

# PARSHAS VAYISHLACH



## PARSHAH OVERVIEW



Yaakov gets ready to confront Eisav. Yaakov is left alone and fights Eisav's guardian angel. Dina is abducted by Sh'chem. Yaakov's name is changed to Yisroel. The last tribe, Binyamin, is born. Rachel passes away. Yitzchak passes away. Eisav's descendants are listed.



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## PARSHAH STATS

**Pesukim - 153**  
**Words - 1,976**  
**Letters - 7,458**  
**Mitzvos - 1**



## QUOTABLE QUOTE

**“The Jewish people kept hope alive and hope kept the Jewish people alive.”**

*Rabbi Jonathan Sacks zt”l*

## GEMATRIA



Chazal tell us בראתי יצר הרע... - I have created the Yetzer Hara, but בראתי תורה תבלין - I have created the Torah as its remedy.

Perhaps, it's not a coincidence that the gematria of בראתי is the same as 613 - תריג, a reference to Torah!

## THOUGHTS IN CHASSIDUS

Rashi tells us that Yaakov made himself into a bridge. The Likkutei Halachos (Laws of Tefillin) says that the midda of Emes - truth - is a bridge.

Yaakov was a paragon of the important midda of truth.



## DID YOU KNOW



The Word of the Year for 2023 presented by Merriam-Webster, was announced in a press release on Monday, November 27th. The word is...

“authentic”

## QUICK VORT

The Torah tells us that Yaakov Avinu sojourned in the house of Lavan - עם לבן גרתי. Rashi says the word גרתי is the same gematria as (613) תריג, thus teaching us that תריג מצות שמרתי - I have kept all 613 mitzvos.

The Chasam Sofer says something startling. Yaakov could not have kept all 613 mitzvos since we know during the time he was at the house of Lavan, he did not fulfill the mitzva of Kibbud Av Va'em.

The Chasam Sofer says a massive chiddush. שמרתי here does not mean “kept,” rather it means “I have yearned for and anticipated,” like the Lashon of ואביו שמר את השדבר - and his father anticipated the matter.

What kept Yaakov Avinu spiritually strong was his constant thirst, his t'shuka, his anticipation of the fulfillment of all 613 mitzvos!

What are we thirsty for?

**Have a holy Shabbos!**