**Questions for Understanding and Reflection**

1. From all the readings for this Shabbat which verse or verses impressed your heart and fired your imagination?

**B’resheet (Genesis) ‎27:**3 So, now, sharpen your implements, your sword [and take] your bow, and go forth to the field, and hunt game for me.

Why is Yitzchak asking for non-kosher meat?

1. What questions were asked of Rashi regarding Genesis 27:1?

**were too dim** – What caused his eyes to be dim?

1. What questions were asked of Rashi regarding Genesis 27:15?

**the costly** – Why were they costly?

**which were with her in the house** - But He [Esau] had many wives, [with whom to entrust his garments] and yet he entrusted them [his garments] with his mother?

1. What questions were asked of Rashi regarding Genesis 27:21?

**Please come closer, so that I may feel you** – What made Yitzchak suspicious?

1. What questions were asked of Rashi regarding Genesis 27:22?

**the voice of Jacob** **who speaks entreatingly** - What words were used?

1. What questions were asked of Rashi regarding Genesis 27:28?

**And may the Lord give you** – What is the meaning of this pasuk?

**of the dew of the heavens** – How is this to be interpreted?

1. What questions were asked of Rashi regarding Genesis 27:33?

**And Isaac shuddered** – How is this phrase to be explained?

**Who then** – What is the meaning of this phrase?

**and I ate of everything** – He ate only of the kid, how then does he eat everything?

**He, too, shall be blessed** – How can this be?

1. What questions were asked of Rashi regarding Genesis 27:36?

**And he said, “Is it for this reason that he was named Jacob** – What is this reason?

**for he has deceived me** – What is the meaning of the Hebrew word: וַיַעְקְבֵנִי?

**Reserved** – What is the meaning of this expression?

1. What questions were asked of Rashi regarding Genesis 27:42?

**And Rebecca was told of** – What was Rivka told?

**regrets [his relationship] to you** - What is the meaning of the Hebrew word: מִתְנַחֵם?

1. What questions were asked of Rashi regarding Genesis 28:9?

**the sister of Nebaioth** - Since it says, “the daughter of Ishmael,” do I not know that she was the sister of Nebaioth?

**to his other wives** – How does a righteous man have multiple wives?

1. Why did Rebeka not tell her husband the prophecy given to her by Shem?

Now at first she did not tell it to him ‎due to ethical modesty, for the verse, *And she went to inquire of the Eternal*, **suggests that she went without Isaac's permission**. ‎‎[Perhaps she did not tell him because] she said, **"I need not relate a prophecy to a prophet for Isaac is greater than the one who told it to me."**

1. In what way does the statement in Genesis 27:29 speak about the Gentiles being grafted into Israel (cf. Rom. 11:17-18)?

It suggests that those are blessed are the natural and the wild olive branches that are grafted in.

1. Why does Rashi hesitantly admit that Psalm 21 (at least verse 2) is a Psalm that speaks about the Messiah?

Because the Christians were using this verse to apply to Yeshua and he did not want to encourage them.

1. Why is the number 70 so important to us, particularly at this point in time of human history, and what critical commandment is veiled for us in this number?

Because we desperately need to have elevated communities if we are to change the world. The veiled command is that we are to work diligently to build elevated communities, in an urgent manner.

1. How is it that through constant association with Torah scholars, a person's mental ‎stability and prowess is enhanced? Do the teachings of the Nazarean Codicil support this assertion of the Sages? If so, where?

Pirke Avot say that “the vice of seeking many women, where one's mental stability **(Da’at)** is disrupted is the virtue of attending the academy and ‎conversing with scholars. ***“The more academy, the more wisdom."*** **Through constant association with Torah scholars, a person's mental ‎stability and prowess is enhanced.”**

**Romans 12:2** And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

James 1:21-29

Ephesians 4:11-12

1. How do we know for certainty that Yeshua was a Hakham with great influence amongst the Jewish people, and in the Judaism practiced for about the last 2000 years, even to this very day?

Yeshua was the embodiment of the oral torah. Therefore He surely had a greater impactg that any other man. Because in Tzfat and the rest of the Galil there are many Hakhamim who still study Torah ernestly, and they have been doing so for the last 2000 years.

1. If the Torah – Nomos is the structure of the universe, then what is the function of the Oral Torah‎?

The “Oral Torah” is the *Nomos* of the Ever Coming World.

1. Why is ist so critical that every Nazarean Jew “makes many disciples stand” in the Jewish Nazarean community and help them attain perfection in their own right‎?

For it was also decreed that an individual can reach a level where he can partake of perfection and be included in the Community as a result of his association with a more worthy individual.

1. What consolation/s (strengthening/s) are offered in the readings for this very special Sabbath “Nachamu V”?

**Yeshayahu (Isaiah) ‎‎51:14** The avenger will ‎speedily be revealed; the righteous/ generous will not die in destruction, neither will they lack their food.

1. ‎Taking into consideration all the readings for this Shabbat what is the prophetic statement for this ‎week?

Now is the time to use HaShem’s blessings to build elevated communities by teaching Torah, left, right, and center.