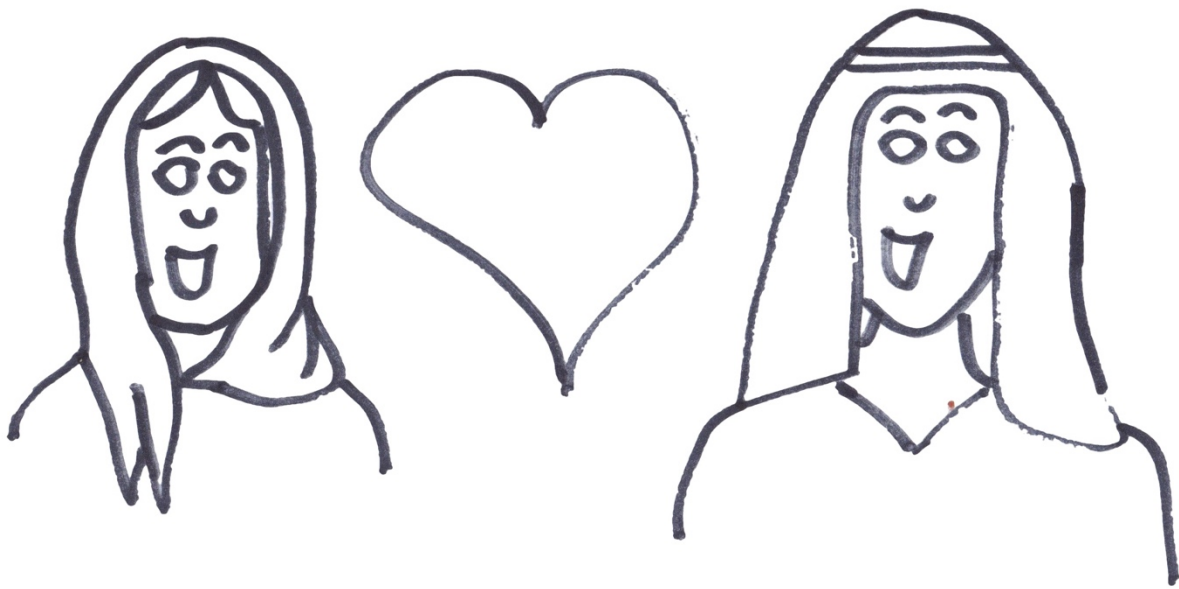


Eliezer Finds a Wife for Isaac



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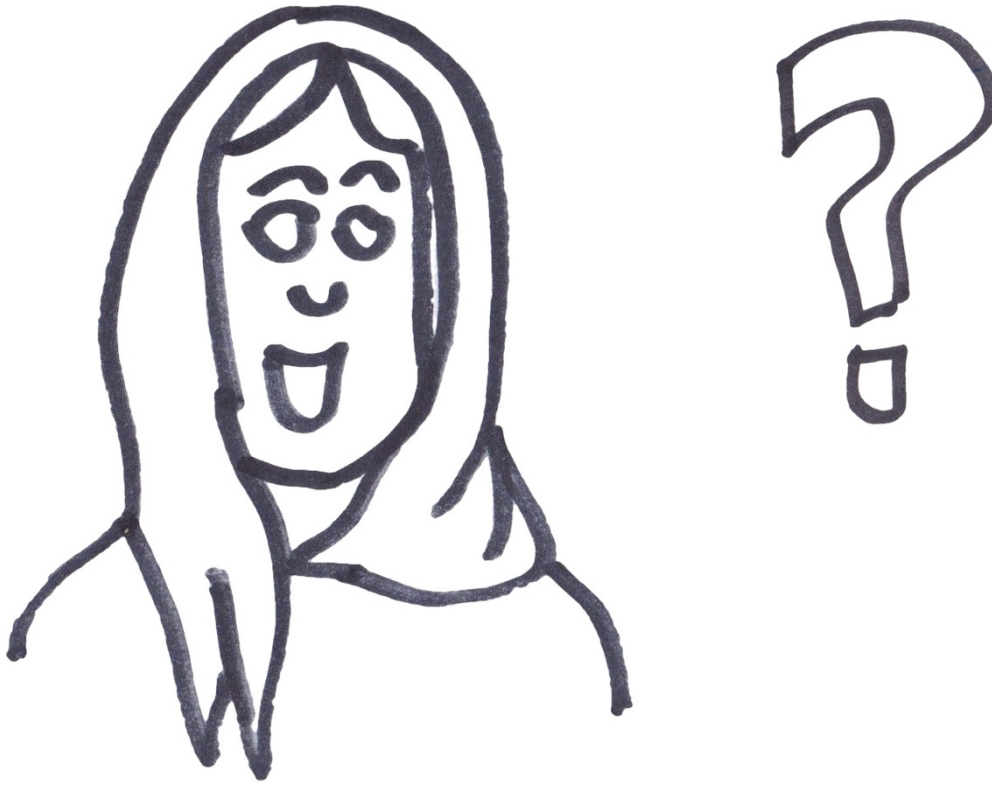
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A long, long time ago in the land of Canaan
Lived a very old man named Abraham.
His wife, Sarah, had died
And his son, Isaac, needed a wife.

