



THE TRIBE SCRIBE

CHAYEI SARAH: URBAN FACTS!

IN THIS WEEK'S PARASHA WE ENCOUNTER THE CITY OF CHEVRON (OR HEBRON). JOIN US AS WE PUT ON OUR FACT-FINDING GOGGLES TO DISCOVER MORE ABOUT THIS SPECIAL PLACE.



Chevron is one of the four holy cities of Israel. The other three are Jerusalem (of course!), Tiberias and Safed.



Avraham and Sarah lived in Chevron. Two generations later, Yaakov and his family lived there too.

קִרְיַת אַרְבַּע
Kiryat Arba

Chevron is also known as **Kiryat Arba**, the **City of Four**, since four couples are buried there. They are: **Adam and Chava, Avraham and Sarah, Yitzchak and Rivka, Yaakov and Leah.**



When Sarah died, Avraham bought the burial cave in Chevron for 400 silver shekels. It is known as **Me'arat Hamachpela**, the double cave. This is the first recorded Jewish purchase of land in Israel (1677 BCE).



Before the **Beit Hamikdash** (Temple) in Jerusalem was built, **King David** ruled from Chevron for seven and a half years.

THE HUGE STONE BUILDING THAT YOU CAN SEE TODAY AT **ME'ARAT HAMACHPELA** IN CHEVRON WAS BUILT BY **KING HEROD** IN THE FIRST CENTURY BCE. LOOK, THE STONES ARE SIMILAR TO THE HUGE STONES IN THE **KOTEL**, WHICH WAS ALSO BUILT UNDER **HEROD'S** RULE.



Chevron had excellent pasture lands. The **Talmud** tells us that the best lambs were raised in the hills of Chevron.



Yehuda the Maccabee captured Chevron back from the Greeks in the **Chanukah** story.



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