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A Mother's Care

Before his passing, Yaakov requested his son

Yosef to bury him in *Eretz Kna'an*, in the *Me'oras Hamachpeila*. After agreeing, Yosef asked his father why he had buried his mother Rochel on the side of the road, and not in *Me'oras Hamachpeila*.



Yaakov explained that Rochel was buried on the roadside in order to help the *Yidden* many years later. When the *Yidden* would be on their way to *golus*, they will pass by Rochel's *kever* and *daven* there. Rochel would then *daven* for the *Yidden* to be freed from *golus*, and Hashem will accept her *tefillos*.

Question – Why was Rochel chosen to be buried on the road side to *daven* for the *Yidden* and not Yaakov?

Answer – Rochel *Imeinu* was chosen for this task because of the special quality of care that women have.

Women are not obligated to do *mitzvos* that are connected to a specific time (like *shofar*, *sukka* and *lulav*), since they are occupied with caring for their children at home. The women are ready to give up the *zechus* of doing these special *mitzvos*, for at that time they are raising children to grow up in the ways of Hashem.

It is because of this special quality that Rochel was chosen to be buried on the road side. Here too, Rochel was ready to give up the special *zechus* of being buried in the *Me'oras Hamachpela*, so that she should be able to *daven* and help her children in their time of need!

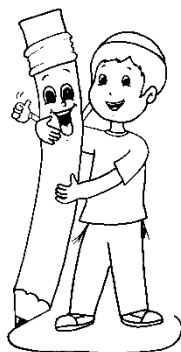


Our mother Rochel was ready to give up everything in order to help her children. So too, Hashem, the Father of *Bnei Yisroel*, listens to our *tefillos* and will finally take us out of *golus*, with the final *geula* now!

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Let's Review...



What does this week's *parsha* speak about?

What question do we have?

What is the answer?

What lesson can we learn from this week's *parsha*?
