

# PARSHA CHALLENGE

תשפ"ג

פרשת וישב

1. In what instance are each of the following numbers mentioned in this week's פרשה?  $3_{(3x)}$ , 11, 17, 20<sup>1</sup>
2. List 10 fathers mentioned in the תורה who had a child die (prematurely) in their life time.<sup>2</sup>
3. List five titles mentioned in this week's פרשה.
  - a. List three individuals in this week's פרשה that the תורה never discloses the individuals name nor title.<sup>3</sup>
4. Who in this week's פרשה has his name backwards and forwards in the same פסוק?<sup>4</sup>
  - a. Which famous person in פרשת בראשית has his name backwards and forwards in the same פסוק?<sup>5</sup>
  - b. How are these two instances amazingly similar?
5. I gave a gift to my mother,  
I did something that was disrespectful to my father,  
However, it was I who was most concerned for him,  
I am mentioned in this weeks פרשה.  
Who am I?
6. I seem to be small but in reality I am quite large,  
I was made to be consolation for another,  
Through me many people were חוטא,  
It is a ברכה to be compared to me.  
I am mentioned in this week's פרשה.  
Who am I?

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**Need a hint?**

<sup>1</sup> An amount of money

<sup>2</sup> Three in בראשית, one in נח, one in וירא, one in this weeks פרשה and one in ויקרא.

<sup>3</sup> One is man, one is a daughter and one is a wife.

<sup>4</sup> His name has two letters

<sup>5</sup> His name also is only two letters

## Answers

- 3 – (1) Months until it was noticeable that תמר was expecting (2) Branches in the שר's dream (3) Baskets in the שר האופים's dream (4) days until פרעה's birthday.  
11 - Stars  
17 - Age of יוסף  
20 – Coins for which the brothers sold יוסף
- (1) קין והבל lost אדם (2) תובל קין accidentally killed his son למך (3) חנוך was taken away at a young age which was long before his father ירד died. (4) הרן lost תרח (5) לוט had two daughters that were killed in סדום (6) ער ואונן lost יהודה (7) פינחס was killed by כזבי's daughter צור (8) נדב ואביהו lost אהרן (9) חור son כלב (10) פרעה's oldest son died during מכות בכורות  
*(Most likely רחל died before לבן although it doesn't say so מפורש. According to בני עוזיאל that says לבן was בלעם, then she and לאה would have died before לבן. Additionally, the מדרש says that אברהם had a daughter בכל and she died in אברהם's lifetime.)*
- שר בית הסהר, שר האופים, שר המשקים, פרעה, מילדת.  
a. וימצאהו איש (לז, טו), בת שוע, אשת פוטיפר.
- ויהי ער בכור יהודה רע בעיני ה'  
a. ונח מצא חן בעיני ה'  
b. Both describe the individual's character בעיני ה'.
- I gave a gift to my mother, - דודאים  
I did something that was disrespectful to my father, - I moved his bed  
However, it was I who was most concerned for him, - I stopped my brothers from killing יוסף  
I am mentioned in this weeks פרשה.  
Who am I? - ראובן
- Next week...

### Last Week's Riddle:

- She and I share the same name,  
She had one co-wife and I had even more, - I have two  
She was horrified when her husband killed, - Her husband למך killed קין  
A nation is called after my grandson, - עמלק  
Although I am mentioned in this week's פרשה, she is not, - She is in בראשית  
Who are we? - עדה אשת עשו

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