Class # 3–Parshat Vayeira-Romeo and Juliet and Avraham and Sarah

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<https://youtu.be/xcSwBHs1uD4> Romeo takes the poison when he believes that Juliet is dead. Juliet stabs herself once she sees that Romeo is dead.

1. What level of value do Romeo and Juliet place on romance?
2. Why would they commit suicide if they could not be together?
3. Would Romeo have been willing to sacrifice himself to rescue Juliette from danger?
4. Is it romantic for a husband to give his life in defense of his wife and children even if he cannot rescue them? Is it wise?
5. What is romance?

*Sarah and Abimelekh*

20:1 Abraham migrated from there to the land of the Negev, and he settled between [Kadesh and Shur](http://bible.ort.org/books/pentd2.asp?ACTION=displaypage&BOOK=1&CHAPTER=20#C380). He would often visit [Gerar](http://bible.ort.org/books/pentd2.asp?ACTION=displaypage&BOOK=1&CHAPTER=20#C381). 20:2 [There] he announced that his wife Sarah was his sister, and [Abimelekh](http://bible.ort.org/books/pentd2.asp?ACTION=displaypage&BOOK=1&CHAPTER=20#C382), king of Gerar, sent messengers and took Sarah. 20:3 God came to Abimelekh in a dream that night. 'You will die because of the woman you took,' He said, 'She is already married.'.......

*Troubles*

12:10 There was a famine in the land. Abram [headed south](http://bible.ort.org/books/pentd2.asp?ACTION=displaypage&BOOK=1&CHAPTER=12#C219) to Egypt to stay there for a while, since the famine had grown very severe in the land. 12:11 As they approached Egypt, he said to his wife Sarai, 'I realize that you are a good-looking woman. 12:12 When the Egyptians see you, [they will assume that you are my wife](http://bible.ort.org/books/pentd2.asp?ACTION=displaypage&BOOK=1&CHAPTER=12#C220) and kill me, allowing you to live. 12:13 If you would, say that you are my sister. They will then be good to me for your sake, and through your efforts, my life will be spared.' 12:14 When Abram came to Egypt, the Egyptians saw that [his wife](http://bible.ort.org/books/pentd2.asp?ACTION=displaypage&BOOK=1&CHAPTER=12#C221) was very beautiful. 12:15 Pharaoh's officials saw her, and spoke highly of her to [Pharaoh](http://bible.ort.org/books/pentd2.asp?ACTION=displaypage&BOOK=1&CHAPTER=12#C222). The woman was taken to Pharaoh's palace. 12:16 He treated Abram well because of her, and [Abram] thus acquired sheep, cattle, donkeys, male and female slaves, she-donkeys, and camels. 12:17 God struck Pharaoh and his [palace](http://bible.ort.org/books/pentd2.asp?ACTION=displaypage&BOOK=1&CHAPTER=12#C223) with severe plagues because of Abram's wife Sarai. 12:18 Pharaoh summoned Abram and said, '[How could you do this to me](http://bible.ort.org/books/pentd2.asp?ACTION=displaypage&BOOK=1&CHAPTER=12#C224)? Why didn't you tell me that she was your wife? 12:19 [Why did you say that she was your sister](http://bible.ort.org/books/pentd2.asp?ACTION=displaypage&BOOK=1&CHAPTER=12#C225) so that I should take her to myself as a wife? Now here is your wife! Take her and go!' 12:20 Pharaoh [put men in charge](http://bible.ort.org/books/pentd2.asp?ACTION=displaypage&BOOK=1&CHAPTER=12#C226) of [Abram], and they sent him on his way along with his wife and all that was his.

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| **2. Gemara Sotah 17a** |
| דריש ר"ע איש ואשה זכו שכינה ביניהן לא זכו אש אוכלתן.    **רש**"**י**  **זכו** - ללכת בדרך ישרה שלא יהא הוא נואף ולא היא נואפת.  **שכינה ביניהם** - שהרי חלק את שמו ושיכנו ביניהן יו"ד באיש וה"י באשה.  **לא זכו אש אוכלתן** - שהקב"ה מסלק שמו מביניהן ונמצאו אש ואש |
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| Rabbi Akiva explained : When a man and woman merit it, Hashem rests His Divine Presence between them.    **Rashi**  **Merit it** going on the proper path of fidelity **His divine presence** he divided his Divine name making it dwell between them Yud in “ish” and Heh in “Isha”. **If they do no merit it a fire will devour them** since Hashem will remove His Holy Name from between them, making the words Ish and Isha each into "Esh," or fire. |