

THE PARSHA EXPERIMENT

PARSHAT VAYEISHEV: HARLOTS & GOATS & COATS, OH MY!

TEACHER'S GUIDE



POINTS TO PAUSE



DISCUSSION TOPICS

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> BEFORE THE VIDEO | ➔ | What do we know about Judah? |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2:15 | ➔ | Why do we need these details of Judah's life? |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5:00 | ➔ | Where have we heard this before? |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6:01 | ➔ | What does this connection mean? |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:02 | ➔ | What were Judah's options? |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> AFTER THE VIDEO | ➔ | How can Judah and his brothers begin to put the pieces back together? |



FROM PRINCIPLE TO PRACTICE

David Block and Imu Shalev discuss how Judah, by coming forth and acknowledging his relationship with Tamar, helps to correct the wrongs of his past.

Thinking about our own lives, when have you come forward to do the right thing even when it was also the difficult thing to do? Why did you act in such a way? What was the result?

CHECKING FOR UNDERSTANDING

What is yibum?

How did Tamar obtain Judah's belongings?

What is the connection between the blessing story, the Sale of Joseph, and the Tamar story?



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STUDENT GUIDE

A Timeline: As you watch the video, use the timeline below to note the order of the important events and narratives.



Instructions: As you watch the video, use the chart below note the connections of the themes between the three narratives.

| Theme | Recognition | Deception |
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| Judah and Tamar | | |
| Sale of Joseph | | |
| Isaac's Blessing | | |

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| בראשית לח:טו-יח,כה | Genesis 38:15-18, 25 |
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| <p>טו וַיֵּרָאָה יְהוּדָה, וַיַּחְשְׁבֶהָ לְזוֹנָה: כִּי כִסְתָהּ, פְּנֵיהָ. טז וַיֵּט אֵלֶיהָ אֶל-הַדֶּרֶךְ, וַיֹּאמֶר הִבֵּה-נָא אֲבוֹא אֵלַיךְ, כִּי לֹא יָדַע, כִּי כִלְתוֹ הוּא; וַתֹּאמֶר, מִה-תֵּתֶנְ-לִי, כִּי תָבוֹא, אֵלַי. יז וַיֹּאמֶר, אֲנֹכִי אֲשַׁלַּח גְּדִי-עֲזִים מִן-הַצֹּאן; וַתֹּאמֶר, אִם-תֵּתֶנְ עֲרֻבוֹן עַד שְׁלֹחַךְ. יח וַיֹּאמֶר, מִה הָעֲרֻבוֹן אֲשֶׁר אֶתֶנְ-לָךְ, וַתֹּאמֶר חֲתָמְךָ וּפְתִילְךָ, וּמַטֵּךְ אֲשֶׁר בְּיָדְךָ; וַיֵּתֶן-לָהּ וַיָּבֵא אֵלֶיהָ, וַתֵּהָר לוֹ.</p> <p>כה הוּא מוֹצֵאת, וְהִיא שֹׁלַחַת אֶל-חַמְיָה לֵאמֹר, לֹאִישׁ אֲשֶׁר-אָלָהּ לוֹ, אֲנֹכִי הָרָה; וַתֹּאמֶר, הֲכֵר-נָא--לְמִי הַחֲתָמֹת וְהַפְתִּילִים וְהַמַּטֵּה, הָאֵלָהּ.</p> | <p>15 When Judah saw her, he thought her to be a harlot; for she had covered her face. 16 And he turned unto her by the way, and said: 'Come, I pray thee, let me come in unto thee'; for he knew not that she was his daughter-in-law. And she said: 'What wilt thou give me, that thou mayest come in unto me?' 17 And he said: 'I will send thee a kid of the goats from the flock.' And she said: 'Wilt thou give me a pledge, till thou send it?' 18 And he said: 'What pledge shall I give thee?' And she said: 'Thy signet and thy cord, and thy staff that is in thy hand.' And he gave them to her, and came in unto her, and she conceived by him.</p> <p>25 When she was brought forth, she sent to her father-in-law, saying: 'By the man, whose these are, am I with child'; and she said: 'Discern, I pray thee, whose are these, the signet, and the cords, and the staff.'</p> |

| בראשית כז:כג | Genesis 27:23 |
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| <p>וְלֹא הִכִּירוּ--כִּי-הָיוּ יָדָיו כִּידֵי עֵשָׂו אָחִיו, שְׁעֵרֹת; וַיְבָרְכֵהוּ.</p> | <p>And he discerned him not, because his hands were hairy, as his brother Esau's hands; so he blessed him.</p> |

| בראשית לז:כז | Genesis 37:26 |
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| <p>וַיֹּאמֶר יְהוּדָה, אֶל-אָחָיו: מִה-בְּצַע, כִּי נִהְרַג אֶת-אָחִינוּ, וְנִסְתִּינוּ, אֶת-דַּמּוֹ.</p> | <p>And Judah said unto his brethren: 'What profit is it if we slay our brother and conceal his blood?</p> |