

**"If Hashem will be with me and will guard me in the path that I go... and that I return in peace to the house of my father... and Hashem will be my G-d. And this stone that I have set up as a monument shall be Hashem's house." (28:20-22)**

From this *pasuk*, we may derive an allusion suggesting when one should feel prepared to enter into communal service. The correct moment to go forth to spread Hashem's Name is only after one has personally experienced that Hashem is with him. Only one who has been able to withstand the various trials of life's experiences and has maintained himself on the appropriate level can build a place to disseminate the word of Hashem. He must remain uncompromised by the allure of contemporary society. Yaakov was not prepared to go forth until he had been assured of his own ability to withstand temptation. *Horav Yosef Leib Bloch Z"l* explains that a leader must first undergo his own soul-searching to determine that his motivation for this endeavor has emanated from a pure heart and soul. If this is not the case, this person can be negatively influenced by those whom he seeks to inspire.