**OHH! Toldot – “Generations”**

**Introduction**:

Hebrew letter:

* ו – vav - 6
* Meaning: mankind, “and”, connecting hook, a peg, a nail.

Hebrew names:

* Yitzak = Isaac
* Rivkah = Rebecca
* Ya’akov = Jacob
* Esav = Esau

Hebrew Words:

* Goyim = nations
* Mayim = water
* Chaim = life

History:

* The early Christian church was firmly planted with Judaism being its roots.
* Christians were just one of the many types of Jews found throughout the Roman Empire.
* During the first and second centuries, the split between Christianity and Judaism took place.

Culture:

* The Six Remembrances
  + The number of significant historical events that the Torah tells us to remember.

1. Our Exodus from Egypt (Deuteronomy 16:3)
2. The Revelation at Mt. Sinai (Deuteronomy 4:9-10)
3. Amalek’s Attack on Israel (Deuteronomy 25:17-19)
4. The Golden Calf and Rebelling in the Desert (Deuteronomy 9:7)
5. Miriam’s Negative Speech and Punishment (Deuteronomy 24:9)
6. The Sabbath (Exodus 20:8)

Fun Factoid:

* Cows in Israel produce more milk on average than do dairy cows in other countries.

**Body**:

Torah Portion summation (Genesis 25:19-28:9):

* Jacob and Esau
* Esau Sells His Birthright
* Isaac and Abimelek
* Jacob takes Esau’s Blessing
* Esau’s Lost Hope
* Jacob Escapes from Esau
* Esau Marries Mahalath

Torah Portion Themes:

* The Blessing
* The Effects of the Blessing Upon the Generations

**Conclusion**:

So What?!! Application section:

1. If Ya’akov had the legal right to the blessing, why the masquerade?
2. Is it possible that we don’t understand the importance of the blessing?
3. Can we be blessed because of the blessing upon the lives of others?