

PARSHA CHALLENGE

תשפ"ה

פרשת ויצא

1. What are six ways יעקב was related to רחל? (E. Polsky)
2. What type of קרבן was brought in this week's פרשה?
 - a) How many people brought animals as a קרבן in ספר בראשית? Who are they?
3. List three dreams that occurred in this week's פרשה.
 - a) List seven other dreams that occurred in the תורה.¹
4. Which three "dead" people in this week's פרשה were actually alive?
5. What did both לבן and יעקב do עשו to עשו?
6. What נס happened to both יעקב and אליעזר?
 - a) How was the נס different by יעקב?
 - b) List two other instances in the תורה where such a נס occurs.²
7. In which instances are each of these numbers mentioned in this week's פרשה? 2, 3, 3, 6, 7, 7, 7, 20
8. We are the first four,
Each of us is associated with a different attribute,
Sight, hearing, closeness or speech.
We are all mentioned in this week's פרשה.
Who are we?
9. I was said by the father to someone who was upset,
I was said by his son when forgiveness was asked,
By the father I was said in rebuke, by the son I was said in comfort,
I am mentioned in this week's פרשה.
Who am I? (Submitted by M. Cohen)

Need a hint?

¹ One in וירא, four in וישב and two in מקץ.

² One is in ספר במדבר and one is hinted to in פרשת דברים

Answers

1. 1) Husband
 2) Through לאה - Sister-in-Law
 3) Through רבקה and לבן – first cousin
 4) Through אברהם and נחור (or מלכה and שרה) – second cousin once removed¹
 5) Through אברהם and הרן – second cousin twice removed²
 6) Through הרן and נחור – third cousins³
2. קרבן brought oil as a יעקב
 a. אברהם and נח, הבל – 3
3. 1) יעקב dreamed of מלאכים on the סולם. 2) יעקב's dream in which ה' told him to return home.
 3) יעקב's dream in which ה' warns him not to harm לבן.
 a. 1) יעקב's dream to return home. 2-3) שני dreams (beginning וישב).
 4-5) The dreams of the האופים ושר המשקים (end וישב). 6-7) פרעה's dream(s)⁴
4. 1) יעקב was חשוב when אליפז stole all his possessions were stolen. 2) פסוק יג on רשי"י explains the reason it says יצחק was because יצחק was a סומא and therefore he was חשוב כמת.
 3) רחל said she was חשוב because she didn't have children.
5. They both hugged (and kissed) him.
6. קפיצת הדרך.
 a. By אליעזר it was the standard קפיצת הדרך while by יעקב – הר המוריה uprooted itself and came to (עי' רשי"י ד"ה כי אם בית אלקים). יעקב
 b. By the מרגלים and when בני ישראל traveled from סיני הר ברנע to הר סיני
7. 2 – לבן had two daughters, each of the שפחות had a שני בן
 3 – Three flocks of sheep by the well, יעקב and לבן, on the third day לבן was told that יעקב ran away.
 6 – Years יעקב worked for pay.
 7 – Years יעקב worked to marry לאה, years he worked to marry רחל, and "days of travel" that לבן went in order to catch up to יעקב.
 20 - Total years יעקב worked for לבן.
8. Who am I? יהודה, לוי, שמעון, ראובן, שמעון, לוי, יהודה
9. Next week...

Last Week's Riddle:

I am known as a רשע,

I killed a father, I captured his son,

לוט and הרן -

But I was unsuccessful in killing the father's brother,

אברהם -

In fact, it was the father's brother's grandson that killed me.

עשו -

I have a connection to this week's פרשה.

Who am I?

נמרוד -

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

¹ 2nd cousin once removed (2 different ways; through the Avrohom or through Sarah)

- Avrohom and Nachor (or Sarah and Milka) were siblings
- Yitzchok and Besuel were 1st cousins
- Yaakov and Lavan were 2nd cousins (which also made Yaakov a 2nd cousin to his mother - since Lavan and Rivka were siblings!)
- Yaakov and Rachel were 2nd cousins once removed

² 2nd cousins twice removed

- Avrohom and Haran were brothers
- Yitzchok and Milka were 1st cousins (which also made Yitzchok a 1st cousin to his mother - since Sarah and Milka were sisters!)
- Yaakov and Besuel were 2nd cousins
- Yaakov and Lavan were 2nd cousins once removed
- Yaakov and Rachel were 2nd cousins twice removed

³ 3rd cousins

- Haran and Nachor were brothers
- Sarah and Besuel were 1st cousins
- Yitzchok and Lavan were 2nd cousins
- Yaakov and Rachel were 3rd cousins

⁴ There are three additional times in ספר בראשית that a dream is implied but it is not explicitly stated: 1) In the middle of the ברית בן הבתרים it says a תרדמה נפלה על אברהם after which ה' says גר יהיה זרעך. It is unclear if this was a dream or after he awoke. 2) In פרשת תולדות ה' appears על פי בלעם נבואות which ה' says נבועה בלעם's was equal to משה's it must have been פה על פה. 3) In פרשת ויגש ה' says מראת הלילה when coming down to מצרים. Additionally, there are the two נבואות of בלעם which ה' says נבועה בלעם's was equal to משה's it must have been פה על פה.