A FULL AND COMPLETE LIFE

Why does the verse conclude with a repetition of the same words with which it began: "the lifetime of Sarah"? Rashi teaches (end of Verse 3) that the reason that the Torah tells us about the death of Sarah immediately following the episode of the binding of Yitzchak is to inform us that Sarah died as a result of hearing about the Akeida. One may wonder, however, how such a tragic outcome could result due to the devotion demonstrated by Avraham and Yitzchak. Could it be that Sarah would have possibly lived many more years, but due to the news of the Akeida her life was cut down prematurely?

HaRav Yaakov Kamenetzky explains that nevertheless, the Torah repeats and emphasizes that "these were the years of Sarah". She indeed lived her full complement of years that were originally allotted for her. The Satan approached her as her end had come, and this was merely the device he used to take her soul as she departed this world.

IN THE VICINITY OF TORAH INFLUENCE

Rabbi Moshe Feinstein emphasizes that the instructions of Avraham were that even if Avraham’s servant, who is identified in the Midrash as Eliezer, were to find a young woman with stellar personality characteristics, who would be worthy to be a wife for Yitzchak, it was critical that she also be willing to come to live in Eretz Canaan. If the woman would refuse to travel to the holy land and raise her family in the shadows of Avraham Avinu, then Eliezer was clearly instructed to deny the arrangement and to leave that offer behind. Why was this particular demand so critical in that the entire deal hinged upon it?

One should always choose to live in the vicinity of Torah personalities who are God fearing, and to raise one’s family under the influence of these people who place spirituality as the center of their lives. When a person is in such an environment, he can hope to become influenced by it and be inspired to maintain a lifestyle of true accomplishment and meaning. A person must be willing to live in such a setting because it is inevitable that a person becomes impressed by his social surroundings. Even people of the stature of Yitzchak and Rivka were subject to being influenced by the evil people of Charan, and Avraham Avinu would not compromise this aspect of the young couple-to-be and its founding environment. If Rivka would not agree to abandon the corrupt people of Charan, she was not the one for Yitzchak.
The Torah is teaching us about preconceived ideas and how they affect us. Everyone has a natural scope of vision. Those who see well can view a half circle at once. People with weaker vision can see only a smaller part of that circle. The same is true regarding spirituality. The lower one’s level of spirituality, the less spirituality he sees. A person cannot comprehend a level of spirituality beyond his own, just as a person with a small scope of vision cannot see beyond it. Rav Simcha Zisel of Kelem used this idea to explain the seemingly strict punishment of tzaddikim for minute transgressions. To us they look

"It was obvious that this was the precise location where the wife for Yitzchak was to be found." - Rav Simcha Zisel of Kelem

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like small transgressions, but from the lofty viewpoint of tzaddikim, they are great transgressions. Therefore they are given a strong punishment.

Thus it was regarding Eliezer, upon seeing the miracle of Rivka fulfilling the sign that Eliezer had asked of Hashem. He was sure that she was the one chosen for Yitzchak, but Lavan and Besuel could not recognize the miracle and did not trust in Hashem. Therefore, when he related the events to them, Eliezer switched the order of events. He claimed to have asked about Rivka’s family, and only then to have given her presents, realizing that the real order of events would make him look foolish in the eyes of the lowly Lavan and Besuel. They could not perceive his level of spirituality.

The same is true regarding preconceived ideas. They limit a person’s view of the truth. When Avraham had Eliezer swear not to take a wife for Yitzchak from Canaan, Eliezer still had hope that his daughter could marry Yitzchak. Hence, “ע״א" כוכב התמיד אלתי רassing, והראתי באללה נגן.”

“וַיֵּצֵא יִתְחָכָא מִן הָעֵדֶשׁ וַתָּרָדֵב בְּנֵיו יִשְׂרָאֵל”

“And Yitzchak came from having gone to Beer-lachai-ro’ee, and he dwelled in the region of the south.” Bereshis 24:62

The time for training a child in the performance of positive commandments depends upon the ability and the understanding of each child. For example, as soon as the child understands the significance of Shabbos, it becomes the child’s duty to hear Yitzchak traveled to the bais midrash of Shem in order to escape the limelight which shone throughout his father’s household.

