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עִם לָבָן גַּרְתִּי (בראשית ל״ב, ה׳)

רש״י: עם לבן גרתי ותרי״ג מצות שמרתי ולא למדתי ממעשיו הרעים

Before meeting Esav, Yaakov sends him this message: “I have lived with Lavan.” רש״י explains that the word **גרתי** has the numerical value of 613: “I lived with Lavan, I kept all 613 מצוות, and I did not learn from his wicked ways.” But if Yaakov kept all the מצוות, it is obvious that he did not learn from Lavan. Why say it as well?

The בן איש חי answers that Yaakov says this with regret: “Too bad, I did not learn from his wicked ways.” Lavan served idols with joy and with great enthusiasm. Yaakov wished he could take that enthusiasm and put it into his Torah and his מצוות.

When we see someone so absorbed in something worthless, we can tell ourselves: I can be even more absorbed in my גמרא.

Even from a רשע, we can learn: the joy and enthusiasm he puts into his sins, let us put into Torah and מצוות.

Gut Shabbos!

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לי שור = 546 = שנולד יוסף

“I have an ox” hints that Yosef was born.

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