

PARSHA CHALLENGE

תשפ"ו

פרשת שופטים

1. What desire does this week's פרשה predict the Yidden will express?
 - a. What question does this week's פרשה predict the Yidden will ask?
 - b. What other question does the תורה predict the Yidden will ask?
2. What do a wife and a vineyard have in common in this week's פרשה?
3. Which tool is only mentioned twice in the תורה and both times are in this week's פרשה? What are the two instances?
4. By which two מצות in this week's פרשה does the תורה give a נוסח?
 - a. List seven other מצוות that the תורה gives a נוסח.¹
5. What are two things mentioned in this week's פרשה that will choose?
6. I am mentioned as one,
I am mentioned as two,
I am mentioned as three.
I don't just say words,
I also take action.
Who am I?
7. He and I are mentioned twice in this weeks פרשה,
He is more חשוב than me,
לוט was able to choose either one of us,
At one point בלעם was not able to choose any one of us,
יעקב chose the individual who was by me,
even though it was against the wishes of his son.
Even so, יעקב partially named one of his sons after him.
Who am I? Who is he? (Submitted by the Mandel Family)

Need a Hint?

¹ One is said daily, two have a connection to produce, one said daily in ארץ ישראל but only occasionally in חוץ לארץ, and one was a "one time" מצוה when the Yidden came to ארץ ישראל.

Answers

1. To appoint a king
 - a. איכה נדע את הדבר אשר לא דבר ה'
 - b. וכי תאמרו מה נאכל בשנה השביעית וגו'
2. When they are new, they excuse a man from going to war.
3. an axe – גרזן. 1) By רוצח בשוגג it says "ונדחה ידו בגרזן". 2) By the איסור of cutting fruit trees it says "לנדח עליו גרזן".
4. 1) By the משוח מלחמה and the שוטרים announce שמע ישראל אתם קרבים היום למלחמה. 2) By עגלה ערפה וגו' say כהנים the עגלה ערפה. 3) By the חוקי האיש אשר בנה בית"ידינו לא שפכו וגו' כפר לעמך וגו'
 - a. 1) שמע
 - 2) בכורים - ארמי אובד (כו,ה)
 - 3) ביעור מעשרות - בערתי הקודש מן הבית (כו,יג)
 - 4) נשיאות כפים
 - 5) (ברכות ו) קללות בהר עיבל
 - 6) (Although the תורה gives is not required) והגדת לבנך
 - 7) The שבועה by a סוטה
 - 8) By חליצה the נוסח of וגו' יבמי להקים
 - 9) The קריאה by הקהל
5. 1) המקום אשר יבחר – ירושלים 2) A מלך אשר יבחר – מלך
6. I am mentioned as one, - "לא ימות על פי עד אחד"

I am mentioned as two, - "על פי שנים עדים"

I am mentioned as three. - "או שלשה עדים"

I don't just say words,

I also take action. - "יד העדים תהיה בו בראשנה"

Who am I? - עדים
7. Next week....

Last week's riddle:

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| Half were upon me, | - שבטים |
| Half were upon him, | - שבטים |
| The מקור הקדושה was between us. | - ארון |
| We are mentioned in this week's פרשה. | |
| Who are we? | - הר גריזים והר איבל |