



# PARSHA CHALLENGE

תשפ"ג

פרשת חקת בלק

1. What נס in this week's פרשה wasn't a miracle?
2. What name did משה call the בני ישראל in this week's פרשה?
  - b. Who in last week's פרשה calls them a similar name? When?
3. List three things that בלעם does that is reminiscent of אברהם.<sup>1</sup>
  - b. What ברכה does בלעם give to כלל ישראל that previously given to אברהם and יעקב?
4. What in this week's פרשה is 42?
5. What event in this week's פרשה is startlingly similar to an event that happened during the days of רבי עקיבא?
6. List seven מגפות mentioned in the תורה.<sup>2</sup>
7. Our beginnings are the same,  
My end is a nation,  
His end is a 100,<sup>3</sup>  
We are both mentioned in this week's פרשה  
Who are we?
8. Through my life he lived,  
Through my death he died,  
Through him I was punished,  
Through him I was forgiven.  
I am mentioned in this week's פרשה.  
Who am I? Who is he? (Based on a submission by E. M. Eisman)

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**Need a Hint?**

<sup>1</sup> All three are part of the same event.

<sup>2</sup> Three are in ספר שמות and four in ספר במדבר.

<sup>3</sup> "קייא"

## Answers

1. The pole which the copper נחש was placed on was called a נס (כא, ט). (The Medrash Tanchuma asks why was it called a "nes" and it answers that it was a "nes" because it floated in mid-air)
2. במדבר י"ז כה). בני מרי Yidden calls ה' after קרח's rebellion ב) המורים
3. 1) Regarding both it says בוקר (וישכם) ויקם 2) Both saddled their own donkey.  
3) Both took two נערים as escorts.  
a) אברהם in ברכה was given by ה' to אברהם. מברכיך ברוך וארריך ארור (כד, ט) and לך לך ברכת יצחק by יעקב gave to יצחק and לך לך
4. קרבנות 42 brought בלעם ובלק.
5. Both in this week's פרשה and פרשה עקיבא בימי רבי עקיבא there was a מגפה in which 24,000 people died.
6. 1) דָּבַר 2) מכת בכורות 3) By the העגל 4) While eating שליו 5) By the המרגלים  
6) By the complainers after קרח's death 7) By the פערור
7. Our beginnings are the same, - בל -  
My end is a nation, - עם -  
His end is a 100, - "ק" -  
We are both mentioned in this week's פרשה  
Who are we? בלק and בלעם
8. Next week....

### Last week's Riddle:

- I was someone's end, - אשת לוט -  
I am associated with a place of total destruction, - סדום -  
A שאלה was asked regarding me, - מעשר in מחויב if I am יצחק asked עשיר -  
I have a place on the מזבח. - I am brought with every קרבן -  
In this week's פרשה I am used as an expression of "everlasting", - (יח, יט ע' רש"י) -  
Who am I? - מלח -

לרפואה שלמה – אביגדור ששון מאיר בן רחל לאה,  
לע"נ שאול בן אברהם ז"ל, ברכה בילה בת דוד יעקב ע"ה, יצחק דוד בן אלימלך הכהן ז"ל  
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