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*Parashat Chayei Sarah*

The Purchase of the *Meorat HaMachpelah*

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* (Hitites) 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.

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

Section	Summary
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2. Words with the root שמע appear in this chapter several times. How many times does it appear? What do you think it signifies? Explain your answer.

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**3. Round 1**

- a) What does Avraham ask of the *B'nei Chet*? What exactly does he want?  
 b) How do the *B'nei Chet* view Avraham? Use the text to back up your answer.  
 c) What do the *B'nei Chet* offer Avraham? Explain.

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b) \_\_\_\_\_

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c) \_\_\_\_\_

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**4. Round 2**

- a) What does Avraham ask of the *B'nei Chet*? Explain your answer.  
 b) How does Ephron answer Avraham?

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b) \_\_\_\_\_

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5. **Round 3**

- a) What does Avraham say to Ephron? Explain.
- b) How does Ephron answer Avraham? Explain.

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6. a) What does Avraham do?  
b) How does Avraham ensure that it is well known that he has purchased the field? Explain.

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b) \_\_\_\_\_

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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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