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ארץ ארבע מאת שקל כסף...

The Pasuk says "ארץ ארבע מאת שקל כסף" and the תרגום translates it as "ארעא שניא ארבע מאה סלעין כסף" – land with a value of 400 Shkalim.

Asks the גר"א, why did אברהם want to purchase a parcel of land that was specifically worth 400 שקל כסף?

The גר"א answers that אברהם wanted שרה to have a proper לוויה of an אשת תלמיד חכם, which the גמרא says is attended by 600,000 people.

A בית סאה is 50 אמות by 50 אמות, which means that one בית סאה is 2,500 square אמות (50 x 50 = 2,500).

If a person wants to get enough land for 600,000 square אמות (1 square אמה for each person to stand in) he would need 240 בית סאה (240 x 2,500 = 600,000).

A single בית כור = 30 בית סאה, so 8 בית כור would equal 240 בית סאה - the same amount that we just said can hold 600,000 square אמות for that many people.

The גמ' says that if you are מקדיש a בית כור you have to be פודה it with 50 שקלים. Therefore to be פודה 8 בית כור one would need 400 שקלים.

That's why the Pasuk says that אברהם wanted to specifically pay ארבע מאת שקל כסף – to give שרה the proper לוויה of an אשת תלמיד חכם.

זקן ביתו המשל ככל אשר לו...

The Pasuk says "ויאמר אברהם אל עבדו זקן ביתו המשל ככל אשר לו שים". And Avraham said to his servant, the elder of his house, that ruled over all that he had: 'Please put your hand under my thigh' (for a שבועה).

Why are we introduced to אליעזר with so many descriptions? Second, this is not the first time that we encounter אליעזר so why is the Pasuk first introducing him now?

Zmaanim

הדלקת נרות	5:33pm
מנחה עש"ק	5:41pm
שקיעה	5:51pm
נביא שיעור	8:30am
שחרית	9:00am
סוף זמן ק"ש	10:03\9:27a
דף יומי	4:40pm
מנחה	5:25pm
שקיעה	5:50pm
מעריב	6:40pm

All times subject to change

Parsha Stats for חיי שרה

Number Of Pesukim: 105
Number Of Words: 1402
Number Of Letters: 5314
Number of מצוות: 0

KID'S KORNER

Kid's Challenge Question # 1

How old was רבקה when she married יצחק? How old was יצחק?

תנוכה Contest

Each newsletter between תולדות and תנוכה will feature a short article, דבר תורה, poem, story or drawing submitted by one of the children in the shul on the topic of תנוכה.

The best articles or drawings will be chosen & printed each week.

Please send any material to newsletter@ohryisroel.org or fax to 516-228-7207. Black & white or color are both acceptable.

Kid's Challenge Question # 2

Which תפילה was first Davened in this week's Parsha? Who was being מתפלל?

Parsha Riddle

I attempted to kill my father – who am I ?

See Rabbi Zucker after Davening if you have any of the correct answers.

Says the באר מים חיים, the answer can be understood with the following Mashul.

A traveling businessman enters a town after a long day and asks the first Jew he meets for the location of the closest Kosher restaurant where he can eat. After he is pointed in the direction of an inn and assured that he can trust the בשרות there, he precedes to order a delicious meal. After he's finished eating he meets the same Jew who recommended his Kosher meal.

After thanking him, he is asked by his new "friend" for a loan of \$5,000. The businessman is taken aback. "How can I lend you money? I never met you before today and for all I know you could be the town's גנב ?

"But I was trustworthy enough for בשרות, so why not for money?" , retorted the man.

Somehow, our standards of trust are different when it comes to our רוחניות than when it comes to our money.

Says the באר מים חיים, the Pasuk is telling us that אנרהם entrusted everything he had to אליעזר, but when it comes to finding the proper Shidduch for יצחק he made אליעזר make a שבועה. Such was אנרהם's standard for רוחניות.

ולקחת אשה לבני ליצחק...

In Perek כ"ד Pasuk 'ר, אנרהם tells Eliezer "ולקחת אשה לבני ליצחק". "And you shall take a wife for my son, for יצחק".

However, when אליעזר relates his שליחות to בתואל he just says "ולקחת אשה לבני ליצחק". Why?

Says the מעלות הלוי that יצחק had 2 tremendous מעלות.

1) He was יצחק, a צדיק in his own right. And 2) He was אנרהם's son. He had ייחוס.

There are some people who want a husband who has ייחוס, but he himself doesn't live a life of a צדיק. There are others who want a Chashuve שידוך without any responsibility to live like the wife of a צדיק. And then there are those that want the whole package.

So when אנרהם was charging אליעזר with his שליחות he wanted a wife for יצחק that was ראוי for 'my son' and also 'for יצחק'.

But when אליעזר met בתואל he realized that בתואל didn't want his daughter to be the wife of a צדיק. He wanted his daughter to have the trappings of a great Shidduch without the restrictions of a great husband.

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זיצל Harav Elazar Menachem Mann Shach

(by Dov Young)

Harav Elazar Menachem Mann Shach lived for over a hundred years although it is not known exactly when he was born. There's a Gemara that says, "A Tzadik does not die until a Tzadik is born." This Gemara was fulfilled towards the end of the 1800s when Harav Yehoshua Zev Diskind of Brisk was נפטר.

