

# Joseph and His Brothers

Letters and Numbers of Torah – Vayeishev

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One day, when the brothers were shepherding their father's flocks, Yaakov (Jacob) told Yosef (Joseph), "Come, I will send you to them... Go now, look into the peace of your brothers and the peace of the flocks." (Genesis, 37:13)

1) How could Yaakov, a "chariot of G-d," who was completely subservient to G-d's will, have made his special love for Yosef known, risking discord among his sons?

2) In the passage, "they hated him, and couldn't speak to him peacefully," there is a *vav* missing in the word **שלום** *shalom* (Genesis 37:4). What does this teach us?