

PARSHA CHALLENGE

תשפ"ג

פרשת יתרו

1. What are יתרו's seven names?
 - a. Which six names are used in the תורה? When are they used?
2. What do both the Yidden and הר סיני do in this week's פרשה?
3. List four men whose mothers-in-law are mentioned in the תורה.
(Even if the mother's-in-law name isn't given.)¹
 - a. Which two women in the תורה are called daughters-in-law?²
 - b. Which two men in the תורה are called a sons-in-law?³
4. Who in פרשת יתרו has the same name as his cousin, except for one letter?
 - a. Who in פרשת יתרו has the same name as his great uncle, except for one letter?
5. List three separate times that משה was by הר סיני.
6. I was by the ברית בין בתרים,
I was by the עקידה,
I was by one of the מכות,
I was with the בני ישראל in the מדבר,
I was by מעמד הר סיני.
Who am I?
7. Seemingly, I am in the wrong location,
With me a צדיק was lacking,
However his brother was very careful with me,
Because of me, the חושן was delayed in being filled.
I am mentioned in this week's פרשה.
Who am I?

Need a hint?

¹ One is found in each of the following פרשיות: נח, תולדות, מקץ, בשלח.

² One in פרשת וישב one פרשץ נח

³ They are found in פרשת וירא

Answers

1. יתרו, יתר, חובב, רעואל, קיני, ופוטאל
a. was used when his daughters came back from the באר יתרו when משה shepherded his sheep
and in this week's פרשה יתר when he asked permission to leave. פרטאל is in וארא when it says
אלעזרבן אהרן לקח מבנות פוטאל when he tells משה he is leaving. קיני is in פרשת בלק
ספר שופטים but is used in the תורה is not found in the חבר. נבועה's בלעם.
2. Tremble. ויחרד כל ההר (יט, יח) and ויחרד כל העם (יט, טז)
3. 1) צלה (אם של נעמה) / נח 2) יצחק 3) יוסף 4) יוכבד / כלב 5) אשת ישמעאל (עשיו)
ותקח לו אמו - תורה is briefly mentioned in the wife of ישמעאל married עשיו. (הגר) אשה מארץ מצרים (יח, כא)
However, this isn't definitive because the מדרש says he had more than one wife. If so, this wife may not have been מחלת's mother.)
6-9) If we include marriages to sisters then there are an additional three sets. קין and תבל married their twin sisters
making חוה their mother-in-law. שמעון married דינה making לאה his mother-in-law. Although according to one שיטה the
married their sisters, the מפרשים explain they didn't marry their twin but a sister from one of the other אמהות. If
so, we don't know who was whose mothers-in-law. (Although it would seem that בני בלה וזלפה and בני בנימין had to marry
otherwise the בני לאה wouldn't have who to marry, however this doesn't have to be. Firstly, כפשוטו, יוסף
didn't marry a twin and secondly רש"י brings בנימין had an extra twin. If so, any of the שבטים aside from בנימין could
have married them which would mean we don't know which שבטים of the married a לאה (בת לאה)
a. תמר and שרה
b. לוט's sons-in-law
4. אלעזר בן אהרן's first cousin was אלעזר
a. גרשון בן לוי's great uncle was גרשם.
5. When he saw the סנה, when he met אהרן and by התורה קבלת.
6. I was by the בתים בין בתים, - It passed between the pieces
I was by the עקידה, - אברהם carried it with him
I was by one of the מכות, - ברד
I was with the Ydden in the מדבר, - עמוד אש
I was by הר סיני. - It came down on the mountain
Who am I? - A fire
7. Next week....

Last week's riddle:

I was pleasant but became bitter,

He was bitter but became sweet,

- The waters in מרה

I lost my family and my wealth,

I wanted to be called like the name of his location,

Although I am not mentioned in this week's פרשה,

the name I wanted to be called is.

קראן לי מרא (א,כ) -

Who am I?

נעמי -

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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