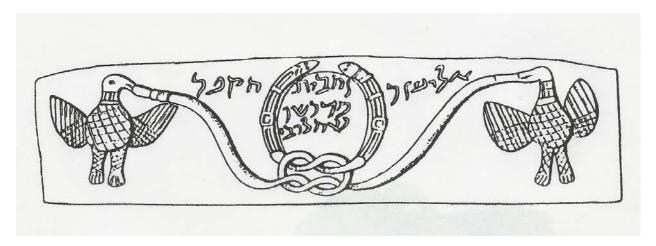
## Be Like A Theshold

רַבִּי אֶלְעָזָר הַקַּפָּר אוֹמֵר: אַל תְּהֵא כְּמַשְׁקוֹף הָעֶלְיוֹן, שָׁאֵין יַד בְּנֵי-אָדָם יְכוֹלָה לִגַּע בָּהּ. וְלֹא כְּאַסְקֻפָּה הָעֶלְיוֹנָה שֶׁמְבַלְּעַת פַּרְצוּפוֹת. וְלֹא כְּאַסְקֻפָּה הָאֶמְצְעִית, שֶׁמְנַגֶּפֶת הָרַגְלָיִם. אֶלָּא הֲנֵי כְּאַסְקֻפָּה תַחְתּוֹנָה שֶׁהַכֹּל דְּשִׁין בָּה. וְסוֹף כָּל הַבִּנְיָן נִסְתָּר, וְהִיא בִּמִקּוֹמָה עוֹמָדֵת.

Rabbi Elazar HaKappar said: Do not be like a lintel overhead that no one can reach; neither be like a door beam that injures faces, nor like a raised threshold that bruises feet. Rather, be like a low threshold that everyone crosses easily. In the end, the entire building might disappear, but the threshold will remain in place.

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How ironic and fitting that the lintel of Rabbi Eleazar's academy survives! The black basalt lintel with two eagles stretching a ribbon and wreath between them announces: This is the academy of Rabbi Eleazar HaKappar. Zeh bet midrasho shel l'rabbi Eleazar HaKappar.