

[6] Hear us, adoni: thou art a nasi Elohim among us; in the choice of kevareinu bury thy dead; none of us shall withhold from thee his kever, that thou mayest bury thy dead.  
 [7] And Avraham stood up, and bowed himself to the am ha'aretz, even to the bnei Chet.  
 [8] And he spoke to them, saying, If it be your nefesh (will) that I should bury my dead out of my sight; hear me, and intercede for me to Ephron ben Tzochar,  
 [9] That he may give me the cave of Machpelah, which he hath, which is in the end of his sadeh; for the kesef maleh (full price) he shall give it me for an achuzzah (possession) of a kever amongst you.  
 [10] And Ephron dwelt among the bnei Chet: and Ephron the Chitti answered Avraham in the hearing of the bnei Chet, even of all that went in at the sha'ar of his city, saying,  
 [11] Lo, adoni, hear me; the sadeh give I thee, and the cave that is therein, I give it thee; in the presence of the bnei ammi give I it thee; bury thy dead.  
 [12] And Avraham bowed down himself before the am ha'aretz.  
 [13] And he spoke unto Ephron in the hearing of the am ha'aretz, saying, But if thou wilt give it, now, hear me; I will give thee kesef for the sadeh; accept it from me, and I will bury my dead there.  
 [14] And Ephron answered Avraham, saying unto him,  
 [15] Pay heed, adoni, unto me; the land is worth four hundred shekels of kesef; what is that between me and thee? bury therefore thy dead.  
 [16] And Avraham paid heed unto Ephron; and Avraham weighed to Ephron the kesef, which he had named in the hearing of the bnei Chet

four hundred shekels of kesef, according to current merchant value.

[17] And the sadeh of Ephron which was in Machpelah, which was near Mamre, the sadeh, and the cave which was therein, and all the trees that were in the sadeh, that were in all the borders round about, were dedeed

[18] Unto Avraham for a property in the presence of the bnei Chet, before all that went in at the sha'ar of his city.

[19] And after this, Avraham buried Sarah his isha in the cave of the sadeh of Machpelah near Mamre; the same is Chevron in the erez Kena'an.

[20] And the sadeh, and the cave that is therein, were dedeed unto Avraham for an achuzzah of a kever by the bnei Chet.

**24** And Avraham was zaken (old), and well stricken in age; and Hashem berach (had blessed) Avraham in all things.

[2] And Avraham said unto his eved zekan of his bais, hamoshel (that ruled) over all that he had, Put, now, thy yad under my thigh;

[3] And I will make thee swear by Hashem Elohei HaShomayim and Elohei Ha'Aretz, that thou shalt not take an isha unto beni of the Banot HaKena'ani, among whom I dwell:

[4] But thou shalt go unto my erez, and to my moledet, and take an isha unto beni Yitzchak.

[5] And the eved said unto him, What if the isha will not be willing to follow me unto HaAretz Hazot: must I needs bring binecha back unto ha'aretz from where thou camest?

[6] And Avraham said unto him, Beware thou that thou bring not beni to there!

[7] Hashem Elohei HaShomayim, which took me from bais avi, and from the erez of my moledet, and which spoke unto me, and that swore unto me, saying, Unto thy zera will I give HaAretz Hazot; He shall send His Malach before thee, and thou shalt take an isha unto beni from there.

[8] But if the isha will not be willing to follow thee, then thou shalt be released from this my shevu'ah (oath): only do not bring back beni there.

[9] And the eved put his yad under yerech Avraham adonav, and swore to him concerning this matter.

[10] And the eved took asarah gemalim of the gemalei adonav, and departed; for all the goods of adonav were in his yad: and he arose, and went to Aram Naharayim, [Mesopotamia] unto the Ir Nachor.

[11] And he made his gemalim to kneel down outside the Ir near a be'er hamayim at the time of erev, at the time that women go out to draw mayim.

[12] And he said Hashem Elohei adoni Avraham, now, send me success this yom, and show chesed unto adoni Avraham.

[13] Hinei, I stand here by the ayin hamayim; and the banot anshei haIr come out to draw mayim;

[14] And let it come to pass, that the na'arah to whom I shall say, Let down thy jug, now, that I may drink; and she shall say, Drink, and I will give thy gemalim drink also; let the same be she that Thou hast appointed for Thy eved Yitzchak; and thereby shall I know that Thou hast showed chesed unto adoni.