

# PARSHA CHALLENGE

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פרשת במדבר

1. What in this week's פרשה has six arms and three legs? (E. Schwartz)
2. When was there a גורל in this week's פרשה?
  - a. What are three other גורלים in the תורה?
3. Based on this week's פרשה explain the following series of numbers:  
 $3+3+1+3+3$
4. List twelve people mentioned in the תורה that were descendants of דן.<sup>1</sup>
  - a. Which descendant of דן is hinted to in the תורה?
5. Whose death is mentioned the most times in the תורה?<sup>2</sup>
  - a. List the four places in the תורה that it is mentioned.<sup>3</sup>
6. My time was brief,  
My colors were many,  
There is much speculation about me.  
In this week's פרשה I was given an additional purpose.  
Who am I?
7. Our fathers had a name in common.  
Her father had many names,<sup>4</sup>  
My father only had two,  
His two names were very similar to each other.<sup>5</sup>  
Both names are mentioned in this week's פרשה.  
Who am I?

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## Need a hint?

<sup>1</sup> פלוני בן פלוני is counted as two descendants. **Need more hints?** One was his son, one was a craftsman, two are a mother and her wayward son, two were נשיאים, one was a spy, five were fathers.

<sup>2</sup> It is mentioned in this week's פרשה.

<sup>3</sup> Once at the time of their death, once shortly after, once in this week's פרשה and once in פרשת פנחס.

<sup>4</sup> Seven names

<sup>5</sup> Without close attention – you may even miss the difference.

## Answers

1. The מנורה had three arms on each side and the base rested on three legs. See רשיי פרשת תרומה כה, לא.
2. The קדושה of each בכור was redeemed on a לוי. However, since there were less לויים than בכורים, the remaining בכורים were redeemed on כסף. It was through a גורל that it was decided which needed to be redeemed on כסף.
  - a. The שיערים of כפור, the choosing of the זקנים, the dividing of ישראל.
3. The five מחנות – four containing three שבטים each plus מחנה לוייה in the middle.
4. 1) חושים בן דן (ויגש מו, כג)  
2-3) בצלאל - the assistant craftsman to אהליאב בן אחיסמך (כי תשא לא, ו)  
4) – שבט דן (Although he was not part of דן through his mother.)  
מקלל (יא, 5-6) - the mother of the שלומית בת דברי (אמור כד, יא)  
דן of נשיא – אחיעזר בן עמישדי (במדבר א, יב) 7-8  
מרגלים 12 – עמיאל בן גמלי (שלח יג, יב) 9-10  
The נשיא of דן after the 40 years – בקי בן יגלי (מסעי לד, כב) 11-12
  - a. ברכת יעקב is hinted to in שמשון.
5. נדב ואביהוא
  - a. 1) when they actually died - שמניי 2) אחרי מות שני בני אהרן 3) This week's פרשה - when listing אהרן's children. 4) פנחס - during the counting of לוי.
6. My time was brief,  
My colors were many,  
There is much speculation about me.  
In this week's פרשה I was given an additional purpose. - My skin was used to wrap כלים  
Who am I? - The תחש
7. Next week.....

### Last week's riddle:

I am a מצות עשה,

He is a תעשה לא,

We are unrelated to each other,

Once a year a זכר is done for me.

- יום כפור on

On that same day we are careful not to violate him.

- when we bow

We are both mentioned in this week's פרשה.

Who am I?

- יובל of יום כפור on שופר blowing

Who is he?

- the לאו of bowing directly on a stone floor