



# The Story of **JACOB**

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## Cast in order of appearance

<b>REBEKAH</b> .....	<b>25, 45, 75 years old, wife of Isaac.</b>
<b>ISAAC</b> .....	<b>30, 40, 80 years old, spiritual leader.</b>
<b>ESAU</b> .....	<b>20, 30, 60 years old, son of Rebekah and Isaac. Mean, angry.</b>
<b>JACOB</b> .....	<b>20, 30, 60 years old, son of Rebekah and Isaac. Kind, spiritual.</b>
<b>LEAH</b> .....	<b>30 years old. Daughter of Laban.</b>
<b>LABAN</b> .....	<b>60 years old. Mean and vindictive.</b>
<b>RACHEL</b> .....	<b>20 years old. Daughter of Laban.</b>
<b>BILHAH</b> .....	<b>30 years old. Handmaiden to Rachel. Beautiful.</b>
<b>ZILPAH</b> .....	<b>30 years old. Handmaiden to Leah. Beautiful.</b>
<b>G-D</b> .....	<b>Voice Over.</b>
<b>REUBEN</b> .....	<b>30 years old. Son of Jacob.</b>
<b>SIMEON</b> .....	<b>29 years old. Son of Jacob.</b>
<b>SHECHEM</b> .....	<b>25 years old. Son of Hamor.</b>
<b>HAMOR</b> .....	<b>60 years old. Father of Shechem.</b>



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## ACT I

### Scene 1

**Ancient times.**

**REBEKAH is very pregnant and ISAAC are walking through town. There is thunder and lightning, as WE hear G-d speak to ISAAC.**

**(G-D, via VO speaks to ISAAC.)**

**G-D**

**(VO)**

Jacob my son, thy offspring will be a source of blessing to the whole earth. Thou will enjoy Devine protection wherever thou shalt go. Thou shalt name thy sons, Esau who will be of red hair, strong and volatile and Jacob, kind, wise, and a true believer who, one day shall lead my people. So, it shall be.

**ISAAC**

**(To Rebekah.)**

So how do you feel, Rebekah?

**REBEKAH**

I feel like I want to jump into the ocean and drown those two brats that I'm carrying of yours. They don't stop kicking. Why don't you tell them to stop, Isaac?

**ISAAC**

That is a sign of health, that our two sons, Esau and Jacob are anxious to make their long, awaited arrival, my beloved.

**REBEKAH**

Whose health? With the way I feel, certainly not mine. I'm going crazy and you call their kicking a sign of health? And why did you call them Esau and Jacob? What kind of names are those?

**ISAAC**

I did not chose those names, they were just chosen by Yaweh, our beloved Lord the Almighty.

**REBEKAH**

Well, how come He didn't tell ME what He wants their names to be, since I'm the mother whose bearing these two brats that, don't stop kicking. Why wasn't I given the opportunity to name my own sons, and can you tell me why can't we give them normal names, like Abraham, David, Moses, or Eli? Esau and Jacob are out, I refuse!

**ISAAC**

You can't refuse Elohim, because, He has told me that Esau and Jacob are destined to lead our people.

**REBEKAH**

Ow, your destined two brats just gave me another quick kick in the ribs.

**ISAAC**

Which one?

**REBEKAH**

You tell me, we are standing in front of your favorite synagogue, Chavurah Beth Shalom.

**ISAAC**

Then it must be Jacob.

**REBEKAH**

How can you be so sure?

**ISAAC**

Trust me, I know...

**(THEY walk past a store that sells idols.)**

**REBEKAH**

Ow, and now it must be Esau, for we are in front of Habib the idol vender and he always kicks when we are next to idols. Stop kicking, do you hear Esau, stop kicking!

**(WE hear the voice of ESAU.)**

**ESAU**

**(VO.)**

Mother, this is the last time I am going to warn you. If you do not let me come out first, for I must be the eldest to be in line to carry out my father's name and to inherit all he owns, not that he has that much, but one day he will, trust me, I will kill you!

**REBEKAH**

Oy, I don't believe what I just heard, Isaac?

**ISAAC**

I heard it too, Rebekah, and for your safety, you must appease Esau and let him come out first.

**REBEKAH**

Appease Esau, are you kidding? How can you let him tell me what to do? He is not even born yet.

**ISAAC**

Because it has been decreed that one day he will grow up to be mean and vindictive and I don't want him to kill you.

**ESAU**

**(VO.)**

I'm warning you, mother! If I am not your firstborn and inherit what is rightfully mine, my father's inheritance, I swear that you will not live to see old age!

**ISAAC**

All right, all right Esau, enough with your threats! You shall be first born! Are you happy now?

**(BOTH sing 🎶)**

**The PROMISE**

**REBEKAH**

I have prayed for a family.  
I will hold them close to my heart.  
And so they will dare to be great.  
They will climb the highest mountain.

**ISAAC**

A father who loves for all time.  
And will teach them they must believe.  
Touch one another, and help the blind.  
To give is how they will receive.

**REBEKAH and ISAAC**

I am grateful, for you have given me all I ask for.  
A family to cherish and to hold.  
As we grow old,  
I am so sure; there is nothing more I can ask for.

**REBEKAH**

I have so much to be thankful.  
The future looks so very bright.  
I wanted to be a mother.  
At last my dream has now come true.

**ISAAC**

It is the miracle of life.  
That only G-d can make occur.  
And that is why I am grateful.  
I thank you with all of my heart.

**REBEKAH and ISAAC**

I am grateful, for you have given me, all I ask for.  
A family to cherish and to hold.  
As we grow old,  
I am so sure; there is nothing more I can ask for.

**End of Scene 1**

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## ACT I

### Scene 2

**20 years later.**

**JACOB is determined to gain his father's birth right. EATING, he tempts ESAU.**

**JACOB**

Boy, this is the most delicious lentil stew I ever ate. Are you hungry, Esau?

**ESAU**

Starving, haven't eaten in days. I've been hunting and didn't catch a thing.

**JACOB**

Too bad, 'because this stew is delicious, I mean it's unbelievable.

**ESAU**

How about a little taste? I just told you I'm starving, didn't I?

**JACOB**

Do you actually expect me to give you some of my delicious stew, when all you do is curse and beat me up? You can go hungry for all I care.

**ESAU**

I'm sorry for cursing and beating you up, I really am, and I promise I won't strike you again.

**JACOB**

Swear to G-d that you won't hit me and maybe I'll believe you.

**ESAU**

**(Looks up.)**

Boruch Hashem, Dear Lord, I swear I will never curse or hit my brother Jacob again. Okay, are you satisfied? Now, you know how volatile and crazy I get, but not to you, I promise.

**JACOB**

Promises, promise, I heard that before.



**ESAU**

Come on, I'm dying can't you tell? You know that lentil stew is my favorite, so come on, give me half and I'll give you anything you want, anything.

**JACOB**

You will, will you?

**ESAU**

Anything, just give me the stew, please, I'm starving, I haven't eaten in days.

**JACOB**

For half of this delicious stew, I want your birthright. I want the privilege to offer a sacrifice that only the firstborn may do, that's why I want father to bless me and not you, you animal. I want to be part of his covenant with G-d, something that you're not entitled to, because you are blasphemous and secretly pray to idols.

**ESAU**

My birthright, is that all you want? You got it, now give me that stew! I WANT IT!

**(ESAU sings 🎶)**

**ONE DAY**

**ESAU**

He's going to give me half of his stew.  
He believes me, what a fool.  
He doesn't know what I am going to do.  
I'll kick him hard as a mule.

After he is blessed, maybe I'll kill him.  
And take ev'rything he has.  
To tell you the truth, I really don't like him,  
I'll even take his topaz.

One day I will be king of the Jews.  
And that's when I won't cry the blues.  
One day I will be in the news.  
I'll try and hide all of my rouxs.

He thinks he will fool my father.  
But the Lord knows his kingdom is mine.  
And then I will kill my brother.  
To toast him I will drink sweet wine.

One day I will be king of the Jews.  
And that's when I won't cry the blues.  
One day I will be in the news.  
I'll try and hide all of my rouxs.

**End of Scene 2**

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## ACT I

### Scene 3

A week later.

**REBEKAH, aware of the threats ESAU has made about killing JACOB, because He was outraged that his father, ISAAC was duped into blessing JACOB and thus bequeathing him his inheritance.**

**(REBEKAH sings 🎵)**

#### A MOTHER

##### REBEKAH

A mother has two sons,  
But one becomes her pet.  
He is her favorite.  
That one she can't forget.

His evil look I know,  
And so I must decide.  
How I must help him hide,  
To, prevent matricide.

Dear Lord Hashem,  
Help him find peace,  
Please protect him  
Let him increase.

Let him find love.  
A family.  
G-d up above,  
Please let it be.

I love to see him smile.  
And when he has children,  
Maybe I'm supposin',  
They too will be chosen.

Dear Lord Hashem,  
Help him find peace,  
Please protect him  
Let him increase.

Let him find love.  
A family.  
G-d up above,  
Please let it be.

You must leave immediately, Jacob, because your evil brother has threatened your life.

**(WE hear the underscoring of “ONE DAY.”)**

**JACOB**

Mother, he’s been threatening my life for as long as I can remember, so, why should tonight be different than all other nights? I’m not leaving you or my beloved father, my teacher and spiritual leader, how can I?

**REBEKAH**

For your own protection, I demand that you go elsewhere and hide, you must hide.

