

Jewish Parenting – Class #3 – Being an Honest Parent:

1. **Breishis 24; 49:** And now if you will do kindness and truth with my master, let me know, and I will turn to the left or to the right.
2. **Sforno, Ibid :** Truth – that you wish the betterment and honor for your daughter as is befitting for you, then you will enter her into the house of Avrohom.
3. **Chovos Halvavos, Gate of Service to G-d:** ...we come to realize the magnitude of our obligation to serve, praise, and thank the Creator of kindness itself, the Creator of those who act kindly, ***whose own goodness is infinite, constant, unending***, and is offered not for any selfish reason or for the avoidance of harm, but as a gift and a personal favor to mankind.
4. **Talmud Kiddushin 30b:** There are three partners in the [formation] of the human being – G-d, his father, and his mother.
5. **Talmud Brachos 58a:** Just like their faces are not similar one to another, so too are their opinions not the same.
6. **A Student's Obligation pp. 4-6:** When referring to the education of children, therefore, "chinuch" means stimulating the growth and development of what each child is suited by his very nature.....The education of each child must therefore be different, depending on his nature, mind, character, and all his other unique qualities.
7. **Chovos Halvavos, Ibid:** It is well known that a parent means to benefit himself when helping his child. For, the child is a veritable part of him, because of all the hope that a parent has for the child's future.
8. **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.
9. **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."
10. **Talmud Nedarim 64b:** Four people are considered as dead people: A poor person, a Metzora, a blind person, and ***a person who has no children***.
11. **Rabbi Chaim Shmuelevitz:** The nature of a person is to primarily bestow kindness upon one's children. There is no one who can receive kindnesses as much as a child can from his parents. ***Without the ability to bestow kindness to someone else, the person is considered as a dead person.***

12. **Devarim 4:4**: But you who cling to Hashem, your G-d – you are all alive today.