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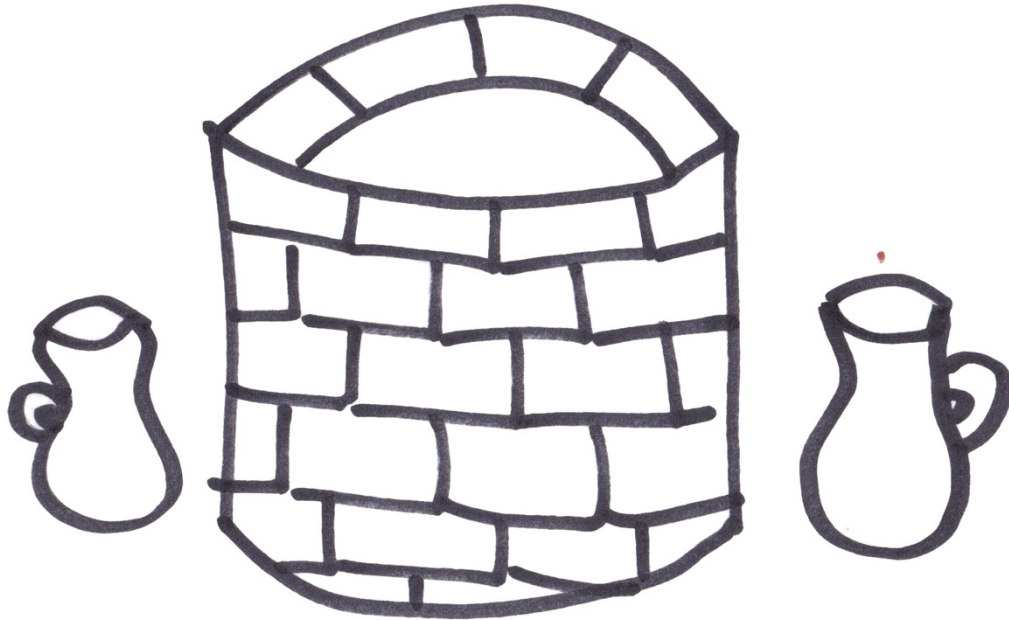
“Who will be the perfect wife for my son?” he asked himself.
“She needs to be extra special since she will help my son lead the Jewish people.”

He turned to his trusted servant, Eliezer.
“Eliezer, I have the most important task for you:
Travel to my old village and find a wife for Isaac.
She must be someone very special.”

“But how will I know who is the right woman?” asked Eliezer.

“You will know,” Abraham said. “Something will make her stand out from other women. Something special.”

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Eliezer took his camels and journeyed to Abraham's old village. When he arrived, he was hot and tired. He went to the village well. He saw many women at the well getting water.

Eliezer said to himself:

"O Lord, God of my master Abraham, grant me good fortune this day, and deal graciously with my master Abraham: Here I stand by the spring as the daughters of the townsmen come out to draw water; let the maiden to whom I say, 'Please, lower your jar that I may drink,' and who replies, 'Drink, and I will also water your camels'—let her be the one whom You have decreed for Your servant Isaac. Thereby shall I know that You have dealt graciously with my master."

(Genesis 24:12-14)