Yitzchak traveled to the bais midrash of Shem in order to study Torah, when he already had direct and personal access to Avraham Avinu, his own father, the paradigm of Torah and chessed.

Sefer Divrei Yisroel notes that the main character trait of Yitzchak was כבודו – awe. This trait leads a person to pursue his service of Hashem discreetly and quietly, far away from the public eye. A person who possesses a natural sense of fear and trepidation of Hashem will recede to the background as he talks to Hashem in prayer, and he will perform his mitzvos without fanfare or accolades. This tendency is in contrast to the trait of Avraham Avinu, who was the epitome of kindness. As a community person, Avraham constantly interacted with others, engaging them in philosophical discussions, while inviting them as guests to his tent and teaching them about Hashem and His role as the Creator.

Yitzchak traveled to the bais midrash of Shem in order to escape the limelight which shone throughout his father’s household. He needed to thrive in the quiet and unassumimg environment that he found in the bais midrash. As Targum Yonasan explains: “The living and eternal God became revealed to Yitzchak. There he found God, Who sees but is not seen.” Yitzchak clung to the trait of the unseen, and he humbly strove to emulate this trait of Hashem.

Halachic Corner

It is the duty of every parent to train his children in the practice of all the mitzvos, whether Biblical or Rabbinical. Each child should be trained in accordance with his or her capability. It is also incumbent upon the parent to guard his children against any forbidden act, as we learn (Mishlei 22:6): “Train a child in the way he should go.” The parent should take special care to train his children to tell no lies, but rather to speak the truth at all times, and to shun swearing. These obligations are upon parents as well as teachers.

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1. Why was the name of קִבֵּרֶ יַעֲקֹב changed to קִבֵּרֶ אוֹזֵר אָבִי?  
See Rabbi Yehuda Hakkohen to 23:1 and Malbim to 25:9.

2. What do we learn from the Torah telling us that Avraham rose up and גְּלַל זָנִיָּה - “from the face of his dead”?  
See Ohr HaChaim 23:3.

3. How was possessing buried in an unusual manner?  
See Ramban 23:9.

4. How was the עֵשֶׁב (oath) that Avraham had Eliezer take different from the oath that Yaakov had Yosef take?  
See Ra’aya Me’anei Davar 24:3.

5. Why does the Torah need to say that Eliezer took camels כְַתָּרִים אָרְסִים (“of the camels of his master”)? Eliezer obviously didn’t have his own camels, being a slave of Avraham.  
See Ohr HaChaim 24:10.

6. Initially, whom did Lavan think Eliezer was coming to offer for marriage into Avraham’s family?  
See Meshech Chochmah 24:29-30.

Questions for Thought and Study

By: Monday- Rabbi Pinchas Zusis; Tuesday- Chicago Community Kollel- Rabbi Shmuel Sussman; Wednesday- Rabbi Dovid Kupchik, at dovid.kupchik@htc.edu.

- Even if the Torah tells us to learn from the negative commandments, whether Biblical or Rabbinical, when he or she understands when told that this thing we are forbidden to do or that food we are forbidden to eat.

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- Please join HTC at our 97th Anniversary Dinner on Tuesday, December 3rd, at the Westin O’Hare. We are honored to pay tribute to Rabbi Sender and Tova Kutner, Lev V’Nefesh Award, and Dr. Avi and Deena Stein, Distinguished Leadership Award. We’re also excited to welcome musical sensation Shalem Lemmer. To RSVP or place an ad for the dinner, please go to www.htc.edu/dinner or call 847-982-2500.

- Attention parents of 8th grade boys! This Tuesday, November 26, at 7:45 PM, prospective parents are cordially invited to an Open House at the Yeshiva. Hear from our talented rabbeim and teachers. Visit our remodeled high school beis midrash, new student lounge and updated science lab. Learn about every aspect of Fansam Yeshiva High School as enthusiastic students guide throughout our campus. See for yourself what makes FYHS unique and attracts students from the Chicago area and across the country.