When Rav Shach was younger he had a typical mind. But he studied with great Hasmada and learned under the Alter of Slobodkeh at a very young age. During the winter, it was very hard for Rav Shach to learn well. He didn't own a blanket and it was very cold where he slept. Young Leizer came into Shiur each day feeling very tired. He decided to leave the Yeshiva and join his uncle in the shoe business.

As soon as he was about to leave the Yeshiva, an old woman donated a blanket so Leizer now could stay warm at night. Years later, Rav Shach walked for a long time in the freezing winter to attend this woman's funeral.

Rav Shach was just about our last link to the previous generation. He learned under the Chofetz Chayim who was נפטר in 1933. Rav Shach was very sensitive to every Jew's feelings. He was once having a conversation with Harav Mordechai Gifter. In the beginning, Rav Shach asked how everything was going. After a while of talking about nothing that important, Rav Gifter asked, "What was that all about?" Rav Shach answered, "I wanted to discuss certain things without the Rebitzen in the room but I didn't want to ask her to leave because she might feel offended."

During Rav Shach's last years, a Talmid once saw him crying. "There are so many problems in Klal Yisroel and no one listens to me. All I can do is cry."

Harav Elazar Menachem Mann Shach was נפטר in 2001 and his Yahrtzeit was this past Sunday.

דברי הלכה – הלכות תפילה

(Shulchan Aruch ט-י : צ with Mishna Brurah)

13. One should always try to Daven in a Shul with a Minyan because "Hashem is not disgusted by the Tefillah of a צבור". If one is an אונם and is unable to go to Shul to he should at least try to Daven שמונה עשרה at the same time as the צבור.

14. If one was an אונם and missed the Minyan, he should nevertheless Daven B'yechidus in a Shul, because it is a Mokom K'vuah for Kedusha and his Tefillah will be more acceptable in Shomayim.

15. When one is Davening in a Shul it is not permitted to rush his Tefillah and Daven שמונה עשרה before the צבור, because by doing so one is "mevazeh" the צבור. If the צבור is saying extra Piyuttim one should say the extra Piyuttim along with the צבור, and not be a Poiresh Min Hatzibbur - even to learn Torah. An exception is if the צבור is late and will miss Z'man Tefillah - in that circumstance one may hurry his Tefillah ahead of the צבור.

16. If one sees that he cannot wait to Daven שמונה עשרה with the צבור because he must travel (i.e. catch a flight) then it is preferable for him to leave Shul, and Daven B'yechidus at home, rather than Davening in Shul ahead of the צבור.

Community News and Events

Mazel Tov to Yossi and Malkie Levine
upon the birth of a baby girl.

The Levine family would like to invite everybody to a Kiddush in honor of the birth of their daughter to take place this Shabbos after Davening in the shul!

Mazel Tov to Yosef and Michal Berman
upon the birth of a baby girl,
Chedva Bracha.

The Berman family would like to invite everybody to a Kiddush in honor of the birth of their daughter to take place this Shabbos after Davening at the Young Israel of Midwood (Corner Ave. L and Ocean Ave.).

May the Levine and Berman families be Zocheh to be Migadel their daughters L'Torah L'Ben Torah L'Chupah U'Lmaasim Tovim and may we all be Zocheh to share in each others Simchos for many years to come.

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The Father and Son learning program got off to a great start this past **מוצאי שבת**. It was sponsored by Sholom Lasker.

Join us each **מוצאי שבת** at 7:30pm for learning, prizes and pizza! Members of the shul and friends from the neighborhood are welcome and encouraged to attend.

If anyone would like to sponsor a week (\$150) please contact Chaim Szanzer at [chaimszanzer@gmail.com](mailto:chaimszanzer@gmail.com)



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### Answers to last week's Challenge questions

Q1. From where do we see that you make a **ברית מילה** to celebrate a **סעודה**?

A. **פרקי דר' אלעזר** brings a **מס' שבת תוס'** that says **ויעש אברהם פשמ** in the Pasuk of **ויעש אברהם** is that **משתה גדול כיום הגמל את יצחק** is that **הגמל** is actually **הג-מל**. **הג** is Gematria 8, so on the 8<sup>th</sup> day he made a **משתה גדול**.

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Q2. How old was the **איל** that **אברהם** was **מקריב**?

A. The **איל** was 2085 Years old. (This **איל** survived the Mabul by getting a ride in the Teivah so he was alive since the beginning of the world. **אברהם** was born 1948 years after the creation of the world plus he was 137 years old at the time of **יצחק**.)

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Q3. How old were **יצחק** & **רבקה** at the **עקידה**?

A. **יצחק** was 37 years old.  
**רבקה** was either just born or not yet born.

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Q4. How many **מלאכים** did **אברהם** encounter in last week's Parsha?

A. He met 3 at his tent and the 4th **מלאך** stopped him from hurting **יצחק** at the **עקידה**.

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Riddle. What is the oldest animal in the world today?

A. The **חמור של משיח** (or the **לויתן**)

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