

# PARSHA CHALLENGE

תשפ"ה

פרשת ויקהל

1. Where in the משכן were there flowers?
  - a. In which other instance in the תורה are flowers mentioned?<sup>1</sup>
2. When in this week's פרשה is jewelry mentioned?
  - a. List two instances in last week's פרשה that jewelry is mentioned.
  - b. List four other instances in the תורה that jewelry is mentioned.<sup>2</sup>
3. What other major event happened on the day of "ויקהל" that is not mentioned in this week's פרשה?
4. Where do we see the importance of the מדה of זריזות in this week's פרשה?
5. Which two items in the אהל מועד had the same letters in their names just scrambled? Bonus: Can you name a third item with the same letters?
6. I am gold, he is not,  
We are similar in purpose<sup>3</sup>, but used differently,  
However, once a year and sometimes more -  
I am used in a method similar to him,  
We are both mentioned in this week's פרשה.  
Who am I? Who is he?
7. I was one of the supporters,  
At one point, I was second in command,  
I took a stand for what was right,  
My parents were even more famous than I.  
I am mentioned in this week's פרשה.  
Who am I?

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#### Need a hint?

<sup>1</sup> פרשת קרח ח

<sup>2</sup> One in חיי שרה one in וישלח, one in מקץ and one in מטות.

<sup>3</sup> and name

## Answers

1. On the מנורה.
  - a. After אהרן's rebellion, אהרן's stick was placed in the אהל מועד and it sprouted flowers.  
פרשת קרח (וי, כג).  
(In the שמות's dream it mentions blossoming (מ, י), however it doesn't mention a flower. דודאים are sometimes mistakenly translated as flowers but they are actually a form herb or spice.)
2. The Yidden donated their jewelry to the משכן.
  - a. 1) Yidden gave jewelry for the עגל.  
2) After the חטא העגל, the Yidden didn't put on their jewelry (ד, ו) ולא שתו איש את עדיו עליו לג, ד).
  - b. 1) רבקה gave jewelry to אליעזר.  
2) After יעקב leaves with his family from שכם, he travels to בית אל. Before going to בית אל, he tells his family to get rid of all their jewelry from שכם that might have been used for ע"ז. The פסוק says (לה, ד) "ויטמן כל אלהי נכר וגוי ונזמים אשר באזניהם" (לה, ד).  
3) טבעת gives יוסף a רביד זהב and a טבעת.  
4) After מלחמת מדין the Yidden donated jewelry to the משכן (לא, ג).
3. עצה was the day after יום כפור (ויקהל). This was also the day that יתרו gave his עצה to appoint judges. (עי' רש"י פרשת יתרו יח, יג).
4. The נשיאים lost out because they didn't donate right away.
5. מנורה - כפרת. Bonus: the flowers on the מנורה.
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  - קטורת one is for קרבנות one is for קטורת.
  - חטאת הפנימי and for יום כפור
  - I was smeared with blood
  - מזבח הנחשת and מזבח הזהב
7. Next week....

### Last week's riddle:

In the days of אחשורוש, both he and I plotted evil,  
But for our first letters, we had identical names,  
While his death is mentioned in the מגילה,  
my death is not.  
Who am I? Who is he?

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