

PARSHA CHALLENGE

תשפ"ד

פרשת ויחי

1. What are two instances in the תורה that a grandfather kisses his grandsons?
2. What detail does the תורה repeat about the פטירה of יוסף?
 - a. Who is the only other person in the תורה that it says the age he was נפטר twice?
3. List eleven animals mentioned in the ברכות יעקב.¹
4. Which מצרים came down five times to שבט(ים)? Which came down four? Three? Two? Once? (Submitted by E. Schwartz)
5. In what instance is the number 70 mentioned in this week's פרשה?
 - a. List 7 other instances in **the תורה** that have a connection to the number 70.²
 - b. List 3 famous instances in **נ"ך** where we find the number 70.³
 - c. List at least 2 famous instances in **ש"ס** where we find the number 70.⁴
6. I suffered from me in his old age,
His father suffered from me as well,
There is someone, who the תורה explicitly says, did not.
I am mentioned in this week's פרשה.
Who am I? Who is he?
7. I was worried we would have a close relationship,
but thankfully we only met once,
However, in death we had a much closer connection,
Although he is not mentioned openly in this week's פרשה
he had a "major role".
I am mentioned in this week's פרשה.
Who am I? Submitted by B. Schwartz

Need a hint?

¹ Three are forms of lions, two are forms of donkeys, two are forms of snakes

² Two in פרשת נח (one is a person's age), two were groups of people, one is after קריעת ים סוף, one was part of the חנוכת המזבח, one is an amount of קרבנות.

³ One is in שחרית של שבת, one was a person's age, one was a number of years

⁴ One is mentioned in פרקי אבות, one is mentioned in the הגדה

Answers

- שבטים kisses the לבן and מנשה ואפרים kisses יעקב.
- The age he was נפטר In פסוק כב it says ויחי יוסף מאה ועשר שנים and in כו it says בן מאה וימת יוסף. ושם שנים.
 - a. משה In וילך it says "בן מאה ועשרים שנה אנכי היום" (from היום – infers that it was the day he turned 120) and then again in הברכה.
- 1) Ox - שור 2) Lion cub - גור אריה יהודה 3) Lion - כרע רבץ כאריה 4) Lioness - אסרי גפן עירה / יששכר חמר גרם 5) Donkey – וכלביא מי יקימנו 6) Young donkey – בני אתנו 7) Snake – נחש עלי דרך 8) Viper – שפיץ עלי ארח 9) Horse – זאב יטרף 10) Deer – נפתלי אילה שלחה 11) Wolf – הנשך עקבי סוס
- Almost all the שבטים came down four times; 1) without בנימין, 2) with בנימין 3) with יעקב 4) after יעקב's burial. שטר went down an extra time to get the שטר. שמעון and בנימין only went down three times. יוסף only went down twice. מנשה and אפרים only went down once.
- The days of אבלות for יעקב
 - a. 1) 70 nations, 70 languages 2) תרח was 70 when he had children. 3) 70 descendants of יעקב that came to מצרים 4) 70 palm trees (פרשת בשלח) 5) The מוזיק of then המוזיק weighed 70 שקלים. 6) 70 זקנים (בהעלתך) 7) שבעים פְּרִי בחג
 - b. 1) שנתנו בהם שבעים שנה 2) 70 years of דוד 3) 70 years of גלות
 - c. 1) בן שבעים לשִׁיבָה 2) הרי אני כבן שבעים שנה 3) עֵי פָּנִים לתורה 4) According to one שיטה the בִּיד הגדול * The translation of המלך was with 72 חכמים.
- יעקב suffered from me in his old age, His father suffered from me as well, There is someone, who the תורה explicitly says, did not. I am mentioned in this week's פרשה. Who am I? Who is he? - Blindness / משה (דברים לג, ז) -
- Next week...

Last week's riddle:

- There are four of us in the תורה,
One of us had a city named after him, - the son of קין
One of us lived like the days of the solar year, - the father of מתושלח
One of us was a grandson of אברהם, - from his wife קטורה
One of us is the oldest of the oldest, - האובן of בכור
One of us is mentioned in this week's פרשה.
Who are we? - חנוך