

Now these are the genealogies of Isaac, Abraham’s son. Abraham fathered Isaac.
 Genesis 25:19



For the prayer sheet, *(see parsha note at right!), I chose to focus on the wells dug by our forefathers beginning with Abraham and continuing in this portion with Isaac. Unlike Abraham who was to leave the land once, Isaac was told by God to stay in the land, and that through his obedience to keep His commandments, he— Isaac— would continue the promise of blessing given to Abraham to multiply and to carry on the generations. Isaac re-digs the wells of his father Abraham that were closed up by the Philistines. Wells represent the source of life-giving water. Not without strife and contention and quarrels, Isaac’s servants dig and reveal “Living Water”—*mayim chayim* (verse 26:19). In the Jewish tradition, wells and water are associated with wisdom and the source of all wisdom, Torah.

As we intercede and “entreat” God for our loved ones, we are “digging” to connect to our true source of life and salvation. Yeshua is the Living Water! May our prayers open up those wells that were covered up in previous generations! Remember it was at Jacob’s well where He spoke to the Samaritan woman (John ch.4) and many believed the good news that “this really is the Savior of the world!” (John 4:42) May our schools and teachers and communities draw from the living Word of God as the source of teaching, discipline, and creating a nourishing environment for our kids to grow. May our children and loved ones find their source of life eternal in Yeshua. Through Him, may they continually flow from their innermost being rivers living water!

Praise

Blessed are You, ADONAI, God of Israel our father, from eternity to eternity! 1 Chronicles 29:10

Moreover in that day, living waters shall flow from Jerusalem, half toward the Eastern Sea and half toward the Western Sea, throughout the summer and winter. ADONAI will then be King over all the earth. In that day ADONAI will be *Echad* and His name *Echad*. Zechariah 14:8~9

He who believes in Me, as the Scripture said, ‘From his innermost being will flow rivers of living water.’ John 7:38

Good and upright is the LORD. Therefore He instructs sinners in the way. Psalm 25:8

Confession

In that day a spring will be opened to the house of David and to all the inhabitants of Jerusalem to cleanse them from sin and iniquity. Zechariah 13:1

Thanksgiving

For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not from yourselves—it is the gift of God. Ephesians 2:8

**Parsha Note* This week we read about the birth of Jacob and Esau to Isaac and Rebekah, and the incidents of the stew and the soup. And how through what ensues, Jacob, the ‘younger’ obtains both the birthright and the blessing and will be the promised heir who will inherit the covenant promises to the generations.*

