

RaYBaSH's Torah Thoughts for Kids  
Parashah # 4: Vayeira: "And He Appeared"  
B'reshit (Genesis) 18:1-33  
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**Gen. 18:1-8** And the LORD appeared unto him in the plains of Mamre: and he sat in the tent door in the heat of the day; And he lift up his eyes and looked, and, lo, three men stood by him: and when he saw them, he ran to meet them from the tent door, and bowed himself toward the ground, And said, My LORD, if now I have found favour in thy sight, pass not away, I pray thee, from thy servant: Let a little water, I pray you, be fetched, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree: And I will fetch a morsel of bread, and comfort ye your hearts; after that ye shall pass on: for therefore are ye come to your servant. And they said, So do, as thou hast said. And Abraham hastened into the tent unto Sarah, and said, Make ready quickly three measures of fine meal, knead it, and make cakes upon the hearth. And Abraham ran unto the herd, and fetcht a calf tender and good, and gave it unto a young man; and he hasted to dress it. And he took butter, and milk, and the calf which he had dressed, and set it before them; and he stood by them under the tree, and they did eat.

**Hebrews 13:1-2** 1Let brotherly love continue. Be not forgetful to entertain strangers: for thereby some have entertained angels unawares.

How do you treat guests, family and friends when they come over to visit, or spend the night?

Do you spend time with them?

Do you make sure they are comfortable and have all their needs taken care of, even if they came at a time when you were busy with something important?

Do you give them the best of what you have when they visit you?

This passage in the Torah teaches us that when we entertain guests, it is as if we are entertaining angels or welcoming G-d into our home. Because part of loving G-d, is loving others. When we love others we show how much we love G-d.

The word angel also means messenger. So when we have guests over, you never know, you may be entertaining a special message that G-d wants to deliver to you through that person. When you are not hospitable to guests, you may actually be

ignoring something that G-d wants to tell you. So it's always good to be nice to people and to treat them like it was G-d visiting your home.

Shabbat Shalom and Shavuah Tov!

-- Rabbi Yehudah