

Quiz on Parshiyos Bereishis – VaYeira:

*Which Parsha is the following person or event mentioned?
Use the letters “B” for Bereishis, “N” for Noach, “L” for Lech Lecha, and “V” for VaYeira*

1. Kayin _____
2. Lot moves to Sodom _____
3. Shem _____
4. Alliance of Avraham & Avimelech _____
5. Generation of the Flood _____
6. Akeidas [Binding of] Yitzchak _____
7. Birth of Yishmael _____
8. Generation of Enosh _____
9. 3 Visitors of Avraham _____
10. 6 days of Creation _____
11. Yefes _____
12. Yishmael & Hagar Driven Away _____
13. Shabbos _____
14. Avraham’s Circumcision _____
15. Destruction of Sodom _____
16. Sheis _____
17. Covenant Between the Parts _____
18. Cham _____
19. Rainbow _____
20. “WWI & WWII” _____
21. Sara abducted by Avimelech _____
22. Snake Tree of Knowledge _____
23. Story of Raven & Dove _____
24. Garden of Eden _____
25. Nimrod _____
26. Hagar has a child _____
27. Tower of Bavel _____
28. Avram’s name changes to Avraham _____
29. Sara abducted by Pharaoh _____
30. End of “Era of Roots” _____
31. Avram travels to Canaan _____
32. Hevel _____
33. 10 tests of Avraham begin _____
34. Birth of Yitzchak _____



Parshas Chayei Sarah Overview

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- Overall theme of this Parsha: Transition of Jewish Patriarchal family of Avraham and Sarah to Yitzchak and Rivkah.
- Yitzchak continues to develop the attribute of Gevurah – strength [control]
- We are told about the death of both Sarah and Avraham in this Parsha. Why is the Parsha called “Chayei Sarah” – “The Life of Sarah?”

1. Death of Sarah and Purchase of a Burial Site

- Sarah dies at 127 – all her days were of equally good value. Avraham eulogizes Sarah with the words of “Aishes Chayil.”
- Avraham purchases ‘Mearat Hamachpela’ as a burial Site from Efron in the city of Chevron for a price of 400 silver shekels. Also known as Kiryat Arba
- The righteous promise a little and do a lot. The wicked promise a lot and do not even do a little bit.
- This event is a test for Avraham – would he regret doing the binding of Yitzchak?
- The ownership of Chevron by the Jews is documented here.

2. Eliezer Finds a Wife for Yitzchak

- Avraham requires that Eliezer make an oath to not select a wife for Yitzchak from the land of Canaan. Rather he should go to Charan.
- The significance of marrying someone with good character traits and a different personality.
- Miracles along the way
- Eliezer’s criteria for finding a wife
- Rivkah passes the test
- Eliezer meets Besuel and Lavan
- Eliezer returns with Rivkah
- Eliezer is a dedicated servant, thereby removing the curse of Cham
- Yitzchak institutes the Mincha [afternoon] prayer
- Yitzchak marries Rivkah and then loves her. Real love only comes after marriage.

3. End of Avraham’s Life [out of chronological order]

- Avraham remarries Hagar [Ketura]
- Avraham has 6 children with Hagar
- Avraham gives the children gifts and sends them away
- Avraham dies at 175 years of age. Buried by Yitzchak and Yishmael. This signifies Teshuva done by Yishmael.

4. Yishmael’s Genealogy and Death [out of chronological order]

- Yishmael has 12 sons
- Yishmael dies at 137 years of age.