



The Ten Days of Repentance

Jacob wrestles with God in the form of an angelic stranger, who renames him Israel, “he who struggles with God”.

We see Jacob’s dream of a ladder stretching like a thread from earth to heaven. Upon the ladder are angels ascending and descending. These images remind us that

our struggles to do right or wrong are embodied in our actions, not just our thoughts. The ladder has 613 rungs – the number of mitzvot (“commandments”) in the Torah.