



Toldos

תולדות

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And Yitzchok davened to Hashem opposite his wife for she was barren. Hashem responded to Yitzchok's prayer and Rivka his wife became pregnant (Bereishis 25:21).

Rashi, quoting Medrash Rabbah (63:5), states that Yitzchok stood in one corner and davened (prayed) and Rivka stood in another corner and davened. Rashi also quotes the Gemara (Yevamos 64a) explaining why Hashem responded to Yitzchok's Tefillah. The Gemara there says that there is no comparison between the Tefillos (prayers) of a Tzaddik who is the child of a Tzaddik (righteous person) and the Tefillos of a Tzaddik who is the child of a Rasha (wicked person). Therefore, Hashem responded to Yitzchok and not Rivka.

It is possible that these two ideas are dependent on each other. The reason that they each had to daven in their own corners was *because* their Tefillos were different in their very essence. The Tefillah (prayer) of Yitzchok was the Tefillah of a Tzaddik ben Tzaddik (a Tzaddik who is the child of a Tzaddik). The Tefillah of Rivka was the Tefillah of a Tzaddik bas Rasha (a Tzaddik who is the child of a Rasha). When a Tzaddik ben Tzaddik davens for children, he davens that he should have children like his father. It is within the confines of "nature" that this should occur. A Tzaddik ben Rasha, however, davens that his children should *not* be like his father. This is opposite of the "natural" outcome. Since their Tefillos were inherently different they therefore davened in their own corners. This can help us understand Chazal's (our sages) statement that the Tefillos of a Tzaddik ben Tzaddik are answered first as applying to situations when the people are davening for children. In that situation their Tefillos are answered first because they are not asking for something that goes against nature.

--HaRav Shimon Schwab

...And Aisav was a man who knew the hunt, a man of the field (Bereishis 25:27).

Aisav knew how to trap the Eesh Sawdeh (Man of the Field). This Man of the Field is the Adnai HaSawdeh mentioned in the Mishnah (K'layim 8:5). It is also the Y'doenee mentioned in the Chumash. Its face, hands and legs had the appearance of a man. It was attached to the ground by means of a rope connected to its abdomen. No creature was able to come within the distance of the rope without being killed and ripped apart. If someone wanted to trap it, they had to fire numerous arrows until the rope was severed. The creature would then let out a bitter cry and die immediately. Aisav knew how to trap it alive. The explanation, then, of this posuk is: *Aisav was a man who know how to trap the Eesh HaSawdeh.*

--Sefer Beis Yitzchok from the Sefer Ohr Tzvi in the name of the Vilna Gaon

...And Yaakov was a wholesome man (Bereishis 25:27).

Rashi says that someone who is not sharp enough to fool others is called *Tawm*, wholesome. This is difficult to understand. Rashi himself (Bereishis 29:12) states on the posuk, "And Yaakov told Rochel that he was the brother of her father", if he (Lovon) comes to fool me, I am his brother in trickery.

However, Chazal say (Koheles Rabbah 7) that one who is merciful in a situation when he needs to be cruel will eventually be cruel when he needs to be merciful. A person needs to understand how to conduct himself with his character traits. Sometimes he has to act in a certain way for the sake of Heaven and sometimes in the exact opposite way for a different purpose. That is the meaning of the posuk, "Yaakov was a wholesome man". The Hebrew word for man is *Eesh*. *Eesh* can also mean controller or owner. Yaakov was the controller of his wholesomeness. His wholesomeness did not rule over him. Yaakov knew when to be *Tawm*.

--The Chozeh of Lublin

And Yaakov said to his father, "I am Aisav your first-born" (Bereishis 27:19).

He meant that he is to be in place of Aisav. Yaakov acquired the Birthright from Aisav and he became Aisav in this regard. From the perspective of the Birthright, Aisav was no longer called Yitzchok's firstborn.

--The Ohr HaChaim HaKodosh

Zemanim and Halachos

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Zemanim are for Milwaukee, WI	Krias Shema	Tefilla
According to the Vilna Gaon	9:17 AM	10:04 AM
According to the Magen Avrohom	8:41 AM	9:40 AM
Sunset Friday: 4:21 PM	Sunset Saturday: 4:21 PM	

Hilchos Chanukah - Laws of Chanukah

One who does not have enough oil should place the required amount in one holder and divide the remaining oil amongst the other holders. If he would put equal amounts in each holder, he may not have the required amount in even one holder.

--Magen Avrohom

One must put enough oil in the Menorah for the flames to burn at least 30 minutes after the stars have appeared. If they don't burn this long, the Mitzvah has not been fulfilled and he must put the requisite amount of oil in and relight it, without a Brocha.

--Shulchan Aruch 672:1, Mishna Berurah 5

Kids' Korner

Last week's answers

1. It took Eliezer and Rivka three hours to travel from Choron to Chevron (Pirkei D'Rebbi Eliezer 16).
2. Avrohom's daughter's name was BaKol (Bava Basra 16b).
3. A Malach (angel) killed him with the poison he tried to give Eliezer (Rashi 24:55, see Sifsei Chachamim there).
4. When Rivka married Yitzchok three blessings that had been present when Soroh was alive returned: the bread dough was blessed, the Shabbos candles burned all week, and the cloud of the Divine Presence returned to the tent (Rashi 24:67 based on Bereishis Rabbah 60:16).

PARSHA QUIZ

1. How old was Avrohom when he recognized his Creator?
2. Why was Yaakov cooking lentils?
3. What was unusual about Yaakov when he was born?
4. Why didn't Yaakov go to Egypt when there was a famine like his father Avrohom had done?
5. Yitzchok said Yaakov had the scent of what type of field?

Answers next week!

Upcoming Events in Milwaukee, WI

Community events and announcements can be listed here at *no cost*. Please send them to info@parshaparts.com

November 25th 6:45-7:45 PM, **Milwaukee Pirchei** presents Father and Son Learning. **Congregation Beth Jehudah 3100 North 52nd Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53216.**

November 26th 7:00 PM, **Jewish Book & Culture Fair** presents Rebbetzin Feige Twerski speaking about her book *Ask Rebbetzin Feige*. **Hilton Milwaukee River Hotel, 4700 North Port Washington Road, Milwaukee, WI 53212, (414) 962-6166.**

November 27th 7:00-8:00 PM, **Judaism Without Walls** presents *The 10 Commandments* with Rabbi David Begoun. **6789 N Green Bay Ave, Glendale, WI 53209, (414) 228-7870.**

November 27th 7:00-8:00 PM, **Judaism Without Walls** presents *Creating a Relationship with Prayer* with Betzalel Karan. **6789 N Green Bay Ave, Glendale, WI 53209, (414) 573-9668.**

November 27th 7:00-8:00 PM, **Judaism Without Walls** presents *Trust, the key to building a healthy, mature, and permanent relationship* featuring Rabbi Michael Stern. **Please call (414) 573-9668 for more information.**

December 2nd 8:00 PM, **N'shei Sisterhood of CBJ** presents N'shei Melaveh Malka. **The home of Mrs. Marcia Eisenbach 3365 N. 54th St, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53216.**

December 10th 6:30 PM, **Torah Center of Chicago** presents *Finding Inner Happiness* featuring Rebbitzin Feige Twerski. **Holiday Inn Express, 1550 E. Dundee Rd, Palatine, IL. RSVP at (847) 80TORAH or email torahcenter@juno.com for more information.**

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