

# TORAH TIME

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## PARASHA

Chayei Sarah

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Abraham's wife Sarah dies at age 127 and is buried in the Machpeilah Cave in Hebron, which Abraham purchases from Ephron the Hittite for 400 shekels of silver.

Abraham's servant, Eliezer, is sent laden with gifts to Charan to find a wife for Isaac. At the village well, Eliezer asks YHWH for a sign: when the maidens come to the well, he will ask for some water to drink; the woman who will offer to give his camels to drink as well, shall be the one destined for his master's son.

Rebecca, the daughter of Abraham's nephew Bethuel, appears at the well and passes the "test". Eliezer is invited to their home, where he repeats the story of the day's events. Rebecca returns with Eliezer to the land of Canaan, where they encounter Isaac praying in the field. Isaac marries Rebecca, loves her, and is comforted over the loss of his mother.

Abraham takes a new wife, Keturah and fathers six additional sons, but Isaac is designated as his only heir. Abraham dies at age 175 and is buried beside Sarah by his two eldest sons, Isaac and Ishmael.

(This is an easy explanation of the Torah portion taken from the book "The Open Bible" available at [www.emetministries.com](http://www.emetministries.com))

## MEMORY VERSE

Luke 16:10, "Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much, and whoever is dishonest with very little will also be dishonest with much."

## LEARNING ACTIVITY

Sometimes bad things happen. Accidents and sickness can bring horrible pain. The Bible tells us of when Abraham's wife Sarah died. It was a very sad time. Abraham and his son Isaac mourned their loss. To mourn is to show sorrow or sadness. Have you ever had a pet or loved one to die? If so, you know how hard it is to say goodbye and move on.

Sarah was a woman of faith. She had trusted her husband Abraham as they traveled to the Promised Land. She trusted YHWH about the supernatural birth of Isaac. We don't know how she died, but Sarah was very old. Abraham died when he was 175 years old.

Death is part of life. YHWH has promised that He will comfort and care for us when bad things happen. He doesn't leave us when things get tough. "Blessed are those who mourn for they shall be comforted," says Matthew 5.

Isaac was comforted by his new wife Rebekah. When we are sad YHWH uses other people to comfort and help us. When other people struggle we can help them. Who is going through a hard time in your family right now? It doesn't have to be death be painful. Maybe there are people you know that are sad. How can you help them?

Use the page provided to write a nice encouraging note to someone. When you encourage others you are doing what Rebekah did with Isaac in the Torah.

## WALK THE TALK

Servant hood is a major theme in the Torah portion "Chayei Sarah." We read of Abraham's servant who is sent to find a good wife for the chosen son Isaac / Yitzchak. This servant is named Eliezer. He accepts his task and long journey to find a bride from among the Hebrew people. While on his way, Eliezer prays for favor. "Then the servant took ten of his master's camels and departed, for all his master's goods were in his hand. And he arose and went to Mesopotamia, to the city of Nahor. And he made his camels kneel down outside the city by a well of water at evening time, the time when women go out to draw water. Then he said, "O YHWH Elohim of my master Abraham, please give me success this day, and show kindness to my master Abraham. Behold, here I stand by the well of water, and the daughters of the men of the city are coming out to draw water. Now let it be that the young woman to whom I say, 'Please let down your pitcher that I may drink,' and she says, 'Drink, and I will also give your camels a drink'; let her be the one You have appointed for Your servant Isaac. And by this I will know that You have shown kindness to my master," Genesis 24:10-14

Eliezer realizes that the perfect spouse for Isaac would be a woman willing to serve. Rivkah answer the prayer and offers water for Eliezer and his ten camels. A parched camel can drink

14 gallons of water. This means that Rivkah brought up to 140 gallons of water and served them while running! Can you imagine filling 140 gallons of water? That would be really hard work. “So she quickly emptied her jar into the trough, ran back to the well to draw more water, and drew enough for all his camels,” Genesis 24:20.

In Hebrew, the word most often used for “servant” is “eved.” This phrase is used to describe Eliezer as a slave of Abraham and Daniel as a servant of YHWH. Eliezer was willing to go as his Master requested. He didn’t fuss or fight Abraham. He was glad to play a part in helping the family. We must also be willing to follow YHWH and yield to his ways. Do you ever complain when you are asked to do something? A good “eved” or “servant” is willing to help whenever needed.

Eliezer was also served by others. The actions of devotion by Eliezer were repaid when Rivkah saw the need and filled the need. “Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much, and whoever is dishonest with very little will also be dishonest with much,” Luke 16:10. He was blessed for his servant hood and then Rivkah was blessed for her servant hood. Rivkah served Eliezer.

Never in her wildest dreams could Rivkah have imagined that her simple act of getting water would have led to marriage to Isaac. Rivkah became a mother of Israel because of her willingness to care for others. Servant hood will take you places you’d never thought of going. When you are kind and put self aside to help others you will be helped yourself. How can you serve others this week? Make a list below of five people you can serve and how you can serve them:

Person to Serve	Act of Service

# TORAH TALK

What does the name of this portion mean?

Why is this portion special?

What is the main subject of this portion?

How can you live this portion?

What commandments are in this portion?

Did you read about the Messiah in this portion? Where?

How did YHWH show His love to man in this portion?

What did you learn from the Torah?

