

## Parshas Toldos – The Laughter of Yitzchok:

1. **Bereishis 25;19:** And these are the offspring of Yitzchok son of Avraham – Avraham begot Yitzchok.
2. **Midrash Tanchuma 2:** Everyone rejoiced at the time of the birth of Yitzchok. The heavens, earth, sun, moon, stars, and constellations. Why did they rejoice? For had Yitzchok not been created, the world could not be maintained.....
3. **Talmud Brachos 31a:** It is forbidden for a person to fill his mouth with laughter in this world, as it says, "Then He will fill our mouths with laughter."
4. **Rashi Bereishis 21;6:** [when Yitzchok was born] many barren women remembered with her, many sick people were healed on that day, many prayers were answered with her, and there was much laughter in the world.
5. **Zohar:** Yitzchok is Justice.
6. **Sefer Orach:** Then Yitzchok came, and he added by making known the attribute of fear. That if one does not serve Him, one will be punished like a servant who rebels against his master. He placed terror and awe upon people, and entered them under the wings of the Shechina.
7. **Da'as Tevunos:** G-d is the epitome of certain good. Truly it is the nature of the good one to bestow goodness. That is what G-d wants – to create beings in order that He be able to bestow goodness upon them. For if there is no one to receive the good – there is no bestowal of goodness. However, in order for the bestowal of good to be a completely good, His great wisdom knew that the recipients of it must receive it through their own efforts; for then they will be the masters of that good. They will not remain with shame when they receive the good, such as happens when one receives charity from another. This is the meaning of the Jerusalem Talmud [Orla 1,3] "One who eats from what is not his, is ashamed to look at his face."
8. **Derech Hashem 2;1;2:** In order for a created being to resemble G-d to some degree, it is necessary that it at least earn the perfection that is not an imperative part of its being....
9. **Song of Songs 4:** A spring for gardens, a well of living water.
10. **Zohar:** "A spring for gardens" - this refers to Avraham; a well of living water – this refers to Yitzchok.
11. **Bais Yaakov of Ishbitz:** A spring for gardens – this refers to Avraham, that from him the spring began to flow into the world the light of chesed of Hashem... which showed that there is G-dliness in each and every thing. a well of living water – this refers to Yitzchok, because a well is a receptacle to contain water in a way that it not become stale, because Yitzchok is the 'returning light' that recognizes that there is light even within the darkness.