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Parshas Chayei Sarah • Bereishis 23:1–20 • Story, fill-ins, and games

Name: _____ Class: _____

1. Sarah's Wonderful Years

Sarah lived for one hundred and twenty-seven _____ — and every one of her years was good.

Rashi: The word "years" is written after each number to teach: at 100 Sarah was as free of sin as at 20, and at 20 as beautiful as at 7.

Rashi: "The years of Sarah's life" — all her years were equally good!

2. Avraham Is Sad

Sarah passed away in Kiryat Arba, which is Chevron. Avraham came to speak about her and to _____ for her.

Rashi: Kiryat Arba means "town of four" — four couples are buried there: Adam and Chava, Avraham and Sarah, Yitzchak and Rivka, Yaakov and Leah.

Rashi: Avraham came from Be'er Sheva.

3. Avraham Asks for a Burial Place

Avraham got up and spoke to the people of Ches. He said, "I am a stranger and a resident with you. Please give me a _____ place, so I can bury Sarah."

Rashi: "A stranger" — I came from another land and now I live here with you.

4. A Respectful Answer

The people of Ches said, "Listen to us, my master! You are a _____ of Hashem among us. Bury Sarah in the best of our graves." Avraham bowed down to the people of the land.

Rashi: "If it is your wish" — Avraham asked them politely, as a request.

5. The Cave of Machpela

Avraham asked them to speak to Efron, son of Tzochar, so he would sell him the Cave of _____ at the end of his field — for the full price.

Rashi: "Machpela" means double — a cave with a second level on top, or a place for couples.

Rashi: "Full price" — Avraham wanted to pay everything the field was worth.

6. Avraham Pays Honestly

Efron said, "Take it as a gift!" But Avraham wanted to pay. Efron said the land was worth four hundred _____ of silver. Avraham weighed out all the silver, right away.

Rashi: Everyone in the city stopped working and came to do kindness (chessed) for Sarah.

Rashi: Efron talked a lot but did not do even a little — he took big, heavy coins. Avraham paid honestly and did not argue.

7. Sarah Is Buried

The field, the cave, and all the _____ in the field became Avraham's. Then Avraham buried Sarah in the Cave of Machpela, in Chevron, in the land of Canaan.

Rashi: The field was "lifted up" — it went from a regular person to a king (Avraham)!

Rashi: Avraham bought it in front of everyone, so all knew it was truly his.

Teacher note (Rashi 23:2): Sarah's passing is written right after the Akeidah. Rashi links the two; we tell only that she passed away.

8. Word Match

Draw a line.

לִסְפֹּד	a. “a grave”
גֵּר	b. “silver (money)”
לְקָבְרָ	c. “to speak about her (eulogize)”
כֶּסֶף	d. “a stranger”
הַשָּׂדֶה	e. “a shekel (coin)”
שֶׁקֶל	f. “the field”

9. Prefix and Suffix Challenge

Circle or write the prefix and suffix.

אִשְׁתּוֹ (his wife) — suffix: _____

שָׂדֵהוּ (his field) — suffix: _____

הַמַּכְפֵּלָה (the Machpela) — prefix: _____

בְּאֶרֶץ (in the land) — prefix: _____

10. Sequencing

Number in order:

_____ Avraham weighs out 400 shekels of silver.

_____ Sarah passes away in Chevron.

_____ Avraham buries Sarah in the Cave of Machpela.

_____ Avraham asks the people of Ches for a burial place.

_____ Efron says, “Take it as a gift!”

_____ Avraham comes to speak about Sarah and cry for her.

11. Short Reflection

Avraham paid the full price honestly, even when Efron offered it for free. When can you be honest, even when it is hard?

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12. Optional Extra — Draw the Cave of Machpela

Draw the field with its trees, and the cave with two levels at the end of it.

Rashi: Machpela means double — a cave with two levels!

13. Optional Extra — Character Cards

Cut out the cards. Write one word that describes each character.

שָׂרָה **Sarah** • Lived 127 years — all of them good. • At 100, as free of sin as at 20. • Buried in the Cave of Machpela. One word for me: _____	אַבְרָהָם **Avraham** • Cried for Sarah and spoke about her. • Asked politely and bowed to the people. • Paid the full price honestly. One word for me: _____

Answer Key

Fill-ins: years; cry; burial (grave); prince (leader); Machpela; shekels; trees.

Word match: lispod-c, ger-d, kever-a, kesef-b, hasadeh-f, shekel-e.

Prefixes/suffixes: 1. וְ 2. הוּ 3. הַ 4. בְּ.

Sequence: 5, 1, 6, 3, 4, 2.

For the teacher: covers 23:1–20, told gently. Summarised: 23:5–16 (the bargaining, shortened); 23:2 Rashi on how Sarah passed (link to the Akeidah) is a teacher note only. Section 4 Rashi is on 23:8.