

Jewish Parenting – Class #2: Being a Mature Parent

1. **Bereishis 23:1**: And the life of Sarah was one hundred years, and twenty years, and seven years; the years of the life of Sarah.
2. **Da'as Zekainim**: Because ninety years she was without children, and one who does not have children is considered as if they were dead. Calculate from the time that she was ninety year old, till the end of her life which was 127 years of age, and it comes out to 37 – which is the Gematria of the words “Vayihyu.”
3. **Devarim 12:25**: You shall not eat it [blood], in order that it be well with you and your children after you, when you do what is right in the eyes of Hashem.
4. **Kli Yakar**: Because ingesting blood will spawn cruelty into the body of the consumer; **and the nature of the parent continues into the children, so they will have children like them.....**one should be concerned that cruelty will be stuck to him and his children...That is why it says later on [13:18] ‘And He will give you mercy and be merciful to you and multiply you..’ that you will become merciful to others, and that is why Hashem will be merciful to you, **and increase your children because they will also become merciful like you.”**
5. **Talmud Beitzah 32b**: Anyone who does not have compassion on other people, you can be certain is not from the descendents of our father Avraham.
6. **Rabbi Tzvi Meir Zilberberg**: The teachings of the holy and righteous is well known, that every soul which enters into this world has, in general, two types of **missions** within all aspects of his service to G-d....There is the part of a person's service that he does in order to perfect himself....and to fulfill **the unique mission that he was meant to accomplish** in Torah, prayer, purity, faith, trust, and in all aspects of service to G-d, in interpersonal relationships, in his spiritual relationship with G-d, **each one is considered the “righteous one in the generation” in his mission...and only he is able to fulfill this unique mission.**
7. **Rabbi Tzvi Meir Zilberberg**: “The second part is that which G-d gives each and every Jewish soul **the abilities and the means in which he is able to influence other Jews.** There are those whom G-d has given them the ability to influence their homes; and there are those that G-d gives them the ability to influence his children, grandchildren, students, friends, and anyone else according to his situation and

abilities. G-d has sent him on this unique mission for the sake of his soul."