**JACOB**

Where shall I go, Mother? I have lived with you and father my whole life. This is the only home I know.

**(Underscoring ends.)**

**REBEKAH**

You must go to my brother, Laban. There you will be safe, for Esau will not know you are there and it is far away.

**JACOB**

Laban, your brother Laban? I hate him. Don’t you remember what happened when you sent me to work for him when I was 14? Well, I do. He had me work in his fields from morning to night and at the end of the summer, he said that I ate more than the wages he had promised and asked me to pay him for his hospitality. Can you imagine, he asked me to pay him? I wanted to kill that thief, and I still do.

**REBEKAH**

That was so long ago and he has changed, we all change, everything changes and so have you my beloved son. Do you not remember how enchanted you were with his daughter, Rachel? Did she not give you your first kiss?

**JACOB**

**(Dreamy.)**

I can still feel the warmth of her tender lips, Mother. I have never kissed a girl again, for Rachel stole my heart forever. Oh how I love her name, Rachel, Rachel, Rachel.

**REBEKAH**

How lovely and how romantic, Jacob, you were only 14, but I remember when you said you loved her, that she was the perfect girl and one day you will marry her, and what better time than now, you old man?

**JACOB**

Mother, that was so long ago, I doubt if she still remembers me.

**REBEKAH**

She does my son, for a woman never forgets her first kiss and especially her first love, and do you still not want your first love, my son?

**JACOB**

Yes I do, I do mother, because she was, and maybe still is the only girl I ever liked, I ever kissed, but that was just a child's fantasy, I was a hot blooded boy and she was my fantasy, and oh what a fantasy. What happens if she turned out to look like her older sister, Leah? I mean she was a dog and her father, your brother Laban, was and probably still is an obnoxious pig. He saw how attracted I was to Rachel, but would have none off it. He said I was there to work, not to fraternize with his daughter, Rachel. When I was in the fields one day working my head off, he offered me Leah. He said she liked me and wanted to lay with me. He said he would pay me well to do so, for she was in need of a man. I told him thank you, but no thank you and he smacked me, for refusing his offer.

**(JACOB sings 🎶)**

**BECAUSE I TOLD A LIE**

**JACOB**

My mother is so worried,  
She thinks that I'll get hurt.  
She says I better hurry,  
Guess I'll kick up some dirt.

So, I'll stay with her brother,  
Who's nothing but a thief?  
And so I'll kiss my mother,  
And pray for some relief.

I know that I will cry,  
When I say goodbye.  
I know, I better try,  
I told father a lie.

I know that things could be worse.  
At least I'll see Rachel.  
And of course we will converse.  
That is a miracle.

And maybe she will kiss me  
What more could this man ask?  
Love her for eternity,  
And that will be my task.

I know that I will cry,  
When I say goodbye.  
I know, I better try,  
I told father a lie.

**End of Scene 3**

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## ACT I

### Scene 4

**Three days later.**

**LABAN, graciously welcomes JACOB, who is carrying some of his belongings? HE is quite surprised by the welcome, because they have not spoken since that incident. LEAH and RACHEL are anxiously waiting to say hello.**

**LABAN**

How wonderful to see my beloved nephew. How are you Jacob?

**JACOB**

I guess I'm fine, Uncle Laban.

**LABAN**

Although, it's been more than 10 years...

**JACOB**

Its 16 years, but who's counting, Uncle Laban?

**LABAN**

I'm sure you remember my beautiful daughter? Leah, say hello to your handsome cousin, Jacob. Is he not handsome Leah; is he not perfect for you? Say something damn it, say something!

**LEAH**

**(Shy.)**

Hello Jacob, how are you?

**JACOB**

I'm fine Leah, how are you?

**LEAH**

Surviving, barely surviving, thank you.

**LABAN**

That is no way to say hello to your long, lost cousin. Why don't you kiss him, kiss him on the lips and make him feel welcome.

**(LEAH shyly kisses JACOB on the cheek.)**

**LABAN (cont'd)**

I said on the lips, damn you, on the lips!

**(Crying, LEAH runs off.)**

**LABAN (cont'd)**

Children, I give her everything and do you think she obeys me? NEVER! And she's 30 years old and she is still not married, damn it! Why is she not married, I ask you?

**JACOB**

Are you asking me, Uncle Laban?

**LABAN**

Who else is here, if not you?

**RACHEL**

I am here father.

**LABAN**

You, you don't count. Leah is my first, my eldest, my beloved daughter who is next in line to be married, is she not, Rachel? She is next, not you, not you. Is she not?

**(There is a pause and no one answers.)**

**LABAN (cont'd)**

It is like I am talking to the wall! Why have you not answered me, Rachel?

**RACHEL**

Because you said I didn't count, father.

**LABAN**

**(Exits.)**

You and your wise remarks. One day Rachel, one day you shall pay for your sarcasm.

**(Although we haven't heard, "YES I WOULD DO IT ALL AGAIN," WE Hear it's underscoring. LABAN exits.)**

**JACOB**

Hello Rachel



**RACHEL**

Hello Jacob, gee, it's good to see you again.

**JACOB**

It's sure been a long time, hasn't it?

**RACHEL**

Too long.

**JACOB**

Gee, you look beautiful, in fact more beautiful than I remember.

**RACHEL**

Go on, you're only saying that to make me feel good.

**JACOB**

No, I really mean it: you are the most beautiful woman I ever saw. You know a million years ago, when we kind of liked each other, I had sort of a crush on you.

**RACHEL**

You did?

**JACOB**

And when we kissed, do you remember when we kissed?

**RACHEL**

How can I forget? It was my first kiss, and what's that they say...?

**JACOB and RACHEL**

...A girl never forgets her first kiss.

**RACHEL**

I don't believe we both said the same thing at the same time.

**(Underscoring is heightened as THEY both laugh.)**

**JACOB**

Gee, it's so good to see you, Rachel.

**RACHEL**

How good?

**JACOB**

You know my mother said that to me, how a girl never forgets her first kiss, that's why I said it.

**RACHEL**

What else did that wise woman say?

**JACOB**

That a girl never forgets her first love, either.

**RACHEL**

I haven't seen Aunt Rebekah in ages, but I think I love her.

**JACOB**

Do you remember that time when we were walking? You were walking, I was dreaming and I found that wild flower.

**RACHEL**

It was the most beautiful wildflower I ever saw.

**JACOB**

I never saw the flower, only your beautiful face, and do you still remember your first love?

**(Underscoring ends.)**

**RACHEL**

I thought you'd never ask, handsome.

**(RACHEL kisses JACOB who kisses her back passionately. THEY sing ♪)**

**YES I WOULD DO IT ALL AGAIN**

**JACOB**

When we met it was just like it had to be.

**RACHEL**

All the things that you and I just had to see.

**JACOB**

We loved each other; it was just you and I.

**RACHEL**

And Mr. Wind would help us to fly.

**JACOB and RACHEL**

How we loved, until it hurt.  
It felt so good it couldn't end.  
Looking back at all those years.

Yes I would do it all again.

**JACOB**

And this time I will never ever leave you.

**RACHEL**

Because this time there is so much we have to do.

**JACOB**

I can't tell you how you make me feel inside.

**RACHEL**

And I can't wait to become your blushing bride.

**JACOB and RACHEL**

How we loved, until it hurt.

It felt so good it couldn't end.

Looking back at all those years.

Yes I would do it all again.

**(THEY embrace and kiss passionately.)**

**End of Scene 4**

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## ACT I

### Scene 5

**Three days later.**

**A cautious JACOB approaches LABAN, who is drinking wine and gives some to JACOB.**

**JACOB**

Thank you for the wine, Uncle Laban, it is quite good.

**LABAN**

Nothing but the best for my favorite nephew, and of course it's good. I have the largest and the finest vineyards in all of the Middle East, so drink up, there's plenty more.

**JACOB**

If you allow me this moment of rectitude, there is something I would like to ask you.

**LABAN**

Speak up, speak up young man, for time is a wasting and I am not getting any younger, you know?

**JACOB**

I, I know this is rather sudden, Uncle Laban, but I would like your permission to marry, Rachel.

**LABAN**

Rachel, how can you pick Rachel when Leah is much more desirable? She is ripe and she is hungry for a virile man like you. And she comes with a substantial dowry. 100 hectares of my most arable land and 12 of my finest servants, not to mention the horses I will give you, the finest Arabian stallions available.

**JACOB**

I thank you for your generous and magnanimous offer, but I must refuse, for my heart lies with Rachel.

**LABAN**

Well, if you want to marry my youngest daughter, then the price shall be steep. But if you take Leah, then it is I who will pay you. It is your choice Jacob, it is your choice.

**JACOB**

I must do what my heart tells me to do. I want only Rachel. I have wanted her since the moment I saw her beautiful face many years ago.

**(JACOB Sings 🎵.)**

**WHEN YOU KISS ME**

A little raindrop fell.  
In time a flower grew.  
You said how beautiful,  
But all I saw was you.

Your eyes gleamed like the sun.  
Your lips, so full and warm.  
I hold you in my arms,  
And feel that I am born again.

When you kiss me and whisper sweet words,  
I feel all the love you have for me.  
Then, it's my turn to kiss you and whisper,  
The same sweet words that, you whisper to me.

I want to show you, how much I love you  
I want to show you how much I care.  
Then you can show me, how much you love me  
And prove to me Rachel that you'll always be there.

