**OHH! Chayei Sarah – “Sarah’s Life”**

**Introduction**:

Hebrew letter

* ה – hey – 5
* Meaning: grace, mercy, reveal, show, behold, spirit, gentleness

Hebrew words and names and their meanings:

* Eliezer = My God Helps
* Laban = white
* Rebekah = captivating beauty, to tie, to bind
* Machpelah = Double
* Hebron = connection
* Habar = to connect

History Portion:

* Before Israel became a nation, the area was ruled by Britain as an outcome of WW1.

Culture:

* After the Ten Tribes of Israel were exiled (when the tribe of Judah was the only tribe left in Israel), that is when the name “Jews” (Yehudim) started being used.
* The term “Jew” refers to those who came from the tribe of Judah (and not from the other tribes) but today it’s used to refer to anyone who has a Hebrew heritage.

Fun Factoid:

* Israel loves archeology. For instance, in an area of 50 square miles, there are over 2,000 archeological sites.

**Body**:

Torah Portion summation (Genesis 23:1-25:18):

* Death and Burial of Sarah
* Eliezer’s Oath, Rebekah and Isaac
* Death of Abraham

Torah Portion Themes:

* Generations

**Conclusion**:

So What?!! Application section:

1. Why wouldn’t Abraham accept the offer of Ephron the Hittite?
2. How does the story of Eliezer and Rebekah relate to the story of Yeshua and the woman at the well?