

Genesis 25:19-28:9

Malachi 1:1-2:7

Romans 9:1-13

Isaac and **Rebecca** endure twenty childless years, until their prayers are answered and Rebecca **conceives**. She experiences a **difficult pregnancy** as the “children **struggle** inside her”; G-d tells her that “there are **two nations** in your womb,” and that the younger will prevail over the elder.

Esau emerges first; **Jacob** is born clutching Esau’s **heel**. Esau grows up to be “a **cunning hunter**, a man of the field”; Jacob is “a **wholesome** man,” a dweller in the **tents of learning**. Isaac favors Esau; Rebecca loves Jacob. Returning exhausted and hungry from the hunt one day, **Esau sells his birthright** (his rights as the **firstborn**) to Jacob for a pot of **red** lentil stew.



In Gerar, in the land of the Philistines, Isaac presents Rebecca as his **sister**, out of fear that he will be killed by someone coveting her beauty. He **farms** the land, reopens the wells dug by his father Abraham, and **digs a series of his own wells**: over the first two there is strife with the Philistines, but the waters of **the third well** are enjoyed in tranquility.

Esau marries two Hittite women. Isaac grows old and blind, and expresses his desire to bless Esau before he dies. While Esau goes off to hunt for his father’s **favorite food**, Rebecca dresses Jacob in **Esau’s clothes**, covers his arms and neck with goatskins to simulate the feel of his hairier brother, prepares a similar dish, and sends Jacob to his father. **Jacob receives his father’s blessings** for “the **dew of the heaven** and the **fat of the land**” and mastery over his brother. When Esau returns and the deception is revealed, all Isaac can do for his weeping son is to predict that he will live by his **sword**, and that when Jacob falters, the younger brother will forfeit his supremacy over the elder.

Jacob leaves home for **Charan** to flee Esau’s wrath and to find a wife in the family of his mother’s brother, **Laban**. Esau marries a third wife—**Machalath**, the daughter of **Ishmael**.

Isaac and Rebecca are married for twenty long years without having children. Finally Rebecca gets pregnant with twins. As the kids grow inside her belly they constantly kick around, so Rebecca goes to visit a great rabbi by the name of Shem to ask him for advice. Shem tells her that there are two children in her womb who will be the fathers of two

nations, and the younger one will eventually rule the older one — that's why they were fighting even before they were born.

Esau is born first. He is hairy and red-headed. Then follows Jacob, who is holding Esau's heel as he is born. Esau and Jacob are quite different: Esau is sly and loves to hunt, while Jacob is peaceful and spends most of his time studying Torah. On the day that Abraham is buried, Esau goes hunting while Jacob stays home and cooks a pot of lentils for his father to eat (a person who is mourning a loved one eats round foods when he or she comes back from the funeral).

Esau comes home and is very hungry, so hungry that he sits next to Jacob and says: "Give me to eat!" He wants Jacob to pour the food down his throat. Jacob says yes, on condition that Esau sell him his birthright, his right to be the firstborn. (Why did Jacob want Esau's birthright? Jacob knew that in the future the firstborn would be privileged to serve in the Holy Temple, but Esau didn't behave like a person who will serve in G-d's temple should — he hunted and killed, and didn't have respect for life — so Jacob asked him to sell his birthright, which he did.)

Isaac ages and becomes blind. He wants to bless his children before he dies. Esau goes to hunt for a couple of animals to prepare food for his father. In the meantime Rebecca dresses Jacob as Esau. She covers his arms and neck with hairy goatskin so that he should resemble Esau and sends him into Isaac's room to get the blessings which were destined to the firstborn son. When Esau returns and discovers that Jacob got the first blessings, he becomes very angry and wants to kill his brother. So Jacob runs away to Charan, his mother's birth-place, where he will also look for a wife whom we will meet in next week's *parshah*.

General Overview: In this week's reading, *Toldot*, Jacob and Esau are born. Isaac relocates to Philistine where he digs wells, resulting in friction between him and the locals. Rebecca and Jacob successfully deceive Isaac, tricking him into giving to Jacob the blessings he had intended for Esau.

First Aliyah Sunday 11/12/23.(Genesis 25:19-26:5): Rebecca had trouble conceiving. Isaac and Rebecca prayed for children, and after twenty years of marriage Rebecca became pregnant. She was concerned about her exceedingly difficult pregnancy, and was advised by G-d that this was due to two children – two nations – struggling in her womb. She gave birth to twin boys: a hairy, ruddy boy named Esau, and a second son, born clutching his brother's heel, named Jacob. Esau became a hunter, while Jacob was an honest man who frequented the schools of Torah. Isaac favored Esau, while Rebecca preferred Jacob. One day, Esau came home from the field hungry, and pleaded with Jacob to give him some of the stew he was cooking. Jacob agreed to Esau's request provided that he give him his birthright as firstborn in exchange—and Esau acceded to this barter. There was a famine in Canaan, and Isaac was escaping the famine by traveling to Egypt via Philistine when

G-d told him to remain in Philistine. G-d also informed Isaac that he would visit upon him all the blessings He had promised to Abraham.

