

Getting Starting

The Torah Melody

קָטַנְתִּי (kantoní; I have become small; unworthy)

Azla geresh – uplifting, inspiring note moving up the scale

Word Play: Crossing the Yabbok Stream

יַעֲקֹב (Ya'akov; Jacob)

יַבְבֹּק (Yabbok; Jabbok)

יַאֲבֵק (Y'avek; wrestled)

תִּקַּע (teka; struck)

Jacob Gets a New Name

יַעֲקֹב (Ya'akov; Jacob) = 182

שָׂטָן (Satan; the adversary) = 359

182 + 359 = 541 = יִשְׂרָאֵל (Yisrael; Israel)

Jot and Tittle: The Kiss of Esau

וַיִּשָּׂקֶהוּ (vayisha-k'hoo; and kissed him)

Next Week: Parashat Vayeshev (Genesis 37:1-40:23)