# HEBREW LESSON



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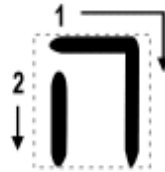
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Haman=Bad guy in the story of Esther

HALLELUYAH=HIGHEST PRAISE

HAVDALLAH=SEPARATION

## WRITE THE LETTER



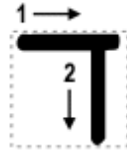
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# REVIEW THE LETTERS



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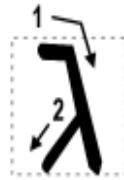
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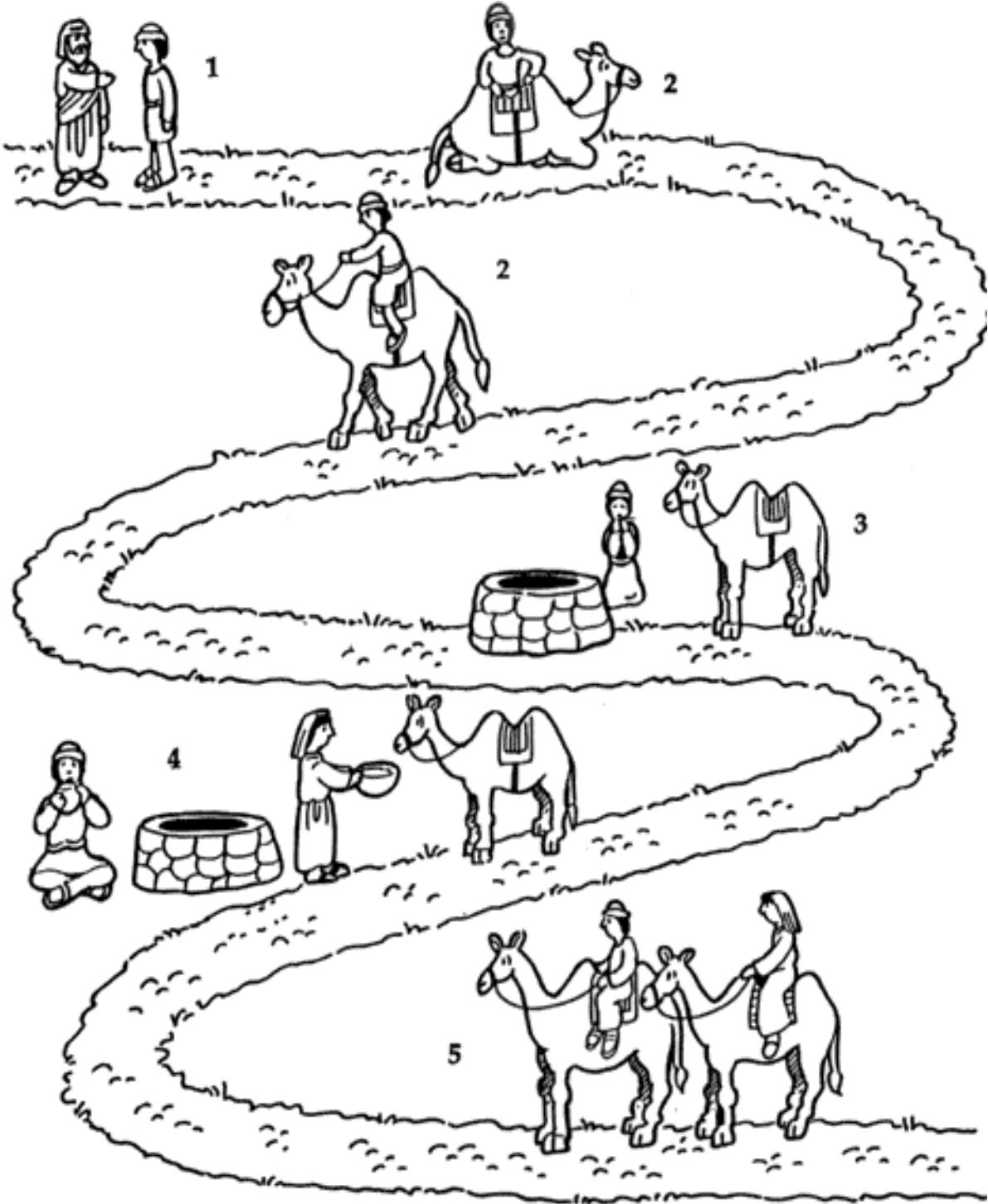
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CIRCLE AND SAY THE HEBREW LETTERS THAT YOU HAVE LEARNED

א	א	פ	י	נ	ת
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ת	ב	ק	ב	ב	ד
י	ג	מ	מ	נ	ד
ה	ה	ה	ה	א	נ
א	ב	ג	ד	ה	א

Abraham knew his son Yitzchak needed a wife so he sent his servant to find a girl for him to marry. Follow the path to see what happens and then color the picture. First, Abraham asks his servant to find the wife. Then the servant gets on his camel and rides to another country. Thirdly, Rivkah comes to the well and waters the camel. Fourth Rivkah and the servant return to their country and then Rebekah marries Yitzchak.



# Hebrew Alef Bet

Begin to read and learn the Hebrew letters of the alef bet!

א Alef

ב Bet / Vet

ג Gimel

ד Dalet

ה Hey

ו Vav

ז Zayin

ח Chet

ט Tet

י Yod

כ Kaf / Kaph

ל Lamed

מ Mem

נ Nun

ס Samech

ע Ayin

פ Peh / Feh

צ Tzadi

ק Kuf

ר Reish

ש Shin / Sin

ת Tav



*To Encourage You*