

CHANUKAH CHALLENGE

תשפ"ג

שבת חנוכה

1. What two similarities are there between חנוכה and סוכות?
 - a. What הלכה do a מנורה and a סוכה have in common?
2. What are the two instances where we make a ברכה on a מנהג?¹ (ספרדים only have one instance)
3. What connection does חנוכה have to the number 25?
 - a. What is the 25th word in the תורה?
 - b. What is the 25th stop mentioned in פרשת מסעי?
4. Why in 1948 wasn't there a שבת חנוכה?
5. List at least one connection the numbers 1-10 have with חנוכה.
Who knows 1? 2? 3? 4? 5? 6? 7? 8? 9? 10?
6. What are the four possible instances that three ספרי תורה are used for קריאת התורה?² (R' M. Juravel)
7. I have a connection to the story of חנוכה,
I am one of the requirements for the מצוה of the פסח of קרבן פסח,
The הלכות of שבת usually don't apply to me,
In the תורה I was done explicitly on four occasions,
Who am I?
8. He and I are from the five,
We both have the same name as the sons of two people
who were appointed first,
However, his namesake succeeded his father, while mine did not.
Who am I? Who is he?

Need a hint?

¹ One is on חנוכה and one is approximately 15 times a year

² Three are on ראש חודש and one is during טוב יום

Answers

- 1) They are both eight days (including שמייני עצרת) 2) הלל שלם is said by both - every day.
3) According to שמאי בית we light one less every night כנגד פרי החג
a. The שיעור for the maximum height of a מנורה and a סוכה is 20 אמות.
- 1) Lighting the מנורה in shul 2) ראש חודש of הלל
- כ"ה כסליו
a. אור
b. חשמונה
- Chanukah was at the end of December and שבת חנוכה was in January 1949.
- 1 – ה' , the minimum amount of נרות required for the מצוה of חנוכה
2 – every night except for the first on ברכות
3 – on the first night, גזירות, that the יונים made on the Yidden,
the minimum height of the חנוכה.
4 – The sides of a driedel
5 – The sons of מתתיהו (According to אנטיוכוס)
6 – מתתיהו ובניו
7 – Days of the נס of the שמן, the נרות of the מנורה in the בית המקדש, שבע רועים, the seven sons
8 – Days of חנוכה, a full מנורה
9 – Full מנורה with the שמש
10 – The maximum height of the מנורה לכתחילה
- 1) פרשת החודש ראש חודש 2) ראש חודש שבת חנוכה 3) פרשת שקלים ראש חודש 4) שמחת תורה: וזאת הברכה, בראשית, קרבנות היום (פרשת פנחס)
- I have a connection to the story of חנוכה, - I was outlawed
I am one of the requirements for the מצוה of the פסח
The הלכות of שבת usually don't apply to me, - I am דוחה שבת
In the תורה I was done explicitly on four occasions, - By אברהם, by יצחק, by שכם and by משה
Who am I? - מילה
- Next week.....

Last Week's Riddle:

- I seem to be small but in reality I am quite large,
I was made to be consolation for another, - the moon (see רש"י א, טו)
Through me many people were חוטה,
It is a ברכה to be compared to me. - they made me into an עבודה זרה
I am mentioned in this week's פרשה.
Who am I? - כוכבים - to be as many as me