

Introduction to Midrash, class 2

Genesis 25

29 Jacob cooked some stew. Meanwhile, Esau came in from the field. He was exhausted.

30 Esau said to Jacob ‘Please feed me some of that red, red stuff, because I am famished.’
Because of this, he was called by the name ‘Edom’.

31 Jacob said ‘Sell me this day your right-as-firstborn.’

32 Esau said ‘I am going to die. What is the right-as-firstborn to me?’

33 Jacob said ‘Swear to me today!’ He swore to him, and he sold his right-as-firstborn to Jacob.

34 Jacob gave Esau bread, and lentil stew. He ate, and he drank, and he got up and left. Thus did Esau disrespect his right-as-firstborn.