

Use these words to fill in the blanks:

*** leaving * outside * מלאכים * ארץ ישראל ***

IN THE PARSHA:

In the beginning of the פרשה we learn that before יעקב left ישראל to go to חרן, he dreamed of a ladder standing on the ground and the top reaching to the heavens with _____ going up and down on it.

רש"י explains that the מלאכים going up were מלאכים of ישראל who could not leave the holy land, so they ascended to the heavens, and other מלאכים came down to escort יעקב as long as he would be _____ of ישראל.

At the end of the פרשה we learn that when יעקב returned to ישראל after his stay in חרן, the מלאכים of ישראל went out to escort him into the land.

QUESTION:

If the מלאכים of _____ were not able to leave ישראל, how were they able to go out to him when he was returning?

ANSWER:

When יעקב left ישראל, his *destination* was חרן. So the מלאכים of א"י could not leave א"י to escort him *there*.

Now, however, upon his return, the מלאכים were only going out to escort יעקב and bring him back *into* ישראל.

Since their entire purpose of leaving the land was only to welcome and bring יעקב back to ישראל, this is not considered _____ of ישראל.

Further discussion:

Why was leaving ישראל a concern for the מלאכים, but not for the אבות? (See שיחה ג אות ג)