Second Aliyah Monday 11/13/23 (Genesis 26:6 - 12): Isaac settled in Philistine. When the townspeople inquired regarding his wife, he told them that she was his sister, fearing that otherwise the Philistines would kill him in order to take Rebecca. Eventually, Abimelech, king of the Philistines, noticed that Rebecca was Isaac's wife and though he reprimanded Isaac, he issued a decree that no one touch them. While in Philistine, Isaac sowed crops, and miraculously harvested a hundred times more than a field's normal yield.

Third Aliyah Tuesday 11/14/23 (Genesis 26:13-22): Isaac became extremely wealthy. He also re-dug some of the wells that his father Abraham had dug, but had since been stopped up by the Philistines. The Philistines eventually became envious of his wealth, and asked him to leave. Isaac complied, moving away from the city and settling in the Gerar Valley. There, Isaac's servants dug two new wells but the Philistines contested his ownership over these wells. The third well he dug was uncontested.

Fourth Aliyah Wednesday 11/15/23 (Genesis 26:23-29): G-d appeared to Isaac and blessed him and assured him that He would always be with him. Abimelech approached Isaac and requested to enter into a peace treaty with him.

Fifth Aliyah Thursday 11/16/23 (Genesis 26:30- 27:27): Isaac agreed to Abimelech's request. On that day, Isaac's servants informed him that they had successfully dug another well. At the age of forty, Esau married two wives. Their idolatrous ways anguished Isaac and Rebecca. Isaac had now advanced in age, and he became blind. He summoned Esau and told him that he wished to bless him, but first he should go to the field and hunt some game for him to eat. Rebecca heard this conversation and advised Jacob to don Esau's clothing and trick Isaac into blessing him instead. Rebecca prepared meat and gave it to Jacob to bring to his father. She also took hairy goatskin and put it on Jacob's smooth arms and neck. Jacob approached his father and presented himself as Esau, and Isaac ate from the repast Rebecca had prepared.

Sixth Aliyah Friday 11/17/23 (Genesis 27:28- 28:4): Isaac blessed Jacob with the "dew of the heaven and the fat of the earth," and granted him mastery over his brother. No sooner than the blessing ended, Esau arrived from the field, only to be informed by his father – who now understood what had transpired – that the blessing was already given to his younger brother. Esau was furious and Isaac comforted him with a minor blessing. Esau was determined to kill Jacob, but Rebecca, who got wind of this plot, asked Isaac to send Jacob to Charan to find a wife. Isaac did so, and blessed Jacob again before he departed.

Seventh Aliyah Saturday 11/18/23 (Genesis 28:5-9): Isaac sent Jacob to his brother-in-law Laban's home, to marry one of his daughters. Esau married again, this time to Machalat the daughter of Ishmael.

Genesis 25:19-28:9

Malaquias 1:1- 2:7

Romanos 9:1-13

Isaac y Rebecca soportan veinte años sin hijos, hasta que sus oraciones son contestadas y Rebecca concibe. Experimenta un embarazo difícil cuando los "niños luchan dentro de ella"; Di-s le dice que "hay dos naciones en tu vientre", y que la menor prevalecerá sobre la mayor.

Esaú emerge primero; Jacob nace agarrado al talón de Esaú. Esaú se convierte en "un hábil cazador, un hombre del campo"; Jacob es "un hombre sano", un habitante de las tiendas del saber. Isaac favorece a Esaú; Rebecca ama a Jacob. Al regresar exhausto y hambriento de la caza un día, Esaú vende su primogenitura (sus derechos como primogénito) a Jacob por una olla de guiso de lentejas rojas.



En Gerar, en la tierra de los filisteos, Isaac presenta a Rebeca como su hermana, por temor a ser asesinado por alguien que codicia su belleza. Cultiva la tierra, vuelve a abrir los pozos cavados por su padre Abraham y cava una serie de sus propios pozos: sobre los dos primeros hay contienda con los filisteos, pero las aguas del tercer pozo se disfrutan con tranquilidad.

Esaú se casa con dos mujeres hititas. Isaac envejece y se vuelve ciego, y expresa su deseo de bendecir a Esaú antes de morir. Mientras Esaú sale a buscar la comida favorita de su padre, Rebecca viste a Jacob con la ropa de Esaú, cubre sus brazos y cuello con pieles de cabra para simular la sensación de su hermano más peludo, prepara un plato similar y envía a Jacob a su padre. Jacob recibe las bendiciones de su padre por "el rocío del cielo y la grosura de la tierra" y el dominio sobre su hermano. Cuando Esaú regrese y se revele el engaño, todo lo que Isaac puede hacer por su hijo llorón es predecir que vivirá por su espada, y que cuando Jacob vacile, el hermano menor perderá su supremacía sobre el mayor.

