

PARSHA CHALLENGE

תשפ"ה

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 (שבט/ים) came down five times to מצרים? 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. In this weeks פרשה, first he fell,
then we all fell,
All of us that is, except for me.
I am mentioned in this week's פרשה.
Who am I?
7. There was a סימן from ה' that I was the one,
I chose to proceed without any delays,
When I was unsure I consulted another,
I gave advice which seemed dishonest,
I yearned to see my son once again before I died.
I am mentioned in this week's פרשה.
Who am I?

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 חזקת 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 הגדה

Answers

1. שבטים kisses לבן and מנשה ואפרים kisses יעקב.
2. The age he was נפטר In פסוק כב it says ויחי יוסף מאה ועשר שנים and in כו it says מאה וימת יוסף בן מאה.
 a. In וילך it says "בן מאה ועשרים שנה אנכי היום" (from רש"י – היום infers that it was the day he turned 120) and then again in הברכה.
3. 1) Ox - וברצנים עקרו שור 2) Lion cub - גור אריה יהודה 3) Lion - כרע רבץ כאריה
 4) Lioness - וכלביא מי יקימנו 5) Donkey - יששכר חמר גרם / אסרי גפן עירה / נחש עלי דרך 6) Viper - שפיץ עלי ארח
 7) Snake - בני אתנו 8) Young donkey - זאב יטרף 9) Wolf - נפתלי אילה שלחה 10) Deer - הנשך עקבי סוס 11) Horse
4. 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 שמעון. Only went down three times. יוסף only went down twice. מנשה and אפרים only went down once.
5. 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 חנוכת המזבח of מזורק weighed 70 שקלים.
 6) 70 זקנים (בהעלתך)
 7) שבעים פרי בחג
 b. 1) ימי שנותנו בהם שבעים שנה
 2) 70 years of דוד
 3) 70 years of גלות
 c. 1) בן שבעים לשיבה
 2) הרי אני כבן שבעים שנה
 3) ע' פנים לתורה
 4) According to one שיטה the ב"ד הגדול
 * The translation of תלמי המלך was with 72 חכמים.
6. In this weeks פרשה, first he fell, נפטר was יעקב when יוסף fell on -
 then we all fell, - The שבטים when begging forgiveness
 All of us that is, except for me. - because I didn't need forgiveness
 I am mentioned in this week's פרשה. בנימין
 Who am I? -
7. Next week...

Last week's riddle:

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| My great uncle was named for his mother's suffering, | - ראובן |
| My uncle was named for his ornament, | - זרח (the son of יהודה) was named for his red band |
| My father was named for his aggressiveness, | - פרוץ (the son of יהודה) was named for jumping out first |
| I have the same name as one of the great uncle's sons. | - the son of ראובן |
| I am mentioned in this week's פרשה. | |
| Who am I? | - חצרון |

Answers

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