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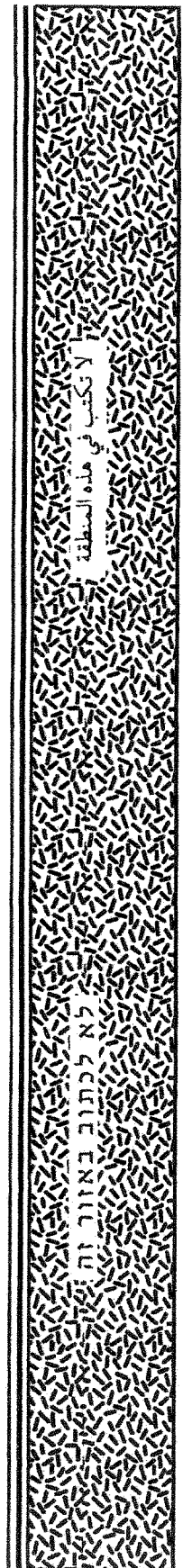
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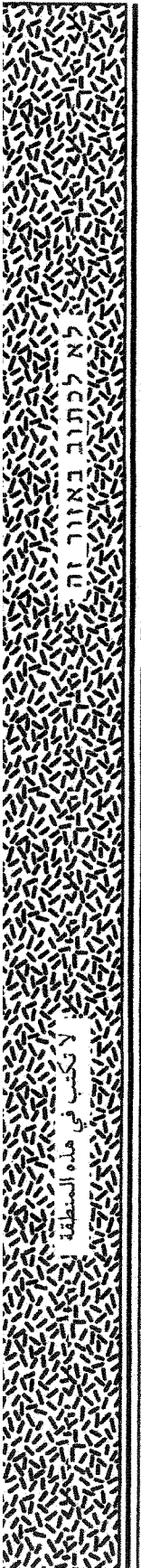
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(2x8=16 points)

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3. We learn from a recent survey that (-). (lines 11-18)
- i) it is hard to find a place to eat along the trail
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4. Give ONE example from lines 19-25 of "the hospitality of trail angels."  
(lines 20-21)

ANSWER: .....

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(8 points)

5. What service do Ruthie and Ilan offer that other trail angels don't?  
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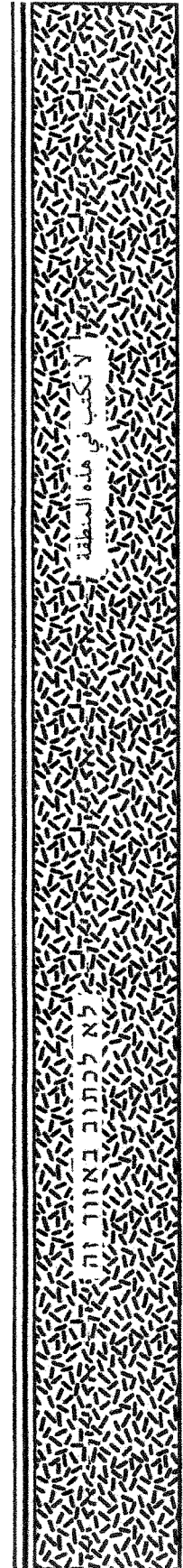
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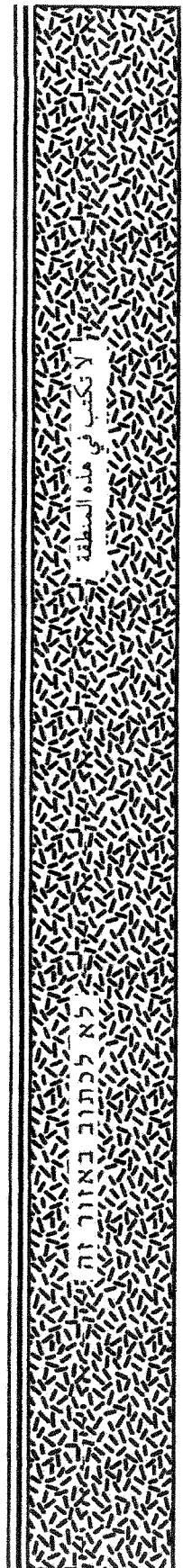
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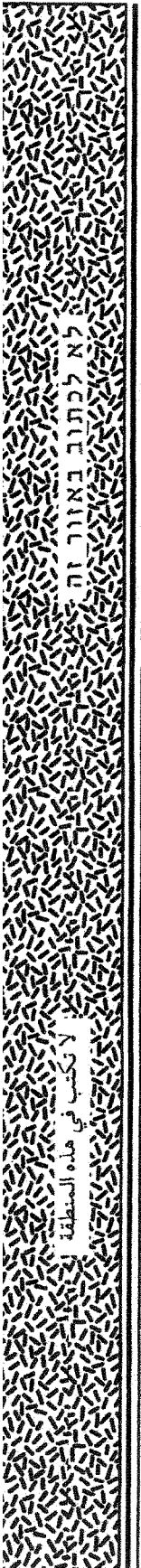
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