

Abraham and Sarah, Soul and Body

Letters and Numbers of Torah – Chayei-Sarah

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Genesis 23:2

“And Sarah died in Kiriath Arba, which is Hebron, in the land of Canaan, and Abraham came to eulogize Sarah and to bewail her.”

וְתָמַת שָׂרָה בְּקִרְיַת אַרְבַּע הוּא חֶבְרוֹן בְּאֶרֶץ כְּנָעַן וַיָּבֵא אַבְרָהָם לְסֹפֵד לְשָׂרָה וּלְבַכְתָּהּ

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After the passing of his wife Sarah, at the ripe old age of 127, Abraham our Father desired to give her a regal eulogy and burial, so he bought the Cave of Machpelah in Hebron, to honor her body with a sacred, private space.

As the Torah describes it, “Abraham came to eulogize his wife Sarah and to cry over her.”

“And to cry,” *v’livkosah* וּלְבַכְתָּהּ, is written in the Torah with an unusually small letter *Kaf*.

Why?