- Fansam Yeshiva High School has an opening for an experienced, talented, knowledgeable, warm, enthusiastic and dynamic Rebbe for the 2020-2021 school year. Please send résumé to Menahel, Rabbi Dovid Kupchik, at dovid.kupchik@htc.edu.

- Hebrew Theological College’s Gourmet Torah at Shallots Bistro will not take place this Thursday, November 28, Thanksgiving. For more info: Rabbi Joshua Zisook: 847-982-2500 or jzisook@htc.edu.

- Don’t miss this rare opportunity! Due to the generosity of a JUF Breakthrough Grant, Bilstein Institute is offering an outstanding class in Computer Science Principles to High School Juniors and Seniors, Sunday afternoons, from 1-3 PM. Earn 3 credits towards your bachelor’s requirement of 120 credits, free of charge, and start your journey in the exciting field of Computer and Information Sciences. The class is limited to 20 students. For more info, please call 773-973-0241 and ask for Mrs. Mann.

- Make your Rosh Chodesh meaningful. Bilstein Institute invites women of the community to the Edith Tessler Rosh Chodesh Project for Women. Rabbi Zvi Zimmerman will give the lecture, “Increasing our Excitement one Candle at a Time”, Erev Rosh Chodesh Kislev, Wednesday, November 27, at 1:30 PM at Shallots Bistro. Come early and receive 10% off your lunch order.

- Yeshivas Hakayitz 2020 enrollment is now open. Eligibility: Boys entering grades 6 through 11. Camp dates: June 30 - July 27. Join the 200 campers & counselors from coast to coast for the 41st year of summer camping’s most unique experience. We offer exciting Torah Studies, competitive sports leagues, electives, bank activities, awesome daily trips, & the most inspiring Shabbosim. For application, related credits, Seniors, Sunday afternoons, from 1-3 PM. Earn 3 credits towards your bachelor’s requirement of 120 credits, free of charge, and start your journey in the exciting field of Computer and Information Sciences. The class is limited to 20 students. For more info, please call 773-973-0241 and ask for Mrs. Mann.

- Kayitz Adventure Trip 2020 for boys currently in grades 7 & up, Aug. 16-19. Whether you are enrolling your son in Yeshivas Hakayitz or not, this is a 5 full day, jam-packed adventure of great fun. Beautiful Camp Au-Wa-Kiya on Stony Lake & Michigan’s west coast is our home. Adventures include instructional sailing & skiing, tubing, canoeing, kayaking, SUP, zipline, target sports, high ropes course, lakefront inflatables, Silver Lake boating, sand dune jeep tours, hikes, sandboarding, horseback riding, & more. See details: ykk.htc.edu.

- Due to popular demand, the Honors Program of Bilstein Institute is starting the Motzaei Shabbos Halacha Shiru beginning this week, held in the Bilstein Library at 8:30 PM. Rabbi Shmuel Fuerst will be giving the shiru this week. The shiru is for post-high school/college students. Refreshments will be served following the shiru.


- Park Plaza Senior Living Community enriches the quality of life for our residents through daily shiurim, live music, exercise classes, lectures, outings and much more. Park Plaza also has beautifully furnished apartments for rent: daily, weekly and long term or for your simcha. For more information, visit our website at www.park-plaza.org or contact Adina at 773-465-6700 or at adina@park-plaza.org.

- TAG Chicago is here to help! Now selling kosher email, talk and text, and talk-only phones. We offer free volunteer assistance to keep your devices safe. Visit tagchicago.org. Call 847-920-8245 or email Help@TAGchicago.org to book your appointment. 8150 Central Park, Skokie. Remember - “Call before you buy!” We will help guide you.

