

Toldos – 5783 – Kedusha in the Food -- given over by Rav E. Barclay

בראשית (כה:כח): ויאהב יצחק את עשו כי ציד בפיו

Yitzhak loved Eisav because hunting in his mouth.

Second p'shat in Rashi: the mouth of Eisav, that Eisav would hunt Yitzhak and deceive him with words.

First p'shat in Rashi (which is always the pashut p'shat – and also the one we want to dwell on): like how Unkelos renders the pasuk:

ורחים יצחק ית עשו ארי מצידה הוה אכיל

Yitzhak loved Eisav because Yitzhak would eat from what Eisav hunted.

רמב"ן: ויתכן לפרש ויאהב יצחק את עשו בעבור כי בפיו של יצחק ציד תמיד, כל היום יתאוה לאכול את הציד, ותמיד הוא בפיו, לא יאכל דבר אחר

All day Yitzhak desired to eat from the hunting of Eisav, and it was always in his mouth, he wouldn't eat anything else.

Didn't Rivka prepare food for her husband, Yitzhak?

And before Yitzhak can give his B'rocha to Eisav, Eisav must hunt and prepare a meal for Yitzhak.

(yet for Yitzhak to give a B'rocha to Yaakov, Yaakov doesn't need to prepare a meal)

בראשית (כז:ג): ועתה שא-נא כליך תליך וקשתך וצא השדה וצודה לי צידה. ועשה לי מטעמים כאשר אהבתי והביאה לי

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שבת הן חסרין אית לך שבת? רבי ישמעאל בר' יוסי שייליה

Rav Yehuda Hanasi served a meal for Antunenus on Shabbos -- cold food and Antunenus enjoyed it.

Then on the weekday he made a meal for Antunenus – hot food. Antunenus: the cold food on Shabbos was better than this hot food.

RYH: It's missing a spice.

Antunenus: is the kitchen of the king missing something?

RYH: It's missing Shabbos. Shabbos gave the food the special delicious taste.

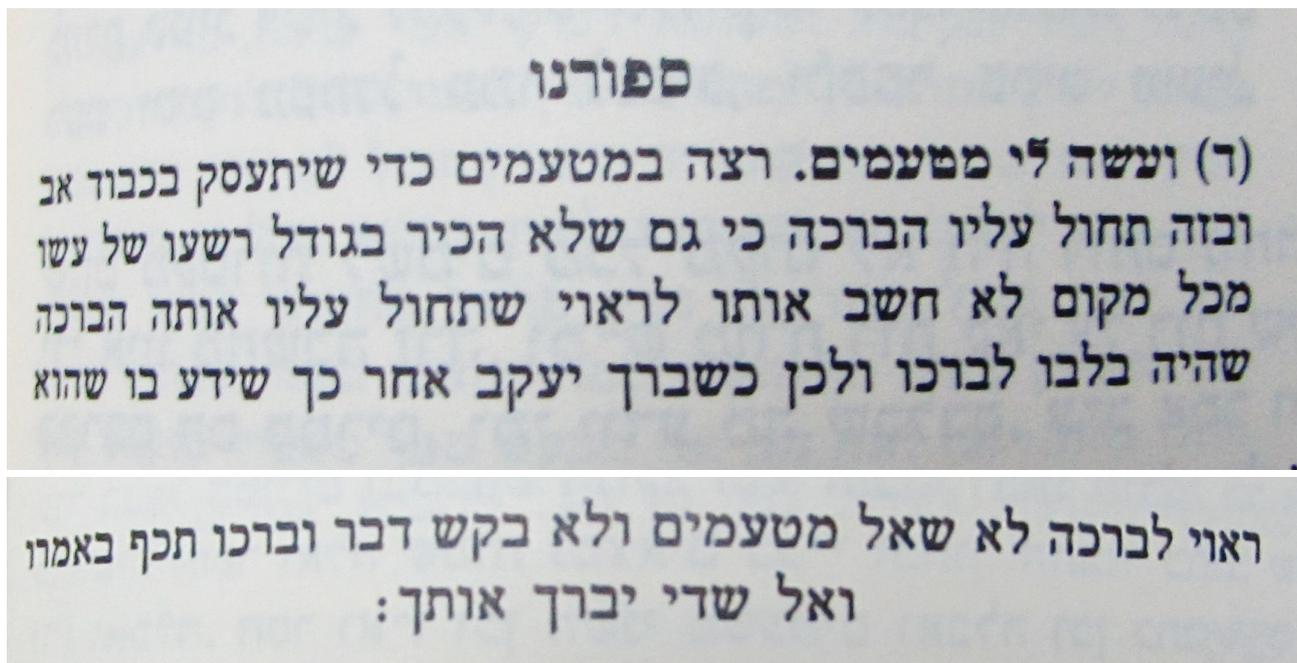
Rav Tzadok: Why is Shabbos food tastier? Because of the Kedusha – it impregnates the food. And Antunenus felt the Kedusha. It's the Neshama which enjoys the Shabbos food. Neshama Yeseira.

The ikar pleasure of the person from food is from the Ruchnius of the food.

Yitzhak avenu was not in love with meat. He was in love with the Kedusha which was in the meat that Eisav prepared, because Eisav prepared it to honor his father – Kibud av v'am.

(That's why Yitzhak loved Eisav's food more than Rivka's)

ספורנו (כז:ד)



What's the lesson for us?

We should try to put some Kedusha into our eating. And not get too enthusiastic in the gashmius in the food.

Eating food is a battle. לחם - מלחמה

Who wins? You or the food? Who's in control?

People thinking about food all day long.

We should put a little Kedusha into our eating.