And so the music plays.  
Guitars and violins.  
We dance the night away  
And watch the day begin.

It feels so wonderful,  
To live without a care.  
To breathe beneath a sky,  
Where clouds would never dare.

When you kiss me and whisper sweet words,  
I feel all the love you have for me.  
Then it's my turn to kiss you and whisper,  
The same sweet words that, you whisper to me.

I want to show you, how much I love you  
I want to show you how much I care.  
Then you can show me, how much you love me  
And prove to me Rachel that you'll always be there.  
I want to marry only Rachel, Uncle Laban, only Rachel.

**LABAN**

So be it. I thought you were as wise as your father Isaac, but I see I was wrong. To marry Rachel, it will be costly: you will have to be in my servitude for seven long and arduous years and I promise they will be arduous.

**JACOB**

Seven years Uncle Laban, that is unfair, for I am not a slave but a free man, and all I want is to marry your daughter, Rachel. Please I beg you, can you not be considerate and make it less than seven years?

**LABAN**

Seven long, hard years Jacob, take it or leave it.

**JACOB**

You leave me no choice.

**LABAN**

I knew you would see it my way and take Leah for your bride, for not only is she ripe and desirable, and will bear you many wonderful children, you will become a land baron and my servants will do as you ask. A wise decision Jacob, a wise decision and I knew you would accept, because, like most Jews, you are greedy like me, and when would you like to get married? I hope soon, because, I have much work for you. Seven years of work,

**(Laughs.)**

I love it, ha, ha, ha.

**JACOB**

You can keep your 100 hectares and your trusted servants, for I will marry Rachel and be in your servitude for seven long and arduous years.

**LABAN**

**(Aside.)**

He's such a fool, for he could be rich beyond his wildest imagination.

**(LABAN sings 🎵.)**

## **HE COULD HAVE HAD IT ALL**

### **LABAN**

When you are smart,  
You use your brain.  
Just don't think with your heart.  
You won't have to complain.

He is a dope.  
He'll never learn.  
Doesn't know how to cope.  
And he will always yearn.

He could have had it all.  
He could have been rich as a king.  
Bang his head on the wall,  
And he will wind up with nothing.

He's so handsome,  
Not, very strong.  
He could have a ransom.  
But he won't tag along.

I'll figure,  
What I must do.  
He turned down my treasure.  
I'll make him black and blue.

He could have had it all.  
He could have been rich as a king.  
Bang his head on the wall,  
And he will wind up with nothing.

So Jacob, when shall this blessed event take hold? I must know, for I must prepare a feast and a gown must be made, not to mention a veil to cover your bride's face, for as you know, it is in our tradition that you must not see her face until after the ceremony and you lay with her.

### **JACOB**

Perhaps a month or so, for I want to have my parents present at my wedding and that will take some time.

**LABAN**

I would like to see my sister Rebekah also, for it has been too long. So, a month it shall be!

**End of Scene 5**

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**ACT I**

**Scene 6**

**Six weeks later.**

**Laban's quarters.**

**Servants are busy serving wine, etc. REBEKAH, ISAAC, JACOB AND LABAN are formerly attired. ALL are in a festive mood. WE hear the Underscoring of "WHEN YOU KISS ME."**

**LABAN**

**(THEY hug.)**

*Mazel tov* my darling sister, Rebekah. How wonderful to finally see you again.

**REBEKAH**

You look wonderful Laban, a few pounds heavier, but we all have gained a few pounds, haven't we?

**LABAN**

I can't tell you how thrilled I am to have your son, my nephew Jacob, the soon to be chatan become my son-in-law, and it's about time too, don't you think?

**ISAAC**

I couldn't be happier Laban, for I have never seen my son Jacob as happy.

**LABAN**

This calls for a celebration, let us drink to the newly weds.

**REBEKAH**

Please, I have had enough wine. I'm almost drunk.



**LABAN**

Nonsense, you, can never have enough! Tonight we must celebrate. WINE, BRING MORE WINE!

**(Servant fills wine mugs. ALL toast, L'chaim, "To the bride and groom .")**

**ISAAC**

Laban, where are you hiding my two beautiful nieces? I want to see them!

**(LABAN is uncomfortable, because he is pulling a scam.)**

**LABAN**

How good of you to ask, Isaac. Unfortunately, they both are not well. Rachel, I mean Leah has been sick, very sick these past two weeks. So sick that she will not be able to attend her sister Rachel's wedding and it breaks her heart and mine as well.

**REBEKAH**

Oh, I'm so sorry. What's wrong with her? I hope it's nothing serious.

**LABAN**

She's had a bad cold for weeks and her throat, we've given her tea with honey, we've tried everything and still, she cannot talk, in fact Rachel also is under the weather, and she too cannot talk. I was almost going to cancel the wedding, but she said she has been waiting too long for this blessed occasion and she will just not talk until after the ceremony. And then, trust me Jacob, she won't shut up. It seems that all women do is

**(Laughs.)**

talk and talk and talk.

**JACOB**

Rachel is sick? She can't talk? When did this happen and where is she? I must see her.

**ISAAC**

You know, that you may not see the face of your bride until after the wedding ceremony, Jacob. Patience is a virtue my son, patience.

**JACOB**

I hope my honey's okay.

**LABAN**

She will be fine Jacob; she is lying down trying to gain her strength and promised to be ready for your wedding. Hopefully, she should be here shortly.

**REBEKAH**

And where is Leah, where is my darling niece that I haven't seen for so many years? I have to see her, where is she?

**LABAN**

Because she too was so sick, I took them both to see Dr. Eschol. He seemed very disturbed and said Leah was very sick and he advised that I leave her with him for a few days. Leah tried to resist, for she said she must come to her sister's wedding, but she was too weak to fight and had to stay with him. Rachel, thank G-d Rachel wasn't as sick and she, came home with me.

**(LEAH, dressed in a white gown with a huge veil that covers her entire face, Disguised as RACHEL enters. Elated, ALL sort of sing, "*Here comes the bride, here comes the bride.*" Happy to see RACHEL, JACOB rushes to her and wanting to kiss her, goes to remove her veil, which she pulls down and much to JACOB'S surprise, abruptly turns away from him.)**

**JACOB**

I am so glad you are well Rachel and I only wanted to kiss you, because I love you more than life, my darling.

**LABAN**

You must not look at nor talk to your wife before your wedding, Jacob.

**ISAAC**

It is stated, my son, please.

**REBEBAH**

So, what are we waiting for? The bride is here, the groom is here and the whole family is here...

**ALL**

LET'S HAVE A WEDDING!

**(LABAN escorts a supposed RACHEL, and REBEKAH and ISAAC escort JACOB and they stand under a canopy of flowers. ISAAC presides.)**

**ISAAC**

I will say the kiddushim, the prayer to bless our children this blessed moment of their matrimony. The kallah, our beloved bride, Rachel and for the chatan, the groom, my son Jacob. May you look to the Torah for your guide. Do you Jacob pledge to honor, provide and support Rachel?

**JACOB**

Forever.

**ISAAC**

The two of you must thank Hashem for creating the world and those present. We acknowledge His physical and spiritual creation of mankind. We hope the bride and

groom grow in their love for each other. We pray for the time when the Moshiach will come and redeem us from exile so that peace and tranquility will reign over the world. Lets us say, Amen.

**ALL**

Amen.

**(JACOB puts a napkin on the floor with something in it and stomps his foot on it dramatically. Everyone enthusiastically shouts “Mazel Tov.”**

**ISAAC (cont'd)**

And now, as tradition calls for, let the kallah walk seven times around her chatan.

**Then the supposed RACHEL walks seven times around JACOB, as all cheer, “Mazel Tov” again. Underscoring ends. REBEKAH, ISAAC and LABAN sing 🎵.)**

**I WISH**

**REBEKAH**

At last my dream has just come true.  
What will be shall be.

**ISAAC**

And now my son has much to do,  
Start a family.

**LABAN**

I know that I have turned the screw,  
And soon he shall see.

**ALL**

I wish them health, wealth and happiness.  
I wish them to be blessed.  
I wish them the better things in life.  
Jacob now has a wife.

**REBEKAH**

I pray to become a grandma,  
Children I shall hold.

**ISAAC**

And I shall become a grandpa,  
I will never scold.

**LABAN**

I hope that they find Shangri-La,  
It wasn't a cold.

**ALL**

I wish them health, wealth and happiness.  
I wish them to be blessed.  
I wish them the better things in life.  
Jacob now has a wife.

**REBEKAH**

Something inside doesn't feel right.  
Don't know what is wrong.

**ISAAC**

Laban he just seems too polite.  
Soon he'll say so long.

**LABAN**

I hope this isn't my last night.  
To, sing my swan song.

**ALL**

I wish them health, wealth and happiness.  
I wish them to be blessed.  
I wish them the better things in life.  
Jacob now has a wife.

**(JACOB and supposedly RACHEL run off as lights fade.)**

**End of ACT 1**

# The Story of **JACOB**

## ACT 2

### Scene 1

**Seven years later.  
LEAH'S home.**

**LEAH is arguing with JACOB. WE hear the underscoring of, "YES I WOULD DO IT ALL AGAIN."**

**JACOB**

**(Hand to chin.)**

It's seven years, seven of the worst years I've ever had and I've had it, Leah, I've had it up to here. My seven-year obligation to your despicable father, who I would like to kill is over, you hear, it's over and I want out! I want Rachel, not you, I want Rachel!

