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# DAILY READING

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### JACOB WRESTLES WITH GOD

**32** <sup>24</sup> Jacob was left alone, and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. <sup>25</sup> When the man saw that he could not defeat him, he struck Jacob's hip socket as they wrestled and dislocated his hip. <sup>26</sup> Then he said to Jacob, "Let me go, for it is daybreak."

But Jacob said, "I will not let you go unless you bless me."

<sup>27</sup> "What is your name?" the man asked.

"Jacob," he replied.

<sup>28</sup> "Your name will no longer be Jacob," he said. "It will be Israel because you have struggled with God and with men and have prevailed."

<sup>29</sup> Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name."

But he answered, "Why do you ask my name?" And he blessed him there.

<sup>30</sup> Jacob then named the place Peniel, "For I have seen God face to face," he said, "yet my life has been

spared.” <sup>31</sup> The sun shone on him as he passed by Penuel,—limping because of his hip. <sup>32</sup> That is why, still today, the Israelites don’t eat the thigh muscle that is at the hip socket: because he struck Jacob’s hip socket at the thigh muscle.