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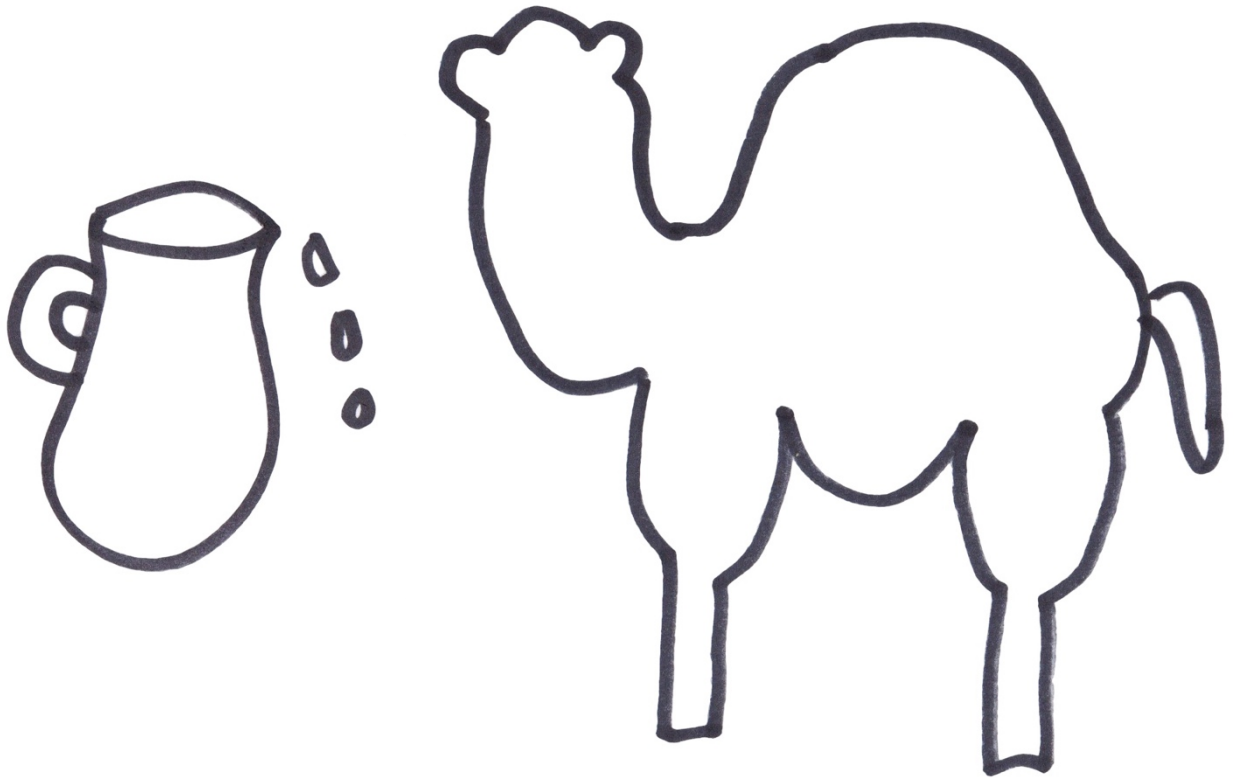


A woman named Rebecca then came to the well to fill up her jug.
She looked at hot and tired Eliezer and asked, “Would you like a drink
of water?”

Eliezer drank the water thirstily.

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Rebecca then looked at his camels who were also hot and tired.

“Would your camels like a drink of water too?” she asked.

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And then Eliezer knew. As he had prayed to G-d to show him the sign that the perfect wife for Isaac would be the woman who offered both him and his camels water to drink, Rebecca did both. This kindness to both humans and animals showed Eliezer that Rebecca was the right bride for Isaac. She showed a special kindness, different from the other women. Eliezer knew she would be special and a wonderful leader of the Jews.

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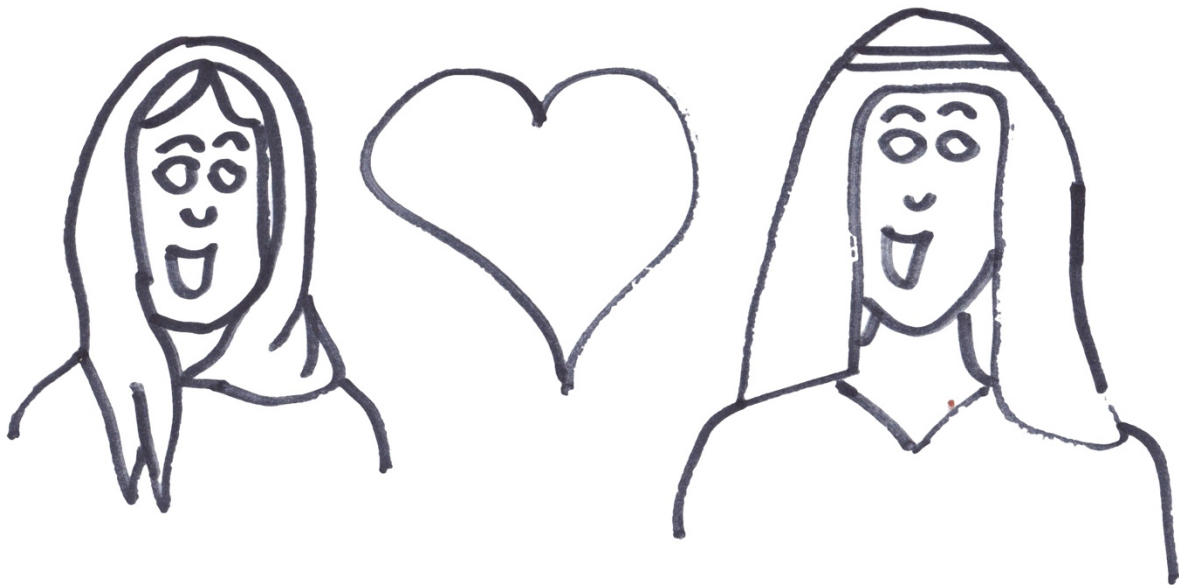
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Eliezer gave Rebecca special jewelry and asked to speak to her family to see if she could come back to Canaan with him as a bride for Isaac. Her family knew Abraham from long ago and was very happy for Rebecca to marry Isaac. Rebecca was happy too.

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Soon she left her village and traveled with Eliezer to meet her future husband, Isaac, in the land of Canaan.

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