- Bnos Tzion is back! Learn, grow and connect with other young women. Sundays at 8:00 PM at Adas Yeshurun. This Sunday, November 24, Rabbi Shalom Garfinke is speaking.
• Congregation KINS invites the community this Shabbat, November 22 & 23, to join us for an
inspiring Shabbat of Song with Baruch Levine. Baruch Levine will lead the davening Friday night &
the Shabbat day Musaf davening. There will be a Friday night Oneg Shabbat, 7:30 PM, at the home of
Josh & Shoshri Ross, 2821 Estes, and a Saturday night Melave Malka, 8:00 PM, at the home of Jeremy
• Join us at the Joan Dachs Bais Yaakov - Yeshivas Tiferes Tzvi Nursery Open House! Visit our
beautiful nursery building at 6106 N. California Avenue, from 10:00-11:30, on Thursday, November
28. Parking will be available across the street in the Clinton parking lot. Looking forward to seeing
you there!
• The entire community is invited to join Congregation Shaarei Tzedek Mishkan Yair, Parashas Chaye
Sarah, November 22-23, for our Shabbos of Chutzik with Rabbi Henoch Plotnik: Friday night Oneg at
the home of Yishay and Bluma Broner, 2928 W. Estes, at 8:00 PM, and Seudah Shelishis at Shaarei
Tzedek Mishkan Yair, 2832 W. Touhy Avenue, following 3:55 PM Mincha.
• The Ner Foundation and Ohel Shalom Torah Center are pleased to announce the next lecture of
Rabbi Daniel J. Raccach’s Personalities in the Bible series, titled: “Reuven, Yosef and the Birthright”,
to be held שלישית this Motza’ai Shabbat, November 23rd, at 7:30 PM, at Ohel Shalom, 2949 W. Touhy.
Please join us. The next Shiur will שלישית be on November 30th.
• Looking for ideas to build confidence and cooperation in your children while enhancing family
relationships? Attend the ATT’s 33rd Annual Lecture, Motza’ei Shabbos, December 14, 2019, at the ATT. ICJA Entrance, 8233 Central Park Avenue, Skokie, 8:00 PM, featuring Rabbi Levi Feldman, who will present the topic: “Inspiring Our Children in 2020”.
There is no charge for admission. For more information, call the ATT at 773-973-2828.
• This Monday evening! NILI’s Taharat Hamishpacha Hotline Event: “Birth Control to Menopause:
The Lifespan of Women’s Health in Medicine and Halacha”, with Dr. Carol Ellman, OBGYN, Dr.
Miriiah Plawer, OBGYN, and Rabbi Yona Reiss, Av Beis Din CRC. Moderated by Mrs. Atara Turoff,
Kallah Teacher. This Monday, November 25th, at 8:15 PM, at the Wi-Fi Beit Midrash (8150
McCormick Blvd.) Please contact office@torahchicago.org for more information, please call
973-2828.
• The Chicago Orthodox Student Union continues its Learning Program directed by the YU Torah
Mitzion Kollel, this Monday, November 25, at KINS. 7:45 PM Dinner - 8:00 PM Shiur. CLIK -
“College Learning Initiative at KINS” Shiur: “Korbanot - Does Hashem Really Need Our
Sacrifices?”, led by Rabbi Gedalya Shames. Meat/veggie food included! Questions? Please email
chicagoorthodoxstudentunion@gmail.com.
• Just one month away! The Q2, NCSY’s Ultimate Live Trivia Experience will be held on Saturday
dinner, December 21, at the Renaissance Schaumburg Convention Center. The event will honor Noah &
Suzyro Miskizin and Yossi & Shuli Tsadok, and feature a fast-paced, high-energy trivia
competition! To register, visit midwest.ncsy.org/theq.
• Hillel Torah is seeking a qualified Assistant Teacher for General Studies to join our team this
school year. This is a full-time position. The ideal candidate will be a warm, nurturing team player
and have experience working with elementary students. Bachelor’s degree preferred. To apply,
please email your resume and cover letter to resumes@hilleltorah.org.
• The ATT proudly announces this year’s Pogrud Family Essay & Judaic Artwork Contests for students,
grades 3-12, of its affiliated schools. Funded through the generosity of the Pogrud Family, the contests
provide students the opportunity to demonstrate their creativity, ability to research Jewish topics, and
to express their ideas through writing/art. Deadline for art/essay submission is Thursday, January 30,
• Chanukah Bash at Bernard Horwich JCC! Enjoy music by DJ Ariel, glow games, inflatables, and
sufganiyot bar. Squeeze your own olive oil with YU Kollel Torah Mitzion. Crafts and more!
• Yachad seeks a full-time Chicago Chapter Director to add to its dynamic team. Some
responsibilities include the supervision of all programming and related activities, strategic initiatives,
and stewardship of existing and future organizational partnerships. Works closely with local staff
and National team. Please send a resume with a cover letter to herrmann@ou.org or to
cohene@ou.org. No phone calls, please.
• Yachad congratulates Dina Baker, Program Coordinator, on a successful Shabbaton with the Or Torah
community. Over 100 participants & staff, along with 50 guests, joined b’Yachad for a ruach-filled Shabbos
full of friends and fun. The Motza’ei Shabbos activity at Ignite was awesome! Special thanks to Sarah
Bernstein, Rabbi Engel, and to our staff & HS board! Upcoming programs at Yachad.org/Chicago: Parasha
& Pizza, Minute To Win It, Shabbaton with Hillel Torah’s 8th grade & more! #BecauseEveryoneBelongs
• This Sunday! Bais Yaakov High School of Chicago cordially invites all women to attend our
Annual Brunch, Sunday, November 24, 11:00 AM, at the home of Mrs. Chaya Kohn, 3520 West
Glenlake Avenue, Chicago. Inspiring presentation by Mrs. Sori Schechter, Menahela of Bais Yaakov
of Lakewood, on the topic “Raising Resilient Children in a Snowflake Generation”. Delicious milchig
buffet and exciting raffle! For more information or for sponsorships please call: 773-267-1494.
