

## Parashat Chayei Sarah - The Purchase of the Meorat HaMachpelah Worksheet

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Once Sarah had died, Avraham needed to bury her. However, being a nomad, Avraham did not own any land on which he could bury her. He therefore initiated a negotiation with the *B'nei Chet* (Hittites) with the purpose of purchasing a burial site. We will examine their dialogue and see that there were three rounds of negotiations. We will observe why the negotiations were so complex and how the *B'nei Chet* eventually understood Avraham and agreed to his request.

### Your objectives for this lesson are to:

- a) Examine the three stages of Avraham's negotiations.
- b) What Avraham specifically wanted.
- c) How the *B'nei Chet* viewed Avraham
- d) How Avraham achieved his goals.

### Questions:

1. Read *perek* 23. The chapter contains a series of negotiations between Avraham and *B'nei Chet*. Write the *pasuk* numbers for each round of negotiations, plus a summary of each.

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2. Words with the root *נשנע* appear in this *perek* several times. How many times does it appear? What do you think it signifies? Explain your answer.

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3. a) What does Avraham ask of the *B'nei Chet*? What exactly does he want?

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b) How do the *B'nei Chet* view Avraham? Use the text to back up your answer.

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c) What do the *B'nei Chet* offer Avraham? Explain.

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4. a) What does Avraham ask of the *B'nei Chet*? Explain your answer.

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b) How does Ephron answer Avraham?

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5. a) What does Avraham say to Ephron? Explain.

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b) How does Ephron answer Avraham? Explain.

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6. a) What does Avraham do?

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b) How does Avraham ensure that it is well-known that he has purchased the field? Explain.

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7. Why do you think it was important to Avraham that he actually owns the field? Explain your answer.

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