**LEAH**

You are so despicable, you hear? Despicable!

**(JACOB does not respond.)**

**LEAH (cont'd)**

How can you say you still love my sister Rachel, when you've been with me for seven years?

**JACOB**

Seven long and arduous years.

**LEAH**

Arduous years, arduous years? We have four wonderful boys, Reuben, Simeon, Levi and Judah. Do they not mean anything to you?

**JACOB**

I love my sons, for they all are progeny and destined, according to the King of Kings for greatness.

**LEAH**

And what does your King of Kings say about the mother of your so, called destined progeny?

**JACOB**

I am sorry Leah, I tried, oh how I tried, but I have always loved your sister and despite having spent these seven long years with you, I have always wanted to live with Rachel, not you, never you.

**LEAH**

**(Cries.)**

Why, what have I done to you?

**JACOB**

You deceived me, that's what you did, you deceived me!

**LEAH**

I, did not deceive you, it was my father who is the deceiver, the liar, the devil in disguise. He ordered me to wear that veil to cover my face the night we were wed, not me. He ordered me not speak, not me. Do you actually think I would do such a thing? I love my sister and would not hurt nor break her heart for anything in the world, but my father, the ogre, the Satan said he would give me to the Philistines and pay to have them rape me and then he promised they would torture and kill me. What could I do Jacob, what could I do? To this day I fear him, because he is so rich and powerful. Do you think I have not resented the fact that you have toiled in his fields without pay all these years? Do you not think I care for you? And the way he treats you, as if, you were an animal, one of his slaves. If I had the courage, I would have killed him myself and released you from your bondage and sworn oath.

**JACOB**

I always thought it was you who orchestrated that deception. That is why I always resented you, why we constantly argued all these years. I thought I was marrying Rachel and when I slept with you that night, that night, because I was so drunk, I thought I was making love to Rachel, not you. Every time I slept with you, I thought of Rachel, I dreamt of Rachel, I love Rachel. To this day I love Rachel, I will always love Rachel and since I have paid my obligation about marrying your father's daughter, not the daughter I thought I would be marrying, mind you, it is time I start a new obligation and marry the woman of my dreams.

**(Underscoring ends. LEAH sings ♫.)**

## MY HEART IS BROKEN

### LEAH

Dear Lord, I need your help,  
I have, deluded myself.  
I am broken hearted.  
We will be soon parted.

I thought that he loved me.  
Because I did not see,  
He says he does not care.  
So I must go elsewhere.

My heart is broken.  
I don't want to live.  
He was unspoken  
And he will not give.

I can't, I cannot breathe,  
The tears, they fill my eyes.  
For he, he makes me seethe,  
And I believed his lies.

I am so gullible.  
To think, that he loved me.  
He has burst my bubble.  
This woman did not see.

My heart is broken.  
I don't want to live.  
He was unspoken  
And he will not give.

Since you're so brave and so determined, why don't you tell this to my father? Why don't you tell him that you want Rachel and see what kind of servitude he gives you this time? And leave me out of it!

### JACOB

Great idea lets go!

**(THEY both exit as lights dim.)**

**End of Scene 1**

# The Story of JACOB

## ACT 2

### Scene 2

**The following day.**

**JACOB is speaking to LABAN. LEAH is watching, appearing stoic. WE hear the Underscoring of, “HE COULD HAVE HAD IT ALL.”**

**LABAN**

**(Outraged.)**

So, after seven years, four children, you suddenly want to divorce Leah and marry my younger daughter, Rachel. I don't understand, has she not been a devoted wife and a good mother to your children?

**JACOB**

She's been all of the above, but I never wanted to marry Leah in the first place and you know it.

**LABAN**

**(Laughs.)**

Then why did you, who forced you?

**JACOB**

No one forced me, and stop laughing. I did it of my own free will, but I was deceived, you deceived me, you scorpion, masquerading as a father. You are not a father; you are a heathen, the devil in disguise! I thought she was Rachel and you knew it. When I said the vows, I thought I was marrying Rachel not Leah, you Philistine! And for the last seven years I've had nothing but heart ache, utter torment and futility, seven years of working under your servitude for no pay, you slave master, because I am a man of honor



which you are not, for I swore I would do so to marry one of your daughters. I want what is rightfully mine, I want, I demand Rachel, do you understand? I demand Rachel!

**LEAH**

**(In tears.)**

Let him have Rachel. I don't want him, if he doesn't want me, Father, I don't want him.

**LABAN**

Divorce is out the question. We do not believe in divorce.

**JACOB**

Since when do you believe in anything, you jackal with the leer of the devil?

**LABAN**

If I acquiesce and I said if, there will be no divorce, for I will not bring shame to my family's name. You shall have two wives and you shall treat them equally. On alternate nights, you will sleep with Rachel and then with Leah, understood? And if I agree, mind you, I said if, you shall be indebted to me for an additional seven years of servitude, agreed?

**JACOB**

I agree, I agree.

**LABAN**

Swear before the kings of kings! Swear on your life and then we shall see.

**(Underscoring ends. JACOB sings ♪.)**

**JACOB**

### **I'D CLIMB THE PYRENEES**

Another seven years of servitude,  
I give servitude without gratitude.  
For, my love for Rachel has no boundaries,  
I'd climb the Pyrenees; I'll go down on my knees.  
For, I will always please, Rachel.

I do not have a choice,  
For I love her so.  
I must not raise my voice,  
He won't let her go.

I will not live a day,  
Until, she is mine.  
And when I hear her say,

Come let's drink sweet wine.

Another seven years of servitude,  
I give servitude without gratitude.  
For, my love for Rachel has no boundaries,  
I'd climb the Pyrenees; I'll go down on my knees.  
For, I will always please, Rachel.

We'll have a family,  
Two boys and a girl.  
She is my destiny,  
She is my whole world.

My gratitude abounds.  
My dream has come true.  
Life has its own playgrounds.  
We shall start a new.

Another seven years of servitude,  
I give servitude without gratitude.  
For, my love for Rachel has no boundaries,  
I'd climb the Pyrenees; I'll go down on my knees.  
For, I will always please, Rachel.

**LABAN**

RACHEL, I know you are listening! I demand you come before me this instant!  
RACHEL, DID YOU HEAR ME?

**(RACHEL comes hurrying in.)**

**RACHEL**

Yes, father.

**LABAN**

Jacob has asked for your hand in marriage, do you want to marry him, well do you?

**RACHEL**

But he is married to Leah.

**LABAN**

I know he is married to Leah, you fool. Has she not blessed me with four grandsons?  
But I have just given Jacob permission to have two wives, do you not understand? Two  
wives, you and Leah.

**RACHEL**

**(To Leah.)**

Is it okay with you, my sister?

**LEAH**

I don't have a choice, Rachel, for he wants you, he's said he's always wanted you, and unfortunately I still want him. And if Jacob has to have two wives, who would I rather share him with than my own sister?

**RACHEL**

Oh, Leah, I don't know what to say.

**(JACOB takes RACHEL'S hand and looks into her eyes.)**

**JACOB**

Oh, Rachel my beloved, please say yes and become my wife, for, as you know I have always loved you and always will.

**(THEY kiss and LABAN is disgusted and so is LEAH.)**

**LABAN**

This is disgusting.

**LEAH**

You can say that again.

**LABAN**

This is disgusting.

**LEAH**

Thanks, I'm leaving...

**LABAN**

I'll join you.

**(THEY exit as lights dim and JACOB and RACHEL kiss.)**

**End of Scene 2**

# The Story of JACOB

## ACT 2

### Scene 3

**Two years later.**

**RACHEL is annoyed at JACOB. LEAH is amused.**

**RACHEL**

What is wrong with you, Jacob? I thought you said you loved me more than my sister? Why have I not become pregnant like her? Can you tell me why?

**JACOB**

Rachel, I have been trying, I have been trying. Do think it's up to me if you become pregnant? Are you kidding?

**LEAH**

I really don't understand it Rachel. With me, it is was one two three and in four years I

**(Smiles. Shakes sexily.)**

had four sons in a row just like that. Maybe you are not doing it properly, you know what I mean, don't you? Is she doing it properly, Jacob? Is she doing it as good as I?

**(Laughs.)**

She isn't, is she?

**JACOB**

What kind of a ridiculous question is that? Of course she does it properly, in fact I enjoy making love to Rachel more than I ever did to you, because I love Rachel, don't I honey?

**LEAH**

Oh yeah, if she does it so good and you love her more than me, how come she hasn't become pregnant like me? Are you sure you love her more than me?

**(RACHEL sings ♪.)**

## WHAT AM I DOING WRONG

**RACHEL**

What am I doing wrong?  
Why can I not conceive?  
I pray the whole daylong.  
And all I do is grieve.

I must soon bear a son.  
Or I will lose my mind.  
I will not be undone,  
For, I am womankind.

My Jacob is so good willed.  
Yet I feel so unfulfilled.  
And my life I must rebuild.  
A mother has to be skilled.

Perhaps my luck will change.  
Good things will soon occur.  
And so I will rearrange.  
So happy, that I will purr.

A mother I shall be  
And I will be so proud.  
And ev'ryone shall see,  
That I walk on a cloud.

My Jacob is so good willed.  
Yet I feel so unfulfilled.  
And my life I must rebuild.  
A mother has to be skilled.

**LEAH**

You know Rachel I have an idea.

