## **Esau Kissed Jacob**

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After thirty-four years, Yaakov meets up with his brother, Eisav.

Eisav embraced him, kissed him, and wept. The word vayishakeihu, "and he kissed him", has six dots on top of it. As *Rashi* suggests, the six dots indicate that Eisav didn't kiss Yaakov with all his heart (Genesis 33:4).

What does this half-hearted kiss mean?

Why are there specifically six dots over this word?