• By David Josephson in honor of the new Friday Mincha Gedola Minyan at Congregation Khal
Chasidim, which takes place at 12:40 every Friday. All are welcome to join at 6757 N. Richmond Street.
• Save the date for ATT’s Annual Dinner, recognizing the NWHA/Park Plaza with the Crane-Maling Pillar
of Education Award for their generous endowment to ATT’s Reach program & the Hartman Family Foundation
Educator of the Year Awardees: Mrs. Sari Kravitt (Hillel Torah) whose top award is sponsored in memory of
Mrs. Gayle Anne Hersowitz, Mrs. Betty Hainsfurther (Arie Crown), and Miss Breindy Miller (Joan Dachs Bais
Yaakov). The event begins at 5:30 PM at the Holiday Inn, Skokie. Sunday, Dec. 8th. Reception begins at 5:00.
• Hillel Torah is now accepting applications for the 2020-21 school year. Please join us in action! Our
nurturing classroom communities foster the emotional, physical, social and intellectual growth of
every child. Our child-centered approach guides children to explore, discover and engage in learning
while integrating Torah and chesed, Israel and Ivrit into their daily lives. For more information and
to schedule your personalized tour, contact margot.parnass@hilleltorah.org.
• Hillel Torah’s Early Childhood Program invites current and prospective families to our Sunday
Funday! Preschool and Kindergarten children and their parents are invited to a fun-filled morning on
Sunday, December 15, from 10:00-11:30 AM, at our preschool campus, 8825 East Prairie in Skokie.
Join us for a morning of experiential and interactive Chanukah-related activities, led by our engaging
and talented teachers. Info: margot.parnass@hilleltorah.org.
• Increase your confidence! Do you get nervous when you speak in public? Toastmasters has over
16,000 clubs worldwide to help people improve their public speaking skills. We are trying to gauge
the level of interest in creating a new Toastmasters club in the Chicago Jewish community. If you
may be interested in joining 90-minute meetings 1-2 times per month, please contact Ari Siegel
at publicspeakerschicago@gmail.com.
• Temporary positions available: Agudath Israel is looking to hire individuals to assist with
upcoming projects. Seeking capable individuals with computer and communication skills. Full-time
or part-time options available. Flexible hours. This is a great opportunity to be part of a wonderful
work environment and join the Agudah in helping the community. Please send your résumé with
references to HR@agudathisrael-il.org.
• Camp Maayan Midwest extended Early Bird Discount for Chicago applicants until December 1.
Join us and bring a friend! For every camper you refer and applies there is a $100 referral discount
off camp tuition. Become a Maayaner and experience great times and friendships that will last
forever. Register today for a summer you don’t want to miss! For more information call us at
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• Mazal tov to our dear friend Sharon Matten on publishing her beautiful new book “Shabbos Under
Pressure—Cooking with Pressure—Pressure Free Cooking” published by Feldheim Publishers. We
are so excited to find it in our local Jewish bookstores and on Amazon. We can’t wait to purchase
“Shabbos Under Pressure” at the Amit Chanukah Boutique (December 1st) and get our books
personally signed by you! Love, Anne & Eddie Galster.
• By Jonathan Keefe wishing hatz cholacha to Linda Keefe and Linda’s Headquarters on her sale of wigs
— Mari Wigs brought in from New York, with stylist Esther Yona Friedman to help you pick the
right wig for yourself. Other wigs will also be on sale. Linda’s Headquarters in Skokie - this Motzaei
Shabbos, November 23, 8:00-10:00 PM; Sunday, November 24, 12:00-5:00; and Monday, November
25, 10:00-3:00 and 8:00-10:00.
• By Mr. and Mrs. Lennie Weiss wishing mazal tov to their children, Necemia and Chani
Gershman, on the birth of a daughter. Mazal tov to the other grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Alan
Gershman, and to the great-grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Sheldon Kirshner, Mrs. Lisa Weiss and Mr.
and Mrs. Herbert Goldsmith. May she grow to Torah, to chupah, and to ma’asim tovim, and be a
source of nachas for the entire family and Klal Yisroel.
• By Rabbi Bernard Neuman and family in memory of his father, Rav Tzvi Neuman, י“ו, on the
occasion of his yahrtzeit on 25 Cheshvan. (Or Torah)
• By Mark Oberlander in memory of his beloved son, Mitchell Benjamin Oberlander, on the occasion of his 34th yahrtzeit on 25 Cheshvan. May his memory be for a blessing for all of his family.
• We observe with love and sadness the 27th yahrtzeit of our dear friend and zaddik, Judah
Schayer, י“ו, on the occasion of his ninth yahrtzeit on 25 Cheshvan. - The Schayer, Kalman, and Myers families.
• In memory of our beloved husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather, מ"ה, on the occasion of his ninth yahrtzeit on 25 Cheshvan. - The Schultz and Atlas families and all his loving grandchildren and great-grandchildren. We miss him very much. With love, we honor his memory.
• By Colman & Elise Ginsparg and Harold & Suzanne Ginsparg and their families in memory of
their beloved mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother, Gita Ginsparg, on the occasion of her yahrtzeit on 26 Cheshvan. May her memory be for a blessing.
• By Stan Zoller in memory of his mother, Jean - מ“א, on the occasion of her sixteenth yahrtzeit on 29 Cheshvan. May her memory be for a blessing.

