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Consideration

After twenty years of being away from his family, Yaakov started heading home. On his way, Yaakov sent *malochim* to see if Eisav was ready to greet him. Rashi says that “*malochim*” here means actual angels, not like in other places, where it can mean regular messengers.



Question - Why did Yaakov use *malochim* for this mission and not just his regular servants?

Answer – The *halacha* is that if a person sends a messenger on a mission and the messenger gets hurt during the mission, the sender has to do *teshuva*. The sender is considered responsible to some degree, since he sent him on this mission. Yaakov knew that going to Eisav could be a dangerous mission. He didn't want to risk his people and put them in danger. Instead, he sent *malochim* who wouldn't get hurt by Eisav.

Lesson - Before approaching Eisav, Yaakov sent *malochim* to check out the situation. In a similar way, before we start a new project, like buying a new game or video, or going to a new park, we must first ask ourselves, “Is this fit for a *Yiddishe* child? Is this going to bring me closer to the ways Hashem?” If yes, only then can we go ahead with it.



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Let's Review...

Question #1 – What other translation can the word *malochim* have?

A) Messengers; B) Kings; C) Salt.



Question #2 – Why didn't Yaakov send regular servants to greet Eisav?

A) He didn't have enough servants; B) He didn't want to put his servants in danger; C) He wanted to give the *malochim* a *mitzva*.

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