Jacob se va de casa a Harán para huir de la ira de Esaú y encontrar una esposa en la familia del hermano de su madre, Labán. Esaú se casa con una tercera esposa: Macalat, la hija de Ismael.

Isaac y Rebecca llevan veinte largos años casados sin tener hijos. Finalmente Rebecca queda embarazada de gemelos. A medida que los niños crecen dentro de su vientre, patean constantemente, así que Rebecca va a visitar a un gran rabino llamado Shem para pedirle consejo. Shem le dice que hay dos hijos en su útero que serán los padres de dos naciones, y que el menor eventualmente gobernará al mayor, por eso lucharon incluso antes de nacer.

Esaú nace primero. Es pelirrojo y pelirrojo. Luego sigue a Jacob, quien sostiene el talón de Esaú cuando nace. Esaú y Jacob son muy diferentes: Esaú es astuto y le encanta cazar, mientras que Jacob es pacífico y pasa la mayor parte de su tiempo estudiando Torá. El día en que se sepulta a

Abraham, Esaú sale a cazar mientras que Jacob se queda en casa y cocina una olla de lentejas para que las coma su padre (una persona que está de luto por un ser querido come alimentos redondos cuando regresa del funeral).

Esaú llega a casa y tiene mucha hambre, tanta hambre que se sienta junto a Jacob y dice: "¡Dame de comer!" Quiere que Jacob le eche la comida por la garganta. Jacob dice que sí, con la condición de que Esaú le venda su primogenitura, su derecho a ser el primogénito. (¿Por qué Jacob quería la primogenitura de Esaú? Jacob sabía que en el futuro el primogénito tendría el privilegio de servir en el Templo Sagrado, pero Esaú no se comportó como debería hacerlo una persona que servirá en el templo de Di-s: cazaba y mataba, y no tenía respeto por la vida, así que Jacob le pidió que vendiera su primogenitura, lo cual hizo).

Isaac envejece y se vuelve ciego. Quiere bendecir a sus hijos antes de morir. Esaú va a cazar un par de animales para preparar la comida para su padre. Mientras tanto, Rebecca viste a Jacob como Esaú. Ella le cubre los brazos y el cuello con piel de cabra peluda para que se parezca a Esaú y lo envía a la habitación de Isaac para recibir las bendiciones que estaban destinadas al hijo primogénito. Cuando Esaú regresa y descubre que Jacob recibió las primeras bendiciones, se enoja mucho y quiere matar a su hermano. Así que Jacob huye a Charan, el lugar de nacimiento de su madre, donde también buscará una esposa a quien conoceremos en la parashá de la próxima semana.

General Overview: En la lectura de esta semana, nacen Toldot, Jacob y Esaú. Isaac se traslada a Philistine, donde excava pozos, lo que genera fricciones entre él y los lugareños. Rebecca y Jacob engañan con éxito a Isaac, engañándolo para que le dé a Jacob las bendiciones que había destinado a Esaú.

Primera Aliyah Domingo 11/12/23 (Genesis 23:1-16): Rebecca tuvo problemas para concebir. Isaac y Rebecca oraron por los niños y, después de veinte años de matrimonio, Rebecca quedó embarazada. Estaba preocupada por su embarazo extremadamente difícil, y Di-s le advirtió que esto se debía a que dos niños, dos naciones, luchaban en su útero. Ella dio a luz a gemelos: un niño peludo y rubicundo llamado Esaú, y un segundo hijo, que nació agarrando el talón de su hermano, llamado Jacob. Esaú se convirtió en cazador, mientras que Jacob era un hombre honesto que frecuentaba las escuelas de Torá. Isaac favoreció a Esaú, mientras que Rebeca prefirió a Jacob. Un día, Esaú llegó a casa del campo hambriento y le suplicó a Jacob que le diera un poco del guiso que estaba cocinando. Jacob aceptó la solicitud de Esaú siempre que le diera a cambio su primogenitura como primogénito, y Esaú accedió a este trueque. Había una hambruna en Canaán, e Isaac escapaba de la hambruna viajando a Egipto a través de Filisteo cuando Di-s le dijo que permaneciera en Filisteo. Di-s también le informó a Isaac que le otorgaría todas las bendiciones que le había prometido a Abraham.