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Answers:
1. Rabbi Eliezer ben Hananiah in the Talmud explains that the city of Be’er-Sheva was called רבועים
because the people buried there were connected רבועים because the people buried there were connected
to Hashem’s Throne of Glory. Malbim says that it was called רבועים because the people that were buried there were
connected רבועים for all eternity, as they were in their lifetimes.
2. One explanation is that before a grave is sealed a deceased person sees and knows all that is
going on (as indicated in Shabbos 152b). Another explanation is that the law is that a person must be buried face up. Any other position would be disrespectful.
3. Adam was buried folded over (םלוה) due to his tremendous size. That is one reason why the cave
was called קברין (doubled over).
4. Avraham forced Eliezer to take the oath as indicated by the term יק뒤ות (I will have you swear). He could do this as Eliezer was his servant. Yaakov asked Yosef to take an oath, as indicated by the request יך ולי킨 (Yaakov).
5. One explanation is that based on Avraham’s wealth, Eliezer could not have taken fewer than ten
camels, as this was like one camel for anyone else. Another explanation is that the number ten is not
literal, but it indicates a large number. The fact that they are indicated as Avraham’s camels was
because they were used specifically by Avraham.
6. Lavan thought initially that Eliezer was coming to bring Lavan back to Canaan to marry
Avraham’s daughter רכבי (See Bava Basra 16b) for himself. That is why he initially ran to him
(‘לפיון). After he saw the jewelry, and he realized that Eliezer was interested in Rivkah for
Yitzchak, he approached him slowly (יוכדש).