

Ushpizin Info Sheets

Day 2: Yitzhak

Yitzhak's story:

Yitzhak is the son of Avraham and Sarah, husband of Rivka, and father of Eisav and Yaakov. He is most well-known for his role in *akeidat Yitzhak*, when he was almost offered up as a sacrifice to God by his father. He carried on Avraham's work of spreading the knowledge of God and the belief in one God. Yitzhak was born when his parents were very elderly, and his birth fulfilled the beginning of God's promise to Avraham to make him into a great nation. Yitzhak's son, Yaakov, continued the traditions and building of the Jewish nation.

Yitzhak's character traits:

Yitzhak is known for the quality of *gevurah*, strength, having faced the daunting obstacle of the *akeida* and still maintaining his faith in God. He also is known for his patience and modesty, as one of his main stories in Tanakh includes him digging up multiple wells to maintain his father's work.