**Class # 4- Part 1: Workshop on Tefilla: Prayer vs Crying out**

Senior Fellowship Leadership Program

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**10 Steps to Redemption**

What is better? Using a matchmaker or finding your beloved yourself.

*A Wife for Isaac*

24:1 Abraham was old, well advanced in years, and God had blessed Abraham with everything. 24:2 He said to the [senior servant](http://bible.ort.org/books/pentd2.asp?ACTION=displaypage&BOOK=1&CHAPTER=24#C442) of his household, who was in charge of all that he owned, 'Place your hand [under my thigh](http://bible.ort.org/books/pentd2.asp?ACTION=displaypage&BOOK=1&CHAPTER=24#C443). 24:3 I will bind you by an oath to God, Lord of heaven and earth, that you will not take a wife for my son from the daughters of the Canaanites among whom I live. 24:4 Instead, you must go to my native land, to my birthplace, and obtain a wife for my son Isaac.' 24:5 'But what if the girl does not want to come back with me to this land?' asked the servant. 'Shall I bring your son back to the land that you left?' 24:6 'Be most careful in this respect,' replied Abraham. 'Do not bring my son back there! 24:7 God, the Lord of heaven, took me away from my father's house and the land of my birth. He spoke to me and made an oath. '[To your offspring I will give this land](http://bible.ort.org/books/pentd2.asp?ACTION=displaypage&BOOK=1&CHAPTER=24#C444).' He will send His angel before you, and you will indeed find a wife there for my son. 24:8 If the girl does not want to come back with you, then you shall be absolved of my oath. But [no matter what,] do not bring my son back there!' 24:9 The servant placed his hand under the thigh of Abraham his master, and he took an oath regarding this. 24:10 The servant then took ten of his master's camels, bringing along the best things his master owned. He set off and went to [Aram Naharayim](http://bible.ort.org/books/pentd2.asp?ACTION=displaypage&BOOK=1&CHAPTER=24#C445), to the [city of Nachor](http://bible.ort.org/books/pentd2.asp?ACTION=displaypage&BOOK=1&CHAPTER=24#C446). 24:11 [When he arrived,] he let the camels rest on their knees outside the city, beside the well. It was in the evening when women go out to draw water. 24:12 He prayed, 'O God, Lord of my master Abraham: Be with me today, and grant a favor to my master Abraham. 24:13 I am standing here by the well, and the daughters of the townsmen are coming out to draw water. 24:14 If I say to a girl, 'Tip over your jug and let me have a drink,' and she replies, 'Drink, and I will also water your camels,' she will be the one whom You have [designated](http://bible.ort.org/books/pentd2.asp?ACTION=displaypage&BOOK=1&CHAPTER=24#C447) for Your servant Isaac. [If there is such a girl,] I will know that You have granted a favor for my master.' 24:15 He had not yet finished speaking, when Rebecca appeared. [She had been born to Bethuel, the son of Milcah, the wife of Abraham's brother Nachor](http://bible.ort.org/books/pentd2.asp?ACTION=displaypage&BOOK=1&CHAPTER=24#C448). Her jug was on her shoulder.

1. Why is Yitzchak so needy that he needs someone to get him a bride?
2. Would you look at someone who uses a headhunter to find a job as an incapable person? Or a wise person?
3. If a person seeks a doctor’s advice – is he foolish?
4. Why do we look at dating for marriage as being different for all other important pursuits?
5. Why do people have resistance to get help from a therapist or psychologist?
6. What is Avraham’s servant’s plan to find a match for Yitzchak?
7. What role does Avraham’s servant prayer play?
8. Please write an insert for the blessing of “Shomea Tefilla” [The blessing of Hear our prayer] for a person who is struggling to keep with their well devised diet program. Please include the needs to all of Israel within your prayer – like we do for the prayer of the sick – “Heal this person, among the other ill people of Israel”.