**RACHEL**

I just can imagine.

**JACOB**

What Kind of idea, Leah?

**LEAH**

And it's only because I love my sister.

**RACHEL**

Will you please say it all ready?

**LEAH**

Why don't you do what Sarah did when she couldn't have children? She asked Hagar, her handmaiden to have a child, which she would raise as her own. Why don't you ask Bilhah, your trusted handmaiden? Solve all your problems, won't it?

**RACHEL**

**(Almost in tears.)**

But, I want to have my own son like you did, Leah, I want to have my own son, my own son.

**JACOB**

Perhaps Leah is right? If it was good enough for Sarah and Abraham didn't complain, maybe, maybe...

**RACHEL**

...Sure, what do care? You slept with my sister, you slept with me and now you'll sleep with my handmaiden, who is gorgeous, isn't she gorgeous, you lecher? Is that why you agreed so easily, because you want Bilhah? Well is it?

**JACOB**

I only want you Rachel and you know it and as far as I'm concerned, you can forget about the whole idea. I think it stinks and I won't do it, and that's final, so forget.

**RACHEL**

**(Starts to cry.)**

Oh, so now you want to deny me the opportunity to be a mother, do you? You know how bad I want to be a mother and you won't even do it for me. Why won't you do it? Please, I'm begging you, DO IT, DO IT FOR ME!

**(JACOB sings ♫.)**

**JACOB**

**BUT MAYBE I COULD**

First she says I shouldn't,  
Then she says I should.  
First I thought I couldn't,  
But maybe I could.

I'll never understand a woman.  
It's impossibility.  
Women can lead a man to ruin,

Could be my disability.

As far as I'm concerned I give up.  
What ever she wants I will do.  
And I will pour wine in her cup.  
If she wants I'll turn black and blue.

First she says I shouldn't,  
Then she says I should.  
First I thought I couldn't,  
But maybe I could.

I bet I'll turn gray before my time.  
And boy she gave me a headache.  
One time to me she was sublime.  
And now everything seems to shake.

Nothing I can do I will win.  
A woman always knows what's best.  
To me it's all a crying sin.  
You think I'll ever get some rest?

First she says I shouldn't,  
Then she says I should.  
First I thought I couldn't,  
But maybe I could.

**RACHEL**

So, what do you say, sweetheart?

**JACOB**

All right, I'll do it I'll do it and the only reason I'll do it, is because you make me crazy.

**LEAH and RACHEL**

**(Euphoric.)**

He'll do it he said he'll do it! He'll do it he said he'll do it! He'll do it he said he'll do it!

**End of Scene 3**

# The Story of **JACOB**

## ACT 2

### Scene 4

**Three years later.**

**RACHEL** again is distraught. **JACOB**, is defensive. **LEAH** and **BILHAH** are present and will gloat.

#### **RACHEL**

What is wrong with you, Jacob? I thought you loved me more than my sister Leah and my handmaiden, Bilhah? Why have I not become pregnant like them? Why, can you tell me why?

#### **JACOB**

Wait a minute Rachel, it seems I heard this story once before.

#### **LEAH**

She said it to you about three years ago, didn't you Rachel?

#### **RACHEL**

And you came up with that brilliant idea to have him sleep with Bilhah, so she may have his sons, which she did, which she did, and don't get me wrong, I'm grateful to have the chance to mother them, but I want to mother my own children, and look at him, he hasn't stopped smiling and grinning like the cat that got the mouse, which I resent! How come you slept with my sister and she had four beautiful sons? Can you tell me, can you tell me? When you slept with me, which is not that often, nothing. When you slept with Bilhah, she had two beautiful boys just like that, Dan and Naphtali. Are you trying to say there's something wrong with me, well are you? There's nothing wrong with me, there's nothing wrong with me. You think there's something wrong with me?



**LEAH**

**(Laughs.)**

I told you Rachel, you don't know how to do it, and you never did.

**(LEAH sings 🎵.)**

**LEAH**

**THE NATURAL GIFT**

I told her she don't know how to do it.  
And all she said was screw it.  
I gladly let her watch me do it,  
She won't admit it, but she doesn't know how to do it.

To me making love is a natural gift.  
It's not something that you learn in a school.  
Between me-and-my-sister there is a rift.  
That's because she is stubborn as a mule.

She not the kind that admits they didn't learn.  
Hey, some women got it and some women don't.  
One day I pray it will be my sister's turn.  
Wanted to show her, but she said she won't.

I told her she don't know how to do it.  
And all she said was screw it.  
I gladly let her watch me do it,  
She won't admit it, but she doesn't know how to do it.

She is certainly more beautiful than I.  
Okay she's not as smart as you and me.  
It hurts me, to see my little sister cry.  
I wish she'd listen to little old me?

I bet she would become pregnant just like that.  
I don't know why she doesn't ask for help.  
All she has to say is why don't we chitchat?  
And I'll show her how to do it herself.

I told her she don't know how to do it.  
And all she said was screw it.  
I gladly let her watch me do it,  
She won't admit it, but she doesn't know how to do it.

**BILHAH**

I don't think it is fair that you denigrate my mistress, Leah. Despite that I have breastfed my two sons, Rachel has been a wonderful mother to them for which am I not grateful?

**RACHEL**

Thank you for coming to my defense, Bilhah, but according to the laws of Abraham, Dan and Naphtali are now my sons forever. I may allow you to tend to them and occasionally to coddle and kiss them, but you must always remember they are MY sons.

**BILHAH**

Forgive me my mistress, it was only, a slip of the tongue, for I know they belong to you, and I am grateful that my G-d Seti has allowed me to give them to you.

**LEAH**

Hey Rachel, I have another idea.

**JACOB**

Uh oh, here comes another idea. The last idea you had almost got me killed, Leah. I hope it's better than the last one.

**LEAH**

Why, what's so bad about my last idea? Tell me, Rachel, was it such a bad idea that Bilhah gave you two beautiful boys to mother and do you not love being a mother?

**RACHEL**

Boruch Hashem, thanks to the Good Lord, being a mother, having the opportunity to nurture my two wonderful sons is the most fulfilling thing I ever done.

**LEAH**

I thought so and wouldn't my beloved sister like to catch up to me? I have four wonderful boys, Reuben, Simeon, Levi and Judah and you only have two, Dan and Naphtali. You better hurry up, if you want to have four glorious boys like me?

**RACHEL**

Oh, how I would love to have four boys like you, Leah, for what is a greater blessing than to have four sons to love and adore?

**LEAH**

So, since unfortunately you are unable, and that is just for the moment, because I predict that soon as you calm down and stop trying so hard, I promise you will have two of the most beautiful boys of your own. Mark my words.

**RACHEL**

Oh, do you really think so Leah, do you?

**LEAH**

I promise, and the one way I think that will help you relax and settle down, help you stop trying so hard is to mother a couple of more boys.

**BILHAH**

Please Leah, I have had enough and after my last pregnancy, I was told that I can not have any more children.

**LEAH**

Relax, relax, I wasn't thinking about you.

**JACOB**

So, who do you have in mind, Leah?

**RACHEL**

Alas, the lecher has awakened.

**JACOB**

Hey, I was just curious. I was just asking because we know that you are so intense and that you are trying too hard. I was just hoping that Leah had someone that might help you stop trying so hard, that's all.

**LEAH**

I do Jacob, someone you know very well: my beautiful handmaiden, Zilpah. What do you think I'd stick you with a dog?

**RACHEL**

Oh no, absolutely not! Why she is more beautiful than the Queen of the Nile, and I will not have my husband sleep with someone who is so beautiful! It is out of the question!

**LEAH**

Don't be ridiculous, Rachel. You said the same thing about Bilhah and look at the two sons she gave you. Are they not gorgeous; are they not all you asked for?

**RACHEL**

Well, what the hell are you waiting for? Get Zilpah in here and let the lecher get started, because I want two more beautiful boys. Jacob, are you ready? GET READY, GET SET, GO!

**End of Scene 4**

# **The Story of JACOB**

**ACT 2**

**Scene 5**

**Four years later.**

**RACHEL is once again upset with JACOB. LEAH, BILHAH and ZILPAH will gloat.**

**RACHEL**

What is wrong with me, Jacob?

**JACOB**

Oh, so now it's what's wrong with you. In the past, you always said what's wrong with me? Want to tell me about this sudden admonition?

**LEAH**

**(Sexy.)**

Trust me, there's nothing wrong with you, big boy, absolutely nothing.

**BILHAH**

**(Sexy.)**

Not as far as I'm concerned, 'cause you got what it takes.

**ZILPAH**

**(Sexy.)**

To me you are everything I could ask for in a man, sexy.

**(JACOB beams.)**

## **RACHEL**

You are all correct. There is nothing wrong with you, Jacob. Sadly, I must admit it is with me, it has always been me because every woman you lay with becomes pregnant before I can wipe my nose, except me. Zilpah just has had two of the most beautiful boys I have ever seen: Gad and Asher, which I am thankful for her having given them to me to nurture and love. A blessing that only *Hashem* has the power to perform such miracles. Thank you, thank you, thank you my Holy of all Holies, my King of Kings, thank you.

**(BILHAH and ZILPAH sing ♫.)**

## **THE GREATEST LOVER**

### **BILHAH and ZILPAH**

Jacob is the greatest lover.  
And, I have yet to recover,  
From that great lover.

### **BILHAH**

I feel so weak.

