



## **Student Dvar Torah - Parashat Vayeitzei**

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The Pasuk in this week's Parashah tells us (28:12): "and Yaakov had a dream and in his dream there was a ladder standing on the ground and its top reached the heavens". Yaakov had a dream about angels going up and down a ladder. According to the פסוק, the ladder in Yaakov's dream was really a representation of the lives of everyone in the world. On a ladder, you can either go up or down. It's the same with every challenge that you face in your life. You are at war with your Yetzer Harah, and if you can fight your temptation and do the right thing, you go up the ladder in a spiritual way. If your will isn't as strong and you do the wrong thing, you go down the ladder. As 8th graders, our goal is to try as hard as we can to always go up the ladder and be the best version of ourselves that we can be. Living our lives, we will meet many challenges along the way, some harder than others. We always have to try to overcome the urge of our Yetzer Harah and try our hardest to make the right choice, even if it isn't the easier one, and climb up the ladder.