Kasha!

(kasha means "question") How would you answer this question on the Parsha?

By giving the camels water, Rivka demonstrated her sharp intelligence, plus her sensitivity to the feelings of others. How so?

ANSWER

Rivka had a dilemma. She couldn't bring home a jug of water from which Eliezer, a total stranger, had drunk. But if she spilled out the water, Eliezer would be embarrassed. She solved the dilemma by giving the water to the camels.

I Did Not Know That!

"And he gave straw...for the camels...and food was placed before him to eat." (24:32-33)

From here we learn that a person should feed his animals before he himself eats.

Midrash Hagadol

Beit Halevi			
Recommended Reading List			
	Ramban		Sforno
22:9	The Cave of <i>Machpela</i>	24:14	Prayer or Divination
24:1	Blessed in all Things	24:65	The Awe of Yitzchak
24:64 25:8	Rivka's Modesty Full of Years	25:8	Avraham's Death

Answers to this Week's Questions

All references are to the verses and Rashi's commentary, unless otherwise stated

- 1. 23:2 Adam and Chava, Avraham and Sara, Yitzchak and Rivka, Yaakov and Leah.
- 2. 23:2 That Yitzchak was almost slaughtered.
- 3. 23:6 Prince of G-d.
- 4. 24:7 Ur Kasdim.
- 5. 24:10 They were muzzled, so they wouldn't graze in the fields of others.
- 6. 24:10 Eliezer carried a document in which Avraham gave all he owned to Yitzchak so that people would want their daughter to marry him.
- 7. 24:14 He sought someone who excelled in performing acts of kindness.
- 8. 24:17 He saw that the waters of the well rose when she approached.
- 9. 24:29 Lavan coveted his money.
- 10.24:31 Idols.
- 11.24:39 His own daughter.
- 12.24:44 To the men who accompanied Eliezer.
- 13.24:50 That he was wicked.
- 14.24:58 I will go even if you don't want me to go.
- 15.24:60 That the blessings given to Avraham would continue through her children.
- 16.25:1 Hagar.
- 17.25:5 The power of blessing.
- 18.25:7 175 years old.
- 19.25:17 14 years.
- 20. None!

Parshat Chayei Sarah

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