Segunda Aliyah Lunes 11/13/23 Genesis 23:17 - 24:9): Isaac se instaló en Filisteo. Cuando la gente del pueblo preguntó por su esposa, él les dijo que era su hermana, temiendo que de lo contrario los filisteos lo mataran para tomar a Rebeca. Finalmente, Abimelec, rey de los filisteos, notó que Rebeca era la esposa de Isaac y, aunque reprendió a Isaac, emitió un decreto de que

nadie los tocara. Mientras estaba en Filisteo, Isaac sembró cosechas y milagrosamente cosechó cien veces más que el rendimiento normal de un campo.

Tercera Aliyah Martes 11/14/23 (Genesis 24:10-26): Isaac se volvió extremadamente rico. También volvió a cavar algunos de los pozos que su padre Abraham había cavado, pero que los filisteos habían tapado desde entonces. Los filisteos finalmente sintieron envidia de su riqueza y le pidieron que se fuera. Isaac obedeció, se alejó de la ciudad y se instaló en el Valle de Gerar. Allí, los sirvientes de Isaac cavaron dos nuevos pozos, pero los filisteos disputaron su propiedad sobre estos pozos. El tercer pozo que cavó fue indiscutible.

Cuarta Aliyah Miercoles 11/15/23 (Genesis 24:27-52): Di-s se apareció a Isaac, lo bendijo y le aseguró que siempre estaría con él. Abimelec se acercó a Isaac y le pidió firmar un tratado de paz con él.

Quinta Aliyah Jueves 11/16/23 (Genesis 24:53-67): Isaac accedió a la petición de Abimelec. Ese día, los sirvientes de Isaac le informaron que habían cavado con éxito otro pozo. A la edad de cuarenta, Esaú se casó con dos esposas. Sus costumbres idólatras angustiaron a Isaac y Rebeca. Isaac había avanzado en edad y se quedó ciego. Llamó a Esaú y le dijo que deseaba bendecirlo, pero que primero debía ir al campo y cazar algo para comer. Rebecca escuchó esta conversación y le aconsejó a Jacob que se pusiera la ropa de Esaú y engañara a Isaac para que lo bendijera. Rebecca preparó carne y se la dio a Jacob para que se la llevara a su padre. También tomó piel de cabra peluda y la puso en los suaves brazos y cuello de Jacob. Jacob se acercó a su padre y se presentó como Esaú, e Isaac comió de la comida que Rebeca había preparado.

Sexta Aliyah Viernes 11/17/23 (Genesis 25:1-11): Isaac bendijo a Jacob con "el rocío del cielo y la grosura de la tierra" y le otorgó el dominio sobre su hermano. Tan pronto como terminó la bendición, Esaú llegó del campo, solo para ser informado por su padre, quien ahora entendía lo que había sucedido, que la bendición ya había sido dada a su hermano menor. Esaú estaba furioso e Isaac lo consoló con una bendición menor. Esaú estaba decidido a matar a Jacob, pero Rebeca, que se enteró de este complot, le pidió a Isaac que enviara a Jacob a Carán para encontrar una esposa. Isaac lo hizo y volvió a bendecir a Jacob antes de partir.

Septima Aliyah Sabado 11/18/23 (Genesis 25:12-18): Isaac envió a Jacob a la casa de su cuñado Labán para casarse con una de sus hijas. Esaú se casó de nuevo, esta vez con Machalat, la hija de Ismael.

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TORAH QUIZ



TOLEDOT

Read Genesis 25:19-28:9. Match the question with the answer on the right.

Questions

- ___ How old was Isaac when he took Rebekah to be his wife?
- ___ Who were Isaac and Rebekah's twin sons?
- ___ For what type of food did Esau sell his birthright?
- ___ Why did Yah tell Isaac that all the nations of the earth would be blessed?
- ___ Why did the Philistines envy Isaac?
- ___ Over what did the herdsmen of Gerar argue with Isaac's herdsmen?
- ___ Which son of Isaac received the blessing in Gen 27:27?
- ___ What garments did this son wear to deceive his father?
- ___ Why did Jacob flee to Paddan-aram and live with Laban?
- ___ Who did Isaac not want Esau to marry in Genesis 28:6?

Answers

1. Jacob
2. A Canaanite woman
3. Jacob was afraid Esau might kill him
4. Young goat skins
5. Because Isaac was very wealthy – he had many servants and flocks and herds of animals
6. A well of spring water
7. Forty years' old
8. Because Abraham obeyed Yah and kept His instructions and statutes
9. A bowl of lentil stew
10. Jacob and Esau



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Toledot



WORD SEARCH

Read Genesis 25:19-28:9. Find and circle the words below.

P	M	T	Q	R	E	B	E	K	A	H	B	H	G	F
N	Z	R	F	P	X	Y	F	L	O	C	K	S	O	J
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CANAANITE

JACOB

FLOCKS

BLESSING

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ABIMELECH

BIRTHRIGHT

GOAT SKINS

REBEKAH

HARAN

HERDSMEN

ESAU