

Yom Kippur Active Listening Sheet (Parent Answer Key)

1. What is our call to worship (clue: it is a call and response)?
 - a. Answer: *Barchu*
2. What does the *Shema* teach us about God?
 - a. Answer: There is one God and/or God is glorious and eternal
3. What are some of our responsibilities that we learn about in *V'ahavta*?
 - a. Answer: You should love God with everything you have. We are obligated to teach our tradition to our children. We are encouraged to talk about God and our responsibilities in the morning and at night (all day). We are commanded to wear *tefillin* and hang a *mezuzah* on our doors.
4. Why do you think that we stand for the *Amidah*, a prayer that encourages us to approach God with our deepest prayers?
 - a. Answer: We approach God like we approach a king or queen. We stand out of respect and because it is important.
5. What is one thing that you are sorry for over the past year or one thing that you want to do better in the New Year?
 - a. Answer: open-ended answer
6. Why are our sins listed in the plural? Why do we say "we," even if we didn't make any of the mistakes listed in the *Vidui* (the communal confession)?
 - a. Answer: We say that we are sorry as a community, even if we didn't make the mistakes mentioned. Saying that we are sorry together, makes it easier for people to admit what they've done wrong.
7. According to the Yom Kippur morning Torah reading, with whom does God make a covenant?
 - a. Answer: God makes a covenant with all of the people of Israel and those who live among them (heads of tribes, elders, officers, everyone in Israel, men, women, children, and strangers who live among them).
8. What does God ask for in the *Haftarah* reading (taken from the book of Isaiah): ritual observances (prayers, fasts), people to change their ways, or both?

- a. Answer: Both. God says that just going through the motions of the holidays is not enough. Our ritual actions must lead to changes in behavior.
9. Is there a special blessing (before and after) the Torah reading or Haftarah reading, or are there special blessings for both of them?
- a. Answer: Both
10. According to Rabbi Jaffe, what is the Hebrew word for covenant?
- a. Answer: *Brit/Bris*