

PARSHA CHALLENGE

תשפ"ה

פרשת תזריע מצרע

- 1) Where in ספר דברים does it mention a הלכה regarding צרעת?
- 2) When in this week's פרשה is "more" actually "less"?
- 3) What are four characteristics of a נגע צרעת on regular skin?
 - a) How is it possible to have a נגע without any of these סימני טומא and it yet it is still a מוחלט צרעת? (according to the רש"י של פשוטו)
- 4) List five colors mentioned in this week's פרשה.
- 5) The names of which two מכות are mentioned in this week's פרשה?
- 6) Which six (positive) מצוות involve the killing of an animal but not as a קרבן?¹
- 7) There are four of us with the same classification.
One is unable to fully perceive his surroundings.
One has no continuation,
One has very little,
One is in this week's פרשה.
Who are we?
- 8) I am the name of a person,
I am the name of a city, (לפי פשוטו של מקרא)
I am an adjective,
I mentioned with יעקב sticks,
I am in the ברכה that יעקב gave to יהודה,
I am mentioned with the מן,
I am mentioned with צרעת.
I am mentioned in this week's פרשה.
Who am I?

Need a hint?

¹ One in this week's פרשה, one has a connection to יום כפור, one to a טהרה process, one to a murder, one to a בכור.

Answers

- 1) In תצא there is the מצוה of השמר בנגעה צרעת
- 2) A צרעת that covers the entire body is טהור.
- 3) 1) A white hair 2) The color appears lower than the skin.
3) It spreads 4) A spot of normal skin in the צרעת
a) If the after locking the person away for two weeks the צרעת doesn't fade רש"י infers from the פסוק that it is טמא (עי' רש"י יגו). (Note: רש"י is going מקרא של פשוטו but it is clear from חז"ל that they learn in such a case he is טהר)
- 4) White, red and green צרעת. Black (white) and gold hair.
- 5) 1) דם יולדת, דם ציפור, דם זבה
2) ובשר כי יהיה בו בערו שחין ונרפא (יג, יח)
- 6) 1) The bird used to be מטהר a מצרע 2) שער לעזאזל 3) פרה אדומה 4) עגלה ערופה
5) עריפת פטר חמור 6) שור הנסקל (A שור killed for either killing a human or immorality)
- 7) There are four of us with the same classification,
One is unable to fully perceive his surroundings, - סומא A
One has no continuation, - No children
One has very little, - עני A
One is in this week's פרשה. - מצורע A
Who are we? - חשוב כמת
- 8) Next week...

Last Week's Riddle:

- I am mentioned by one of the first three מכות, - ויאמרו החרטום אל פרעה אצבע אלקים היא וגו' (ח, טו)
- I am mentioned regarding the לוחות, - לחת אבן כתבים באצבע אלקים (לא, יח)
- I am used when bringing many of the קרבות, - מזבח to spray on the
- I am mentioned in this week's פרשה.
- Who am I? - אצבע