

# PARSHAS TOLDOS



## PARSHAH OVERVIEW



The birth of Yaakov and Eisav. Yaakov purchases the birthright from Eisav. Yitzchak moves to Gerar and prospers. Yaakov, with permission from his mother, takes the blessings from Eisav. Eisav plans to kill Yaakov and Yaakov runs away. Yaakov is instructed by Yitzhok to get married. Eisav marries Yishmael's daughter.



Scan to join the Motiv8 WhatsApp chat

## PARSHAH STATS

- Pesukim - 106
- Words - 1,432
- Letters - 5,426
- Mitzvos - 0



## QUOTABLE QUOTE

**“The holy is where G-d is experienced as absolute presence.”**

*Rabbi Jonathan Sacks zt”l*

## GEMATRIA



The Chasam Sofer says that the gematria of יצחק רבקה together is 515, which is the same as the gematria of תפלה. He points out that יצחק and רבקה represent in Kabbalah the סוד of תפילה!

## QUICK VORT

Yitzchak and Rivka both prayed to Hashem, and the Torah tells us that Hashem listened to Yitzchak. Rashi explains that **“The prayer of a tzadik ben tzadik is not comparable to the prayer of a tzadik ben rasha, that’s why he was answered, and not her.”**

You would think that the prayer of a tzadik ben rasha is greater because despite growing up and being surrounded by evil, that person left those evil ways behind.

HaRav Moshe Shternbuch shlit”a explains that the nisayon of complacency is greater than the nisayon of being surrounded by evil and leaving it behind!

As such, the challenge of Yitzchak growing up in a good home was in a way more difficult. But still, Yitzchak did not become complacent and he worked each day mighty hard to become bigger and better.

**Have a holy Shabbos!**

## THOUGHTS IN CHASSIDUS

The Bas Ayin says that גדול עשו is called גדול because he is the source of all גאווה, or haughtiness. However, יעקב is called יטק, or small, because his nature was one of holiness fueled by humility.



## DID YOU KNOW



Research shows that complacency results from “confirmation bias,” which causes a person to interpret or look for information which confirms their currently held belief.