### **ZILPAH**

And I can't breathe.

### **BILHAH**

And his technique,

### **ZILPAH**

Is all I need.

### **BILHAH**

He fills my soul,

### **ZILPAH**

And warms my heart.

### **BILHAH**

I'm never cold.

### **ZILPAH**

And is he smart.

Jacob is the greatest lover.  
And I have yet to recover,

From that great lover.

**BILHAH**

He's always nice.

**ZILPAH**

And he's so kind.

**BILHAH**

He's paradise.

**ZILPAH**

Helps me unwind.

**BILHAH**

I love him so.

**ZILPAH**

He rings my bell.

**BILHAH**

And all he knows.

**ZILPAH**

He will foretell.

Jacob is the greatest lover.  
And I have yet to recover,  
From that great lover.

**LEAH**

I hate to tell you this, Rachel...

**RACHEL**

**(Sits.)**

...I can't wait to hear this. Wait'll I sit down and then let me have it. Okay, let me have it.

**LEAH**

I'm pregnant again.

**RACHEL**

You're pregnant again, how could you become pregnant again? Excuse me, I know how you became pregnant again, don't I you sex maniac!

**JACOB**

What do you want from me, what do you want from me? They don't leave me alone.

**(LEAH, BILBAH and ZILPAH sing 🎵.)**

Jacob is the greatest lover.  
And I have yet to recover,  
From that great lover.

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And I have yet to recover,  
From that great lover.

**RACHEL**

ENOUGH, I'VE HEARD ENOUGH!

**LEAH**

I'm going to name my two sons, Issachar and Joseph.

**RACHEL**

And how do you know you are going to have two more sons?

**LEAH**

Because it seems that's all lover boy over here makes, right girls?

**(LEAH, BILBAH and ZILPAH sing.)**

Jacob is the greatest lover.  
And I have yet to recover,  
From that great lover.

Jacob is the greatest lover.  
And I have yet to recover,  
From that great lover.

**LEAH**

But, don't worry Rachel, you're next.

**End of Scene 5**

# The Story of JACOB

## ACT 2

### Scene 6

Three years later.

**LEAH, having six sons is boastful and Will rub it in to RACHEL. BILHAH and ZILPAH also will gloat. JACOB doesn't Want to have anything to do with it. WE Hear the underscoring of "THE NATURAL GIFT."**

**LEAH**

So, did I tell you I would have two sons in-a-row or did I tell you I would have two in a row? And that's two, ten months a part, which has to be some sort of a record, wouldn't you say.

**RACHEL**

So, what do you want a medal?

**LEAH**

I just want a little acknowledgement that's all. I know how to do it and it seems like you're still learning, aren't you? Too bad.

**JACOB**

Please Leah, Rachel is the best lover I ever had and she knows how to do it better than anyone one I've ever had.



**BILHAH and ZILPAH**

Really?

**JACOB**

Yes really yes really and I hate to tell you this, but Rachel is the only woman I ever loved.

**LEAH**

That's nice to know, mister. You have six boys with me and you say Rachel is the only one you ever loved. Well, excuse me and as far as I'm concerned, you can forget about sleeping with me any more.

**BILHAH and ZILPAH**

Me too!

**JACOB**

Wait a minute wait a minute, slow down. I, sleep one night with Rachel, one night with Leah, one night with Bilhah and one night with Zilpah. Do you see me complaining? No, so what's wrong with that?

**RACHEL**

I'll tell you what's wrong with that, it stinks. And as far as I'm concerned, you can forget about sleeping with me too. I've had it.

**JACOB**

Why, what did I do to you?

**RACHEL**

You did nothing to me, that's, why. Did you give me children like all three of your  
**(Sobs.)**  
sleeping partners, no and that's why, that's why, that's why.

**(Underscoring ends.)**

**LEAH**

Rachel, I think you are acting just a bit hastily.

**RACHEL**

Really?

**LEAH**

And there's something I almost forgot to tell you.

**RACHEL**

Uh oh, here we go again.

**(WE hear the underscoring of, “YES I WOULD DO IT ALL AGAIN.”)**

**LEAH**

Are you sitting down?

**RACHEL**

**(Sits.)**

Uh oh.

**LEAH**

Now it is your turn, my beloved sister to reap the rewards of our very talented and endowed husband, and it's about time. I predict, and you mark my words that you shall have two beautiful sons in the near future.

**RACHEL**

Really Leah, and how near, tell me, how near?

**LEAH**

Within the next two years, you will have two sons, just like that, one two, three and you will never be happier.

**RACHEL**

Oh Leah, I don't know how to thank you?

**LEAH**

Don't worry, I'll figure something out.

**(Underscoring ends. RACHEL and LEAH holding arms sing ♪.)**

### **WHEN YOU KNOW HOW**

**RACHEL**

How lucky can a girl get?  
To have a sister, like you.

**LEAH**

I hope that she won't forget.  
Sigh is what she has to do.

**RACHEL**

To, think that I envied her.  
Guess I couldn't do it.

**LEAH**

You see good things do occur,  
When you know how to do it.

**RACHEL**

Dreams do come true,  
As long as you, hold on real tight.  
I feel brand new,  
Ev'rything's gonna be all right.

**RACHEL**

All these years I've been depressed.  
It seems all I did was cry.

**LEAH**

At last she knows she's been blessed.  
And there is a reason why.

**RACHEL**

Good things come to those that wait.  
Gee, it sure has been awhile.

**LEAH**

At last now, she has a date,  
I can't wait to see her smile.

**RACHEL and LEAH**

Dreams do come true,  
As long as you, hold on real tight.  
I feel brand new,  
Ev'rything's gonna be all right.

**(THEY embrace as lights fade.)**

**End of Scene 6**

# The Story of JACOB

## ACT 2

### Scene 7

**One year later.**

**RACHEL is euphoric. ALL are present.  
WE hear the underscoring of, “WHEN  
YOU KISS ME.”**

**LEAH**

So, did I tell you or did I tell you?

**RACHEL**

You told me all right. My son Joseph is the most beautiful and precious baby boy I have ever seen, not that I don't love all my children, Bilhah, for you know I do, but Joseph, I love Joseph, because at last I have my own son.

**JACOB**

And I, who have 11 sons and who loves them all equally, for they are all mine, have a special place in my heart for this little boy Joseph, and what a beautiful name and what a beautiful child, perhaps he may grow to become my favorite?

**RACHEL**

Mine too, my beloved husband.

**LEAH**

Oh, so now he's your beloved husband.

**RACHEL**

Who, I will love forever.

**JACOB**

And I shall love you forever.

**LEAH, BILHAH and ZILPAH**

And what about me?!

**JACOB**

Please, I will love all of you forever. You know that I have enough love for all of you, don't you?

**ZILPAH**

You sure do mister.

**(ALL laugh.)**

**JACOB**

Now, you must tell them about our good news, Rachel, tell them about our good news.

**RACHEL**

There's something I have to tell you girls.

**LEAH, BILHAH and ZILPAH**

Uh oh.

**RACHEL**

I think you better sit down.

**LEAH**

Must we?

**RACHEL**

Trust me.

**(THEY sit.)**

**LEAH**

Okay, let me have it.

**RACHEL**

**(Very happy.)**

I'm pregnant again I'm pregnant again!

**JACOB**

And we shall call him Benjamin.

**LEAH**

**(To Jacob.)**

You are such an animal, Jacob. You promised me another child. I told you I wanted a daughter, didn't I?

**JACOB**

I must leave and when I return, I shall give you a daughter as promised and we shall

**(Laughs as he exits.)**

call her, Dinah. And remember, I love all of you and I will love all of you forever.

**(Underscoring ends. THEY sing ♪.)**

**ALL**

**THE MAN IS AN ANIMAL**

The man is an animal.

He treats us like a vegetable.

That's no if ands or no maybe.

He gave each of us a baby.

**LEAH**

I don't know what it is about his smile.

He has this thing called magnetism.

Such charm and don't forget about his guile.

And he's full of optimism.

**ZILPAH**

He's the kind of a guy that packs a punch.

Whispered that I'm the only one.

After all these kids I just got a hunch.

He's int'rested in only fun.

**ALL**

The man is an animal.  
He treats us like a vegetable.  
That's no if ands or no maybe.  
He gave each of us a baby.

**BILHAH**

He had me thinking that he really cared.  
Like a fool I believed in him.  
My little bed with all of them he shared.  
And to me I call that a sin.

**RACHEL**

They say that all good things must take some time.  
Let me tell you, boy did I wait.  
At last, I feel that my life is so sublime.  
Together, forever, my fate.

**ALL**

The man is an animal.  
He treats us like a vegetable.  
That's no if ands or no maybe.  
He gave each of us a baby.

**End of Scene 7**

# The Story of JACOB

## ACT 2

### Scene 8

**8 months later.**

**LEAH and RACHEL are about due. ALL Are present. WE hear the underscoring of, "HE'S AN ANIMAL."**

**BILHAH**

So, you must be proud of yourself, Jacob. Two women about two give birth at the same time. How do you do it?

**ZILPAH**

Forget about how, why, why does he do it?

**JACOB**

The Lord told me to multiply, to have as many children as the stars, so I'm trying.

**LEAH**

You certainly are.

**RACHEL**

Do you know how many stars there are?

**JACOB**

**(Smiles.)**

There must be millions.

**BILHAH**

Does that mean?



