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## Numerous as the stars

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This illustration quotes God's blessing to Abraham in Genesis 26:2—**וְהִרְבֵּיתִי אֶת־זַרְעֲךָ כְּכּוֹכְבֵי הַשָּׁמַיִם**—"And I will make our descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky." This bit is referenced twice in the introduction to the Exodus story in Magid just after the four sons, first in the second paragraph where God recounts how he multiplied Abraham's descendants, and then a few paragraphs later when explaining the phrase "Few in number." An explanation for its inclusion here is that it outlines God's commitment to the Jewish people and to the promises he made to them.