

Emily ***Eliana bat Sarah v' Robert***
Jenna ***Chaya bat Reuven v' Rachel Dina***
November 16, 2017

Summary

Emily: The Torah portion we read this week is *Parashat Toledot*, from *Sefer Bereishit*--Genesis Chapter 25, verses 19-21.

Jenna: *Toledot* begins with Rivka and Yitzhak praying to have a child. Rivka becomes pregnant but her pregnancy is very difficult, and she asks God why she feels so much pain. She hears God's words that "Two nations are in your womb and the older shall serve the younger."

Emily: She gives birth to twins. The first born is Esav, who is reddish in color and hairy. Ya'akov, the younger of the twins, is born holding onto Esav's heel.

Jenna: Esav grows up to be a hunter and an outdoorsman; Ya'akov is more of a homebody who likes to cook. One day Ya'akov makes a trade with Esav of some hearty stew for Esav's birthright. Later, Ya'akov's mother Rivka advises him to trick his father by dressing up like Esav so his father will give him Esav's blessing.

Questions

Says that Esav is TIRED, not that he is HUNGRY. He might be hungry, because often when people are hungry they often have low energy and are grumpy. Maybe Esav was grumpy and mad.

2) Why might Esav be so tired and grumpy NOW?

1) Why do you think that Rivka would tell Ya'akov to steal Esav's blessing? (25:27-28)