**JACOB**  
**(Smiles.)**

It certainly does and remember, I'm doing my best.

**(Underscoring is heightened.)**

**ZILPAH**

Well, as far as I'm concerned, you are not going to try with me anymore. I've had it. I will no longer sleep with you, you animal.

**BILHAH**

And neither will I you animal!

**LEAH**

As far as I'm concerned, this is the last child I'm going to have with you, and you can sleep with the animals, you animal.

**JACOB**

It's your turn. Rachel.

**RACHEL**

ANIMAL, ANIMAL, ANIMAL, ANIMAL! There, are you happy, animal?

**(JACOB starts to exit.)**

**ALL**

Where are you going?

**JACOB**

I'm going to ask G-d why I'm such an animal.

**(Underscoring ends. ALL sing ♫.)**

**I HATE TO ADMIT IT**

**ALL**

I hate to admit it, but I love him.  
I don't know what I'd do without him?  
Even though he makes me mad,  
Without him I feel sad.  
I hate to admit it, but I love him.

**RACHEL**

Forget about the rest,  
Says he loves me the best.

**LEAH**

Six sons he blessed me with,  
Now a girl comes forthwith.

**BILHAH**

I was his surrogate,  
And all I do is wait.

**ZILPAH**

Took advantage of me.  
He used me he used me.

**ALL**

I hate to admit it, but I love him.  
I don't know what I'd do without him?  
Even though he makes me mad,  
Without him I feel sad.  
I hate to admit it, but I love him.

**RACHEL**

He says he's religious.  
But acts sacrilegious.

**LEAH**

Always wants to make love.  
That's all that he thinks of.

**BILHAH**

Inside I know he's kind,  
He has IT on his mind.

**ZILPAH**

He has this one reflex,  
And all he wants is sex.

**ALL**

I hate to admit it, but I love him.  
I don't know what I'd do without him?  
Even though he makes me mad,  
Without him I feel sad.  
I hate to admit it, but I love him.

**End of ACT II**

# **The Story of JACOB**

**ACT 3**

**Scene 1**

**The next day.**

**JACOB is walking in the desert. HE seems forlorn and is speaking to himself.**

**JACOB**

Why dear G-d do I have this insatiable need? Why do I have this unquenchable thirst for so many women? Why can I not be like everyone else and have one wife? Why, why?

**(Suddenly there is thunder and lightning and HE hears G-d's voice.)**

**G-D**

**(VO)**

You have many wives my son, for I want you to multiply and your children shall be as numerous as the stars, enough to fill the entire earth.

**JACOB**

G-d, is that You G-d?

**G-D**

It is none other than thy King of Kings, my son.

**JACOB**

Oh, am I glad to see You.

**G-D**

A misnomer my son, for no one may see G-d, but only feel me spiritually in your heart and soul.

**JACOB**

I understand and its okay, it's okay, I just have all these problems that I'd like to talk to You about, if You let me? I guess I need to confess, to cleanse my soul, You know what I mean. You see I have no one else to talk to but You, because no one seems to understand me. But You understand and You will forgive me, won't You? And, would You please bless me, for I need Your blessing more than ever, because I'm in a whole lot of trouble.

**G-D**

I shall bless you my son, for you are a prophet like Abraham, who was part of my covenant, and you too shall be part of my holy covenant and one day you shall lead my people, and my people will seek thy guidance and your blessing. Your 12 sons one day shalt start a new nation devoted to me alone, for I am your G-d, thy one and only G-d and you shall worship only me, me alone, for I am a jealous G-d. What is your name?

**JACOB**

My name is Jacob, your Lordship, my one and only G-d, for You are the only G-d I shall ever worship.

**G-D**

Your name shall no more be called Jacob, but Israel: for as a prince, my prince of benign peace, you have power with G-d and with men shall you prevail.

**JACOB**

Dear Lord, I pray, please tell me Your name.

**G-D**

My name is *Adonoi, Hashem, Elohim, the Messiah*, and I will answer to all when you are in need and you call.

**(There is thunder and lightning and supposedly G-d is gone.)**

**JACOB**

**(Looks around>)**

Wait please wait... What shall I call this holy place? I know I shall call it Peniel: for I have seen Hashem face to face, or should I say I have heard Him and felt my dear Lord in my heart and my life is preserved.

**(Sings. ♪)**

**MY DEFENSE**

Dear Lord, I am humbled, to be in your presence.  
Who desperately needs your holy benevolence.

For I need to restore my own self-confidence,  
I am so dense, please commence and end my defense.

All my wives have turned against me,  
And I am to blame.  
For I committed bigamy,  
And that is my shame.

I have told each one I love them.  
That is but a lie.  
And it has caused so much mayhem.  
That is why I cry.

Dear Lord, I am humbled, to be in your presence.  
Who desperately needs your holy benevolence.  
For I need to restore my own self-confidence,  
I am so dense, please commence and end my defense.

And that is why my wives resent.  
My defamation.  
I think its time that I repent.  
I need salvation.

I hope that they will soon forgive.  
I am a liar.  
Together I hope we live.  
And douse this fire.

Dear Lord, I am humbled, to be in your presence.  
Who desperately needs your holy benevolence.  
For I need to restore my own self-confidence,  
I am so dense, please commence and end my defense.

**End of Scene 1**

# The Story of JACOB

## ACT 3

### Scene 2

**15 years later.**

**JACOB is speaking to REUBEN and SIMEON, his two eldest sons.**

#### **JACOB**

Reuben, Simeon, you are my two eldest sons, and I hold you responsible for what you and your brother want to do. You must prevent all your brothers from killing Shechem, son of Hamor the governor or I will be very disheartened, and will not forgive you.

#### **REUBEN**

Killing is too easy for that beast, he raped my sister Dinah, and we must make him pay.

#### **SIMEON**

Please father, you have always taught us an eye-for-an-eye. Shechem raped my sister, who is only 15 years old. I will kill him myself father! I will not allow my brothers to take away the vengeance that overwhelms me with such hatred. I will kill him myself!

#### **REUBEN**

No Simeon, I want to do it! I am the oldest and the honor must be mine!

#### **JACOB**

And what about your brothers? Are they not as outraged as you are? Don't they deserve a little vengeance too?

**SIMEON**

Naphtali and Gad are even more outraged than we are, in fact all my brothers are screaming for revenge. They want to go right now, and not only kill Shechem, but his father and all his people too, and so do I!

**(REUBEN and SIMEON sing ♪.)**

**AND THEN WE'LL LAUGH**

**REUBEN**

I want to kill him

**SIMEON**

I will cut his throat

**REUBEN**

I want to hang him from the tallest tree.

**SIMEON**

And make him cry for all eternity

**REUBEN and SIMEON**

And then we'll laugh, ha, ha, ha, ha, ha, ha.

**REUBEN**

Sweet revenge is mine.

**SIMEON**

Want to see his blood.

**REUBEN**

I will dance on his grave and drink sweet wine.

**SIMEON**

When I bury him I'll have a good time.

**REUBEN and SIMEON**

And then we'll laugh, ha, ha, ha, ha, ha, ha.

**REUBEN**

She must recover.

**SIMEON**

Dinah will forget.

**REUBEN**

Throughout history they'll know it was I.

**SIMEON**

Who made Shechem die and that is no lie.

**REUBEN and SIMEON**

And then we'll laugh, ha, ha, ha, ha, ha, ha.

And how we'll laugh, ha, ha, ha, ha, ha, ha.

Ha, ha, ha, ha, ha, ha!

**JACOB**

You must not commit murder, for G-d forbids it and so do I.

**SIMEON**

Did G-d forbid raping my poor sister? And how can you close your eyes to such a horrible act? Dinah hasn't stopped crying father and I doubt if she will ever forget it.

**JACOB**

She will forget it Simeon, because with prayer and time, Adonoi heals all wounds, and the Lord forgives all those that confess their sins and ask His forgiveness. There must be another way, my son, there must be another way.

**End of Scene 2**



# The Story of JACOB

## ACT 3

### Scene 3

**Two days later.**

**SHECHEM and his father, HAMOR are nervous as THEY face JACOB, REUBEN and SIMEON.**

**REUBEN**

Not only are you a lowlife rapist, I see you are also brave, Shechem. Do you not fear my brothers waiting outside with drawn swords that will kill you as soon as you leave.

**SIMEON**

**(Shows knife.)**

The way I feel, I might do it right now, right now Shechem, right now.

**JACOB**

Please, they have come in peace and I know Hamor, he is a trustworthy mayor. Let them speak, my sons.

**HAMOR**

Thank you Jacob. I come to ask your forgiveness and for your beautiful daughter Dinah's hand in matrimony for my handsome son, Shechem.

**REUBEN**

WHAT, ARE YOU CRAZY? HE CAN'T MARRY MY SISTER!

**HAMOR**

My son Shechem truly loves her and begs your forgiveness. He meant your daughter no harm, how could he, he is madly in love with her. In fact he told me she loves him too, does she not my son?

**SHECHEM**

Dinah and I have been secretly dating for about a year. She could not tell you, her family nor I, mine, because we are of different faiths, but that didn't prevent us from falling in love. I ask you Jacob for the hand of your beautiful daughter in marriage. I swear on all my G-ds, Hamon, Seti and all the rest, that I will honor, provide and protect her forever, for she is my beloved.

**SIMEON**

Are you kidding? You're an Arab and you believe in idols, hundreds of idols...

