Class #5–Parshat Chayei Sarah- Greatness Never Dies

Advanced Fellowship Parsha Class - Sponsored in memory of Alice Toby Barbanel Z”l

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The Jewish community has been devastated by the loss of two Torah leaders, Rabbi Dovid Feinstein ZTL and Rabbi Jonathan Sacks ZTL. Each one was unique in their contribution to the Jewish people.

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This video is of Gila Sacks, Rabbi Sacks' youngest daughter delivered at the Levaya of HaRav Ya'akov Zvi ben David Arieh z"l, Rabbi Lord Jonathan Sacks, on 21st Marcheshvan 5781 / 8th November 2020.

1. Gila remarks that she did not have enough time to formulate the good her Father gave her. Why wasn’t the 15-20 years of adult life sufficient time to formulate this good?
2. Is Gila unique in the experience of not having formulated the good she received from her parents, in their lifetime?
3. What is the goal of Gila’s Hesped/Eulogy? Is she correct?
4. What is the ultimate purpose of a Eulogy of excellence?

Hilchot mezuzah: 5:13

A person must show great care in [the observance of the mitzvah of] *mezuzah*...[Through its observance,] whenever a person enters or leaves [the house], he will encounter the unity of the name of the Holy One, blessed be He, and remember his love for Him. Thus, he will awake from his sleep and his obsession with the vanities of time, and recognize that there is nothing which lasts for eternity except the knowledge of the Creator of the world. This will motivate him to regain full awareness and follow the paths of the upright.

1. How does mezuza’s lesson about the eternity of knowledge guide our crafting of a Eulogy?

Genesis 23:1-20

*Sarah Dies*

23:1 [Sarah had lived to be](http://bible.ort.org/books/pentd2.asp?ACTION=displaypage&BOOK=1&CHAPTER=23#C432) 127 years old. [These were] the years of Sarah's life. 23:2 Sarah died in [Kiryath Arba](http://bible.ort.org/books/pentd2.asp?ACTION=displaypage&BOOK=1&CHAPTER=23#C433), also known as [Hebron](http://bible.ort.org/books/pentd2.asp?ACTION=displaypage&BOOK=1&CHAPTER=23#C434), in the land of Canaan. Abraham came to eulogize Sarah and to weep for her.

1. What occurs first – Crying or Eulogizing?
2. What is the purpose of each activity?
3. Why did Avraham change the order?
4. What nechama [comfort] does a hesped provide the family and friends?