* - עכשיו today - *hayom* - היום

1. I am going home. אני הולך / הולכת הביתה
2. Are you (m.sing.) going home?
3. Are you (f.sing.) going home?
4. He is going home.
5. She is going home.
6. We are going home now!
7. Are you (m. pl.) going home today?
8. Are you (f.pl.) going home today?
9. They(m.pl.) are going home now.
10. They (f.pl.) are going home now.

Haftarah : prophets - *nevi'im* - נביאים / prophet - *nahvi* - נביא Ezekiel 37:15 - 25

TANACH - תנ"ך - Torah - *Nevi'im* - Ketuvim / תורה - נביאים - כתובים

VOCABULARY - MILIM

יד	yad	hand / arm	אחד	echad	one
ידיים	yedaiim	hands/arms	אהבא	ahavah	love
רגל	regel	foot / leg	חוזר	chozer	return
רגליים	reglaiim	feet / legs	לחזור	lachzor	to return
נעל	na'al	shoe	אנשים	anashim	people
נעליים	ne'alaiim	shoes	עם ישראל	am Yisrael	people of Israel