**REUBEN**

...And we believe in one G-d, Adonoi. I will kill you before I let my sister marry you.

**JACOB**

Violence is for those who believe in the devil, my son. We must find an alternative.

**REUBEN**

Like what father, like what? We are circumcised, are they circumcised? No!

**SIMEON**

And I won't let my sister marry anyone that's unclean, Schechem.

**REUBEN**

He doesn't even know what it is.

**JACOB**

A brilliant idea, wouldn't you say, Hamor?

**HAMOR**

What is that Jacob?

**JACOB**

That Shechem be circumcised immediately.

**SHECHEM**

What, I am not going to be circumcised no way; I will not do it, because I don't know what it is? What is it?

**REUBEN**

You see, I told you they don't know what it is.

**SIMEON**

**(Waves knife menacingly.)**

That's fine with me mister, fine with me.

**HAMOR**

And what exactly does it mean to be circumcised?

**SIMEON**

They take your penis and they pull the foreskin all the way back, I mean they pull it all the

**(Slashes knife violently.)**

way back and then they CUT IT just like that!

**HAMOR**

Oh my Kishar, mother of Anu, what has befallen my son?

**REUBEN**

Not only your son, Hamor, we want you to do it too.

**SIMEON**

You're his father and you have to do it too and fast!

**HAMOR**

Why me, why me?

**SIMEON**

Because that's the way it is, if the both of you want to stay alive, YOU better to do it.

**REUBEN**

And I say not only the two of you; I want every man and boy in your village to do it too.

**HAMOR**

That is unreasonable!

**SIMEON**

If you and your son want to live, you both better do it and fast...!

**REUBEN**

...And, if you want all the men in your town to stay alive? You all better do it or else!

**SIMEON**

**(Chants.)**

You have to do it you have to do it and they all have to do it too.

**REUBEN and SIMEON**

**(Chants.)**

You have to do it, you have to do it and they all have to do it too.

**(HAMOR and SHECHEM sing ♪.)**

### **TO BE OR NOT TO BE CIRCUMCISED**

#### **HAMOR**

To be or not to be circumcised,  
Is the question, I have realized  
I must now come to a decision.  
Is my life worth a circumcison?

#### **SHECHEM**

They accuse me of raping Dinah.  
Outraged, because she is minor.  
And I certainly tried to confer.  
But they refused and would not concur.

**(Holds self.)**

I don't want to do it,  
I really don't.  
But they said they'd kill me,  
That's if I won't.

#### **HAMOR**

All I ask for is peace.  
But they want blood.  
I pray that I won't be,  
Covered with mud.

#### **SHECHEM**

I asked them if she could marry me.  
I explained that it was meant to be.  
But those people, they just could not see.  
And they say that they want to be free.

**(Holds self.)**

I don't want to do it,  
I really don't.  
But they said they'd kill me,  
That's if I won't.

#### **HAMOR**

All I ask for is peace.  
But they want blood.  
I pray that I won't be,  
Covered with mud.

May I ask you something Jacob?

**JACOB**

Please do.

**HAMOR**

Who will perform our circumcision?

**JACOB**

Reuben?

**SIMEON**

**(Waves knife.)**

And me father, we'll both cleanse the uncleansed!

**End of Scene 3**

# The Story of JACOB

## ACT 3

### Scene 4

Two weeks later.

**REUBEN and SIMEON are gloating as they speak to JACOB. WE hear the Underscoring of “AND THEN WE’LL LAUGH.”**

**JACOB**

I have not seen the both of you for two weeks. What have you been doing and why do you look so tired?

**REUBEN**

**(Gloating.)**

The Arabs decided to make us the official *mohels* of their uncles' penises, can you believe it, father? And Simeon and I couldn't have been happier.

**SIMEON**

**(Makes chopping motion with hand and laughs.)**

Chop, chop, chop. We've been chopping their penises off for weeks and we couldn't stop laughing, chop, chop, chop. Was it funny Reuben or was it funny?

**REUBEN**

I laughed so hard I peed in my pants.

**SIMEON**

How many times?

**REUBEN**

Four and you?

**SIMEON**

Five, I beat you; I always beat you, don't I?

**(REUBEN and SIMEON laugh.)**

**JACOB**

And why are you so happy having performed how many circumcisions, did you say?

**SIMEON**

874 to be exact, and was it fun holding their penises in my hand and letting them have it.

**JACOB**

You let 874 penises have it? Oy.

**REUBEN**

And I loved chopping every one of them, father. You should have heard them, moaning and, groaning and screaming, it was music to my ears. "You cut too much! Why did you cut so much, why, why? My wife won't talk to me anymore. I'm ruined, I'm ruined, there's nothing left! Where is it, I can't see it?" Father, I never had so much fun in my life. They were crying and we couldn't stop laughing.

**SIMEON**

Reuben and I want to go into business. There must be hundreds of thousands of Arabs that are probably dying to be uncleansed, once they hear how much fun it is...

**REUBEN**

...And how cute it is...

**SIMEON**

...And I want them all.

**REUBEN**

That's funny, Simeon, hundreds of thousands of Arabs are dying to be uncleansed...

**SIMEON**

So, are we in business, partner?

**REUBEN**

**(THEY slap each other five.)**

From one uncleanser to another, put her there, uncleanser, put her there.

**JACOB**

I know what you want to do, and I will not be a part of it. Remember, the Lord, *Hashem*

**(Exits.)**

frowns on all violence. Peace, be with you my sons, shalom.

**(SIMEON and REUBEN sing. ♪)**

**CHOP, CHOP, CHOP**

**SIMEON**

*Mohels*, we became *mohels*.  
Because he raped one of our goils.  
Now he'll pay for it.  
On his face I'll spit,  
Because I'm no hypocrite.

**REUBEN**

I went chop chop chop.  
I laughed so hard I couldn't stop.  
And now I want more.  
Teach him the score.  
Blame it on my rancor.

**SIMEON and REUBEN**

He, who laughs last, laughs best.  
Didn't we pass the test?  
And we will never rest.  
Until, it's his inquest.

**SIMEON**

I will get them all.  
And when I do I'll have a ball.  
The tears that he shed,  
Won't go to my head.  
Not until he's dead.

**SIMEON**

I will pay him back.



And we call it a sneak attack.  
And we shall cherish.  
When they all perish.  
That is all I wish.

**SIMEON and REUBEN**

He, who laughs last, laughs best.  
Didn't we pass the test?  
And we will never rest.  
Until, it's his inquest.

**(SHECHEM and HAMOR in great pain, holding them selves enter.)**

**REUBEN**

**(Effusive.)**

Well look who's here? How are you Shechem?

**SHECHEM**

**(Moaning.)**

How can I be? I feel like I'm dying.

**SIMEON**

**(Contains his laughter.)**

Really, why, why do you feel like you're dying?

**SHECHEM**

**(Holds self in pain.**

**shows thumb.)**

Because you cut off almost my entire... Because there's nothing left... You barely left me this much, you vermin, you Israelite!

**SIMEON**

Are you sure it was me, Shechem? Because I chopped so many, I really don't remember whose penis I chopped? You know after a while, they all look alike.

**SHECHEM**

One, one of you, I don't remember which one of you did it. To me you all look alike. But, my life is ruined you ruined my life and may the curse of Hamon be upon you!

**REUBEN**

To tell you the truth Shechem, I did so many, I really don't remember and I wish you stop cursing me, because G-d frowns on it and it is sort of sacrilegious, anyway, why don't you let me take a look at your err, and I'll see if I remember it. Come on, pull your pants down and let me take a look, will you please?

**SHECHEM**

I will not pull my pants down and let you take a look!

**SIMEON**

What about you, Hamor?

**HAMOR**

It is all bandaged, because you cut off too much! Why did you cut off so much?

**SIMEON**

Let me see, maybe I can, err, maybe I can err...

**HAMOR**

MAYBE YOU CAN WHAT MAYBE YOU CAN WHAT? PUT IT BACK? YOU CAN'T PUT IT BACK!

**(REUBEN and SIMEON can't help it start to laugh hysterically.)**

**HAMOR**

You have the audacity to laugh at me the mayor? How dare you!

**(REUBEN and SIMEON laugh even more. A strobe light will flash during ensuing action. Outraged, SHECHEM takes out a knife and goes to stab REUBEN. SIMEON, sees what is happening, pulls out his knife and stabs SHECHEM, who falls to the floor. HAMOR pulls out his knife and screams "You have killed my son, you have killed my son!" And tries to stab SIMEON. REUBEN screams, "That's my brother," pulls out his knife and stabs HAMOR who falls to the floor. THEY look at them lying on the floor and smile. Lights are restored.)**

**SIMEON**

Thanks.

**GIDEON**

Don't mention it.

**SIMEON**

I won't and I'm sorry I took so long, I really am.

**REUBEN**

Stop apologizing, stop apologizing, there's 472 more waiting for us to apologize to. Let's go!

**(THEY exit running and a beat later JACOB enters and see the both lying on the floor and sings ♫.)**

## **JACOB**

Dear Lord above, please forgive my two sons.  
Because they grieved, they knew not what they were doing.  
There has been enough pain for a generation.  
We need your salvation.

They are my two sons and I am to blame.  
I accept responsibility for their sins.  
I ask for your guidance and to please help me through.  
And do what I must do.

Take me to the Promised Land.  
And help me to understand.  
I must be a holy man,  
And I must do all I can.

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**The END**