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After twenty years of davening for a baby, Rivka became pregnant finally,
But she was as confused as could be,
Because she felt kicking every time she passed a house of Torah study,
And she also felt kicking every time she passed a place of idolatry.

She went to the Yeshiva of Sheim and Eiver to find out why this was happening,
She was told that in her womb twins she was carrying.
Yitzchok and Rivka had two completely different types of children, it is true,
Because to serve Hashem there are ways two.

At first, when the boys were young they were educated by Avraham Avinu,
You couldn't tell them apart from their actions because Mitzvos, he taught them both to do.
When Yaakov and Eisav turned thirteen they didn't just grow physically,
Rather, the Yalkut Shimoni and the Zohar say that they matured spiritually.

To study in the tent of Torah, Yaakov did go,
While Eisav went hunting in the field with his bow and arrow.
Studying Torah is one path to serve Hashem and compares to candy so sweet,
But hunting to conquer the world and elevating it to holiness, compares to savory food to eat.

Eisav was given the task and was in the position,
To fight his evil inclination.
Hunting for holiness in this world through deception,
Was his path to connection.

From where do we draw the strength to serve Hakadosh Baruch Hu?
 From the actions of our Avos who paved the way for me and you.
 Our Avos who were compared to chariots all their days,
 Because they had no will of their own, they also served Hashem in two ways.

In levels of spiritually higher and higher they did climb,
 But they also had to battle external obstacles all the time.
 As an inheritance we received the source of strength that our Avos used to win,
 From this source of strength we also have the power to battle the obstacles we have within.

Gravitating to evil isn't evil at all,
 It's a part of our mission and our call.
 Don't feel bad or sad about it because it is an invitation,
 To show that with Hashem we have the strongest connection.

Whatever physical things we are excited about,
 Have holiness within that we can hunt for, without a doubt,
 Treats, fancy shoes, money or honor,
 Can be used to serve Hashem at every hour.

Eisav ended up in a state of corruption,
 But a Yid can always do Teshuvah and win,
 Because we have the power of Torah from Yaakov Avinu,
 Which gives us the strength to conquer the world too!
