

PARSHA CHALLENGE

תשפ"ו

פרשת תולדות

1. When is the only time "תורה" mentioned in ספר בראשית? (R' A Schwartz)
2. List 4 different words that are found twice in a row in this week's פרשה.
3. Name three places in ארץ ישראל today that are mentioned in this week's פרשה.
4. Who in the תורה had two wives with the same name? (Y. Handwerger)
5. Where do we find the power of קול יעקב described as a weapon?
6. Who in this week's פרשה had the same number of sons as both his uncle and his nephew?¹
7. Who speaks "בלבוי" in this week's פרשה?
 - a) Who speaks "אל לבוי" in ספר בראשית?²
 - b) Who speaks "בלבוי" in מגילת אסתר?
8. What connection does each of the following numbers have with this week's פרשה? 2, 2, 2, 40, 40, 63³, 100.
9. I lived to an age 10 years older than my uncle,
I lived to an age 20 years older than one of my grandparents.
I am mentioned in this week's פרשה.
Who am I?
10. My grandfather died a terrible death,⁴
My son did not show me proper respect,
I tried to kill another but I was caught in my own trap,
I am mentioned in this week's פרשה.
Who am I?

Need a hint?

¹ One of the relatives is found in this week's פרשה. Both are found in next week's פרשה. **Another hint?** The number of sons is 12.

² פרשת נח

³ It is a calculated number that is connected to the פרשה but is not stated מפורש.

⁴ My grandfather was killed by fire

Answers

1. עקב שמע אברהם בקלי וישמר משמרתי מצותי חוקתי ותורתי (כו, ה)
2. יצא יצא, הקול קול, אדום אדום, אברהם אברהם
3. באר שבע and רחבות, מאה שערים
4. בשמת בת ישמעאל (לו, ג) as well as בשמת בת אילן החתי (כו, לד) was married to עשיו.
רש"י לו, ג. See
5. says he conquered שכם with חרבי ובקשתי. תרגום explains this to mean תפילתי.
6. נחור (see כב, כ) as well as his uncle had 12 children (see יב, כה) ישמעאל. ישמעאל and his nephew יעקב.
7. ויאמר עשו בלבו יקרבו ימי אבל אבי וגוי' (כו, מא)
a) ויאמר ה' אל לבו לא אסף עוד לקלל עוד את האדמה (ח, כא)
b) ויאמר המן בלבו למי יחפץ המלך וגוי' (ו, ו)
8. יצחק goats served to עשו wives of חתי, (שני גיוס בבטנך) יעקב ועשו - 2
40 - The age of יצחק when he got married
40 - The age of עשו when he got married
63 - The age of יעקב when he left for חרן
100 - The age of ברכה of מאה שערים
9. I lived to an age 10 years older than my uncle, - ישמעאל (137)
I lived to an age 20 years older than one of my grandparents. - שרה (127)
I am mentioned in this week's פרשה.
Who am I? - יעקב (147)
10. Next week....

Last week's riddle:

My descendants are one of the seven,

- ארץ כנען Nations of

For the actions of my grandfather did my father suffer,

- חם was cursed because of כנען

Two of my descendants married into the house of אברהם,

- (כו, לד) ש' wives עשיו

Although I am not in this week's פרשה,

my descendants

- בני חת

Who am I?

- חת

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לעיני שאול בן אברהם ז"ל, ברכה בילה בת דוד יעקב ע"ה, יצחק דוד בן אלימלך הכהן ז"ל
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