

RaYBaSH's Torah Thoughts for Kids
Parashah #5: Chayei Sarah (Life of Sarah)
B'reshit (Genesis) 23:1-25:17
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Gen. 24:1-4 “And Abraham was old, and well stricken in age: and the LORD had blessed Abraham in all things. And Abraham said unto his eldest servant of his house, that ruled over all that he had, Put, I pray thee, thy hand under my thigh: And I will make thee swear by the LORD, the God of heaven, and the God of the earth, that thou shalt not take a wife unto my son of the daughters of the Canaanites, among whom I dwell: But thou shalt go unto my country, and to my kindred, and take a wife unto my son Isaac.” (KJV)

Perkei Avot 2:16a He would also say: It is not incumbent upon you to finish the task, but neither are you free to absolve yourself from it.

Luke 9:62 And Jesus said unto him, No man, having put his hand to the plough, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God.

Has your Mom or Dad ever told you to clean out the basement or Garage because they want you to build an extra family room or spare bed room?

You look and see all the mess, all the work that needs to be done and you feel so overwhelmed you don't even know where to start.

You say, “I'll never get this done! I can't do it!”

Your Father says, “I don't want you to do it all, just start on it, because every little bit helps. Your brothers and sisters will be along later to continue what you started.”

Weeks pass by, months pass by and one day you come home from school to see the basement or garage carpeted, painted and livable. You are amazed that a dusty old storage room full of junk could be turned into this!

G-d promised Avraham the Promised Land, but He only got to own a small burial plot in that land. It would be his descendants who would eventually own more, but it had to start some where, no matter how small the start.

So with us, when G-d gives us something to do, do it with all your might, and even though you may never see the job finished.

Shabbat Shalom and Shavuah Tov!

-- Rabbi Yehudah