

Toldot As A Tragedy Of Miscommunication And Misunderstanding

The *What Ifs* Of Ch.27 And The Stolen Blessings

Midrashic Diversity

Let's Jump A Long Way Forward. Bereishit Ch.35 - Yaakov Returns To Israel... Twice? Numerous Qs

Let's Go Back: What Do We Know Of Rivka And Yitzchak's Relationship? See end of Ch.24 and the Netziv

Two Critical Qs:

Did Rivka ever tell Yitzchak of her vision?

What *beracha* did Yitzchak intend to give?

The real work. Compare closely:

- 27:2-4 Yitzchak to Eisav
- 27: 6-7 Rivka tells Yaakov what Yitzchak said to Eisav. Is there a difference?
- 27:28-29 Yitzchak's *bracha* to the person he thinks is Eisav. Bonus points: compare to Bereishit 49:8, see Rashi
- 28:3-4 Yitzchak's blessing to Yaakov as Yaakov

Oh the irony and tragedy!

Rivka as the key actor: 27:12-15

How does the Torah judge Rivka? Compare 27:43-45 and returning to ch.35: Yitzchak in v.27 and Devora (also 49:31)

Yaakov's double *shlichut* – ch.27/28 and ch.35

Concluding Thoughts:

- Do the blind see best?
- Yitzchak's heroism acting against his natural love?
- Rivka's tragedy – she could have easily got what she wanted?
- Forget whether the means justify the ends, what were the ends?!