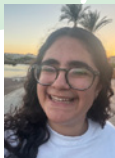


THE TRIBE WEEKLY

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WE CAN LEARN A MITZVAH FROM EVERYONE



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In *Parashat Toledot*, Rivka's (Rebecca) prayers to God are finally answered and she and Yitzchak (Isaac) are blessed with twins, Yaakov (Jacob) and Esav (Esau). The twins couldn't be more different! Esav was full of hair, and grew up to be a hunter, whereas Yaakov was an honest man who devoted his time to studying Torah. As the years pass by, Yitzchak grows old and blind and he wishes to bless Esav before he dies. While Esav is off

hunting for food for Yitzchak, Rivka dresses Yaakov up in Esav's favourite outfit to trick Yitzchak into thinking he was blessing Esav when, in reality, Yaakov was the one to receive the blessing of the firstborn.

If Rivka used Esav's favourite outfit then surely it was in his parents' home. Why weren't Esav's favourite clothes in his own possession? I know that I would want my favourite clothes in the place where I lived! Our sages explain that Esav wanted his favourite clothes in his parents' house because he wanted to be able to wear them when he saw his father. This brings out another question - wasn't Yitzchak blind? In this case, why would it matter

what Esav wore, Yitzchak would never know. An answer is that it didn't matter for Esav whether Yitzchak knew he was wearing his smartest clothes. The mitzvah of *Kibbud Av Va'eim* (respecting our parents) came naturally for Esav. It wasn't just a tick-box exercise; he actually had an innate sense of honour for his father. Esav tends to be viewed as the son who was evil and disrespectful. As we delve deeper into him, we can see that he excelled at respecting Yitzchak. Let us use Esav's respect in two ways - firstly to remind us of the importance of respecting our parents in every situation and secondly, to remember that we can learn something from everyone!

Parasha Wordsearch

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HUNTER

YAAKOV

YITZCHAK

ESAV

FIRSTBORN

TWINS

RIVKA

BIRTHRIGHT

STEW

BLESSING

