

Parshat Vayekhi

Genesis 47:28-48:9

First Aliyah

²⁸ Jacob lived seventeen years in the land of Egypt, so that the span of Jacob's life came to one hundred and Archive forty-seven years. ²⁹ And when the time approached for Israel to die, he summoned his son Joseph and said to him, "Do me this favor, place your hand under my thigh as a pledge of your steadfast loyalty: please do not bury me in Egypt. ³⁰ When I lie down with my fathers, take me up from Egypt and bury me in their burial-place." He replied, "I will do as you have spoken." ³¹ And he said, "Swear to me." And he swore to him. Then Israel bowed at the head of the bed.

Second Aliyah

^{48:1} Some time afterward, Joseph was told, "Your father is ill." So he took with him his two sons, Manasseh and Ephraim. ² When Jacob was told, "Your son Joseph has come to see you," Israel summoned his strength and sat up in bed. ³ And Jacob said to Joseph, "El Shaddai appeared to me at Luz in the land of Canaan, and He blessed me.

Third Aliyah

⁴ and [he] said to me, ‘I will make you fertile and numerous, making of you a community of peoples; and I will assign this land to your offspring to come for an everlasting possession.’ ⁵ Now, your two sons, who were born to you in the land of Egypt before I came to you in Egypt, shall be mine; Ephraim and Manasseh shall be mine no less than Reuben and Simeon. ⁶ But progeny born to you after them shall be yours; they shall be recorded instead of their brothers in their inheritance.

Fourth Aliyah

⁷ I [do this because], when I was returning from Paddan, Rachel died, to my sorrow, while I was journeying in the land of Canaan, when still some distance short of Ephrath; and I buried her there on the road to Ephrath”—now Bethlehem. ⁸ Noticing Joseph’s sons, Israel asked, “Who are these?” ⁹ And Joseph said to his father, “They are my sons, whom God has given me here.” “Bring them up to me,” he said, “that I may bless them.”