

Parshat Khayei Sarah

Genesis 24:10-26

First Aliyah

¹⁰ Then the servant took ten of his master's camels and set out, taking with him all the bounty of his master; and he made his way to Aram-naharaim, to the city of Nahor.

¹¹ He made the camels kneel down by the well outside the city, at evening time, the time when women come out to draw water. ¹² And he said, "O Eternal, God of my master Abraham, grant me good fortune this day, and deal graciously with my master Abraham:

Second Aliyah

¹³ Here I stand by the spring as the daughters of the townsmen come out to draw water; ¹⁴ let the maiden to whom I say, 'Please, lower your jar that I may drink,' and who replies, 'Drink, and I will also water your camels'—let her be the one whom You have decreed for Your servant Isaac. Thereby shall I know that You have dealt graciously with my master." ¹⁵ He had scarcely finished speaking, when Rebekah, who was born to Bethuel, the son of Milcah the wife of Abraham's brother Nahor, came out with her jar on her shoulder. ¹⁶ The maiden was very beautiful, a virgin whom no man had known. She went down to the spring, filled her jar, and came up.

Third Aliyah

¹⁷ The servant ran toward her and said, “Please, let me sip a little water from your jar.” ¹⁸ “Drink, my Lord,” she said, and she quickly lowered her jar upon her hand and let him drink. ¹⁹ When she had let him drink his fill, she said, “I will also draw for your camels, until they finish drinking.” ²⁰ Quickly emptying her jar into the trough, she ran back to the well to draw, and she drew for all his camels.

Fourth Aliyah

²¹ The man, meanwhile, stood gazing at her, silently wondering whether the Eternal had made his errand successful or not. ²² When the camels had finished drinking, the man took a gold nose-ring weighing a half-shekel, and two gold bands for her arms, ten shekels in weight. ²³ “Pray tell me,” he said, “whose daughter are you? Is there room in your father’s house for us to spend the night?” ²⁴ She replied, “I am the daughter of Bethuel the son of Milcah, whom she bore to Nahor.” ²⁵ And she went on, “There is plenty of straw and feed at home, and also room to spend the night.” ²⁶ The man bowed low in homage to the Eternal.