

# לך לך The Art of Jewish Packing

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## 1. The Essentials

(Genesis 12:1)

(passport, ID, wallet, cards, medication, documentation)

God said to Abram, "Go forth from your native land and from your father's house to the land that I will show you."

וַיֹּאמֶר ה' אֶל־אַבְרָם לֵךְ מֵאֶרֶץ  
וּמִמּוֹלַדְתְּךָ וּמִבֵּית אָבִיךָ אֶל־הָאָרֶץ  
אֲשֶׁר אֲרָאָךְ:



## 2. The Sleep kit

(Genesis 28:10-11)

Jacob left Beer-sheba, and set out for Haran.

וַיֵּצֵא יַעֲקֹב מִבְּעֵר שֶׁבַע וַיֵּלֶךְ חֶרֶנָּה:

He came upon a certain place and stopped there for the night, for the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of that place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place.

וַיִּפְגַּע בְּמָקוֹם וַיֵּלֶן שָׁם כִּי־בָא הַשֶּׁמֶשׁ  
וַיִּקַּח מֵאֲבָנֵי הַמָּקוֹם וַיִּשֶׂם מִרְאֲשֹׁתָיו  
וַיִּשְׁכַּב בְּמָקוֹם הַהוּא:



### 3. Pack for Transportation- The Bag (Exodus 12:11 )

This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it hurriedly: it is a passover offering to God.

וְכָכָה תֹאכְלוּ אֹתוֹ מְתַנִּיכִם חֲגָרִים  
נַעֲלֵיכֶם בְּרַגְלֵיכֶם וּמַקְלֵכֶם בְּיָדְכֶם  
וְאָכַלְתֶּם אֹתוֹ בְּחֶפְזוֹן פֶּסַח הוּא לַה' :



### 4. Packing, Unpacking and Repacking – Packing Cubes (Numbers 9:17)

And whenever the cloud lifted from the Tent, the Israelites would set out accordingly; and at the spot where the cloud settled, there the Israelites would make camp.

וּלְפִי הַעֲלֹת הָעֶנָן מֵעַל הָאֹהֶל וְאַחֲרֵי  
כֵן יִסְעוּ בְּנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל וּבִמְקוֹם אֲשֶׁר  
יִשְׁכֹּן-שָׁם הָעֶנָן שָׁם יַחֲנוּ בְּנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל :



## 5. Dress for the Occasion – Mix and Match

(Exodus 28:2 and Ruth 3:3)

Make sacral vestments for your brother Aaron, for dignity and adornment.

וַעֲשִׂיתָ בְּגָדֵי קֹדֶשׁ לְאַהֲרֹן אֶחָיֶד לְכָבוֹד  
וּלְתִפְאָרֶת:

So bathe, anoint yourself, dress up, and go down to the threshing floor. But do not disclose yourself to the man until he has finished eating and drinking.

וְרַחֲצֶתָ | וְסָכַתָּ וְשָׁמַתָּ (שְׁמַלְתָּךְ)  
[שְׁמַלְתִּיךָ] עָלֶיךָ (וִירַדְתִּי) [וְיִרְדָּתָ] הַגֶּר  
אֶל־תְּנֻדְעִי לְאִישׁ עַד כִּלְתּוֹ לֶאֱכֹל  
וְלִשְׁתּוֹת:



## 6. Grooming and Beauty – (Esther 2:12)

When each girl's turn came to go to King Ahasuerus at the end of the twelve months' treatment prescribed for women (for that was the period spent on beautifying them: six months with oil of myrrh and six months with perfumes and women's cosmetics).

וּבַהֲלִיעַ תֵּרָ נַעֲרָה וְנַעֲרָה לְבֹא אֶל־  
הַמֶּלֶךְ אַחֲשֹׁרוֹשׁ מִקֵּץ הַיּוֹת לָהּ כִּדְת  
הַנָּשִׁים שְׁנָיִם עָשָׂר חֹדֶשׁ כִּי כֵן יִמְלְאוּ  
יָמֵי מְרוּקִיהֶן שְׁשָׁה חֳדָשִׁים בְּשֶׁמֶן הַמֶּר  
וְשְׁשָׁה חֳדָשִׁים בְּבִשְׂמִים וּבִתְמָרוֹקֵי  
הַנָּשִׁים:

