



# YOUNG ISRAEL OF CHERRY HILL

## Dvar Torah: Eli Goldman

### Shabbos Times

Pre-game Farbrengen	4:20 pm
Mincha & Maariv	4:30 pm
Candle Lighting	4:31 pm
Sunset	4:49 pm
Shacharis	8:30 am
Jr Minyan R' Binyamin	9:45 am
Shabbos Groups	9:45 am
Rabbi's Class	3:50 pm
Mincha	4:20 pm
Maariv	5:30 pm
Shabbos Ends	5:39 pm

So, Rivka Imeinu wasn't sure whether or not her "son" would turn out to be a righteous & holy man. She travels to the beis midrash of Shem & Eiver to seek the answer. Shem & Eiver tell her, that there is actually twin boys inside her and they will both turn out to be great nations.

Five years ago, as I was reading through this parsha, trying to come up with a dvar torah for my son Dani's upsherin, the following question hit me between the eyes! Why would Rivka need to travel the Beis Midrash of Shem & Eiver to find out the answer, could she not have asked Yitzchak Avenu - her husband? Wasn't Yitzchak the Gadol Hador of that generation? If so, why did she feel it necessary to travel to Shem & Eiver for an answer?

I believe the answer is simple. Rivka Imeinu never doubted whether or not her "son" would turn out to be righteous. In fact, she knew all along that she was pregnant with twin boys and one of them, being Yaakov would be great man. In addition, she knew that all of Klal Yisrael will be destined to come forth

from Yaakov. But she also knew that she would have an Eisav. Having said that, Rivka was worried that Eisav may have a negative influence on Yaakov. For that reason, her concern was " how can I, the mother of both of these boys ensure that Eisav won't have a negative influence on Yaakov". It was for this reason that she traveled to the beis midrash of Shem Veiver. She knew that whenever she walked past that Beis Midrash, Yaakov would kick, to go out and learn there. She figured, there must be something about that Beis Midrash that was special, something unique, something that would protect her son from negative influences. So...She traveled there...

When she reached the beis Midrash, Shem & Eiver gave her a "tour" of the Beis Midrash. They showed her all the people that were learning there. She was so impressed with what the Torah had done to those people in the Beis Midrash, she asked Shem & Eiver to share their secret with her. They told her that if your worry is that Yaakov would be negatively influenced by Eisav, send him to the Beis Midrash. Over here, we learn Hashem's Holy Torah. In this Beis Hamidrash we fight our worldly desires and become better people. They told her that as long as Yaakov is here, the negative influence cannot penetrate his hold mind. if Yaakov will accept and apply himself to Torah, it can help him for years later on in his life.

After seeing it first hand with her own eyes, Rivka now knew the secret to molding and shaping Yaakov into "Yaakov Avenu" our patriarch -who from him all of Klal Yisrael would soon come from.

Interestingly enough, when Rivka Imenu tells Yaakov to run from Eisav after receiving the firstborn blessings from his father Yitzchok Avenu, where did he run to?? he ran to that same Beis Midrash Shem & Ever.

Thank you!  
Good Shabbos!  
Eli Goldman

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### Next Week

Shacharis (Sun)	8:30 am
Shacharis (Mon-Fri)	6:45 am
Mincha & Maariv	4:30 pm
Mincha & Maariv (Fri)	4:25 pm
Nightfall/Shma after	5:32 pm
Kollel Maariv (Sun-Thurs)	9:15 pm
Gemara Makos- Men (Mon)	8:30 pm

Newsletter submissions deadline 4:00 pm Thursdays.