

## PARSHAH INSIGHTS

***Yitzchok touched him and said, "The voice is the voice of Yakov, but the hands are the hands of Esav." He (Yitzchok) did not recognize him because his (Yakov's) hands were hairy like those of Esav... (27, 22 & 23)***

Since Yitzchok realized that there were contradictory signs as to which son this was, why did he give the brochos to this son?

The Bais HaLevi explains that Yitzchok thought that the one requesting the brochos was Esav. Since Esav feared that Yakov would try to steal the brochos from him, Esav concocted the following plan with Yitzchok. He planned that when he would return to receive the brochos, he would imitate Yakov. The reason for changing his voice to Yakov's was because Esav thought that Yakov would impersonate him. Turning the tables and sounding like Yakov seemed like a guarantee that Esav would receive the brochos. Therefore, when Yitzchok heard Yakov's voice, he truly thought that he was Esav and declared that although the voice is Yakov's, the hands feel like Esav's.

We learn from here a valuable lesson. Shlomo HaMelech said, "There are many plans in man's mind, but the plan of Hashem will succeed." (Mishlei 19, 21) Plans to flee from Hashem's Decree do not help a person. In fact, man's schemes to avoid Hashem's Plan become the vehicle to deliver Hashem's plan to fruition. Esav's diabolical plot to ensure the brochos for himself directly resulted in the delivery of the brochos to his nemesis, Yakov.

***And Esav sold his bechora (birthright) to Yakov. (25, 33)***

*Esav sold to Yakov that which he was destined to inherit from Yitzchok. (Sotah 13a)*

*If a person tells his friend that I will sell to you something that I will inherit from my father, it is not a sale. A transaction on something that is not yet in the world is invalid. (Bava Metziah 16a)*

Since Esav was selling to Yakov an inheritance that was not yet in the world, how could the transaction be valid?

The Ketzos HaChoshen (278, 13) explains that there is an inherent difference between Esav's sale of his inheritance to

Yakov and the sale of an inheritance to a stranger.

When one is selling his inheritance to someone who has no connection to that inheritance, a bona fide sale is needed in order to carry out the seller's intention of transferring his inheritance to the buyer. When a bona fide sale is occurring, the item must exist in the world in order to be able to sell it.

However, since Yakov also had a connection to the inheritance, a real sale by Esav was not necessary. Esav merely had to relinquish his right to the inheritance and Yakov would inherit it by default. The ability to relinquish one's ownership applies even to an item that has not yet arrived in the world.

## TABLE TALK

### PARSHA DILEMMA

***Yitzchok was forty years old when he took Rivka... as a wife for himself. (25, 20)***

*Yitzchok was thirty-seven when Sorah died. At that juncture Rivka was born. He waited for her until she could halachically be married (three years old) and then married her. (Rashi)*

*However, the Seder Olam (1) maintains that Rivka was fourteen years old when she married Yitzchok.*

***Her brother and her mother said, "Let the maiden remain with us for a few days..." (Chayei Sorah 24, 55)***

*The word 'days' means a year - they wanted Rivka to remain home for a year. (Rashi)*

*A girl under the age of twelve and a half years, who got engaged, remains home for twelve months in order to acquire possessions for her marriage. The source of this halocho is from Rivka's mother's request. (Kesubos 57b)*

According to the Seder Olam that Rivka was fourteen when she got engaged, there is no proof that this halocho applies to a girl under twelve and a half. Does the proof apply?

### WHO AM I ?

1. I was for the first
2. I will go to the third
3. Watch your drinking
4. No Nezirus

**Last week's clues:** Golus Mitzrayim, I equal 'tough', I was *over lasocher*, Rav Preida's patience.

**Answer:** 400

**Congratulations to:** Miriam Farkas, Ehrlich Family, Aharon Lebovics, Yerachmiel Diamond

### WHO AM I?

- 1 I am made
- 2 I am red
- 3 I was not bald
- 4 I was a fielder

**Last week's clues:** I raised the water, I returned the cloud, I was three, I am two of four.

**Answer:** Rivka

**Congratulations to:** Miriam Farkas, Shira Farkas, Noach Ehrlich, Esti Ehrlich, Elisheva Ehrlich, Chaya Leah Ehrlich, Aharon Lebovics, Yerachmiel Diamond

### TORAH RIDDLE

How old was Yakov when he received the brochos from Yitzchok?

**Last week's riddle and answer:**

Who was Bakol?

**Answer:** Avrohom's daughter

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Please send "Who Am I" and "Torah Riddle" answers to [onegshabbos@beachwoodkollel.com](mailto:onegshabbos@beachwoodkollel.com) by next Wed. and be entered in a raffle for an amazing **NEON VIPER SCOOTER** For the months of Cheshvan/Kislev. The answers will IY"H appear in next week's issue

### A GLIMPSE OF GREATNESS

After miraculously escaping Europe during World War II, Rav Aron Kotler and his son, Rav Shneur travelled to Yerushalayim to visit Rav Isser Zalman Meltzer, Rav Aron's father - in - law. They were planning to continue on to America - Rav Aron to establish Lakewood Yeshiva and Rav Shneur to get married. Their visit drew to a close. With the taxi waiting for them outside the apartment building, Rav Isser Zalman escorted his son - in - law and grandson down the staircase. Although their emotions were very high, Rav Isser Zalman only descended halfway down the stairs, then turned around and returned to his apartment.

Wondering about the unusual behavior of Rav Isser Zalman, some bochorim who were in attendance asked him, "Why didn't the Rosh Yeshiva escort the guests all the way to the taxi?"

Rav Isser Zalman responded, "Many families who are walking on our street had children and grandchildren who perished at the hands of the Nazis. It would be insensitive on my part to descend onto the street and kiss my grandson in public."

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## FRIDAY NIGHT LEARNING PROGRAM

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