

PARSHA CHALLENGE

תשפ"ה

פרשת וארא

1. List four similarities between the מכה of דם and the מכה of צפרדע.¹
2. What did מכת ברד and לידת יצחק have in common?²
3. When does it say כה וכה in last week's פרשה? When does it say כה כה in this week's פרשה?
4. The longest word in the תורה is in this week's פרשה. What is it? (R' G. Tikotsky)
5. List eleven people from the time of אברהם, that the תורה records the age that they were נפטר.
 - b. What is the longest streak of son after father that the תורה records the age of their פטירה?
6. Who, mentioned in this week's פרשה, had a grandson that was also his great grandson?
7. If you give me a פתח, I'm very supportive,
If you give me a צירי, I'm very honest,
If you give me a חיריק, I'm very small,
I appear in this week's פרשה,
Who am I?
8. I am part of a group of five,³
I am brought first - on the second,
I am also brought by one who is disgraced,
I am sometimes used as a measurement,
I am the limit upon which other forces can control,
In this week's פרשה I was destroyed.
Who am I? Based on a submission by A. Heppenheimer

Need a hint?

¹ What is their source? Who performed it? What did they cause? How did the חרטמים respond?

² What סמין did they have in common?

³ I am also part of a group of seven,

Answers

- 1) They were from water 2) They were done by אהרן
3) They both caused a bad smell. (ובאש היאר, ותבאש הארץ)
4) The חרטומין replicate the both מכות (They both had a warning and were done with the מטה however most מכות had this similarity)
2. By both it was announced that the event would happen when the sun reached a scratch made in the wall. (רש"י בראשית כא, א and רש"י שמות ט, יח)
3. In last week's פרשה it says ויפן כה וכה (ב, יב) פרשה it says והנה לא שמעת עד כה כה אמר ה' (ז, טז-יז)
4. ובמשארותיך
5. אברהם, שרה, ישמעאל, יצחק, יעקב, יוסף, לוי, קהת, עמרם, משה, אהרן.
b. 26 דורות from אדם until משה and אהרן.
6. לוי. He was the grandfather and great grandfather of משה and אהרן. This is because he was the grandfather of their father עמרם and the father of their mother יוכבד.
7. If you give me a פתח, I'm very supportive,
If you give me a צִירִי, I'm very honest,
If you give me a חִירִיק, I'm very small,
I appear in this week's פרשה,
Who am I?
כינים -
8. Next week....

Last week's riddle:

One of my wives was a מצרית,

הגר -

One of my daughters-in-law was a מצרית,

- The wife of ישמעאל, as it says:

"ותקח לו אמו אשה מארץ מצרים" (כא, כא)

However, I was not a מצרי.

I am mentioned in this week's פרשה.

Who am I?

אברהם-

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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