



# KMS Family Parsha

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## PARSHA QUESTIONS

ANSWERS ARE ON THE BACK

- 1) What is a Neder? What does the Torah teach us about Nedarim?
- 2) Which Shevatim asked to live on the other side of the Yarden (not in Eretz Yisrael)? And why?
- 3) Moshe granted their request on what condition?
- 4) Why didn't the soldiers chosen to fight Midyan want to fight? (Rashi 31:5)?
- 5) Why were the Halachot of Kashering dishes taught by Elazar rather than by Moshe? (Rashi 31:21)
- 6) Why does the Torah list the places where the Jewish People camped? (Rashi 33:1)
- 7) Whose date of death is the only one recorded in the Torah (33:38)?
- 8) From which pasuk does Ramban derive the Mitzvah of Yishuv Eretz Yisrael?
- 9) Who must run to an Ir Miklat? Where else can he run?
- 10) Why must the person stay in the Ir Miklat until the death of the Kohen Gadol (Rashi 35:25)?



## WHAT WOULD YOU DO?

Discussion starter for your Shabbat table..

**Are you more worried about doing things right, or doing the right things?**

## DID YOU KNOW?

Kashering Dishes - OUKosher.org

The Torah (Bemidbar 31:23) requires kashering utensils acquired from a non-Jew, as they are presumed to have been used with non-kosher... There are four basic methods of kashering..

### LIBUN Gamur (Burning)

Utensils used directly in the fire (e.g. BBQ grate), must be kashered by placing them into fire. This process has the effect of burning away any absorbed taste. To qualify as a complete libun, metal must be heated until it glows. A self-clean cycle of an oven (approx. 850° F) also qualifies as libun...

### HAGALAH (Boiling)

Utensils that were used to cook non-kosher liquid can be kashered with hagalah (boiling in water). To prepare the utensil for hagalah, the utensil must be thoroughly cleaned. Only utensils that can be scrubbed clean should be kashered. Items that have narrow cracks, crevices, deep scratches or other areas that cannot be cleaned, cannot be kashered... After cleaning, the utensils should then be left idle for 24 hours. To kasher, every part of the utensil must make contact with boiling water. This process can be done in parts. For example, a large spoon can be immersed into a pot of boiling water for 10 seconds, turned over and then the remainder immersed. When the utensil is removed from the boiling water, it should be rinsed off in cold water...

### IRUY KLI RISHON (Poured boiling water)

If the utensil only came in contact with hot liquid being poured on it (iruy), it can be kashered in the same manner...

### LIBUN KAL (Light burning)

In certain cases, libun kal is sufficient. This can be accomplished by heating in an oven at 550° F for one hour...

Not every material can be kashered. Ceramic, such as china, and enamel coated pots cannot be kashered. It is the custom of Ashkenazim not to kasher glass as well... As a rule, materials such as metal, wood, stone, natural rubber and fabric can be kashered.

## PARSHA ANSWERS

- 1) A Neder is a promise. We must fulfill any pledge that we make.
- 2) Reuven, Gad, and 1/2 of Menashe wanted to live on the other side of the Yarden because they needed a lot of land for their many animals.
- 3) They would first have to conquer and settle Eretz Yisrael with the rest of the Shevatim before settling their own land.
- 4) They didn't want to go to war b/c they knew that would mean Moshe's death.
- 5) Moshe temporarily forgot the halachot due to his anger (31:14).
- 6) To show G-d's love of the Jewish People. Although it was decreed that they wander in the desert, they did not travel continuously. During 38 years, they moved only 20 times.
- 7) Aharon HaKohen died on Rosh Chodesh Av.
- 8) 33:53 - "וְהוֹרַשְׁתֶּם אֶת-הָאָרֶץ וְיֹשְׁבֵתֶיהָ כִּי לָכֶם נָתַתִּי אֶת-הָאָרֶץ לְרֵשֶׁת אֹתָהּ"
- 9) Anyone who accidentally kills someone may flee to an Ir Miklat (City of Refuge) for protection from the Goel HaDam (The Avenger of Blood). They may also flee to a City of Leviim.
- 10) The Kohen Gadol should have davened that such accidents do not occur.

## ELISHEVA'S PARSHA CHALLAH



Instead of 1 year of travel in the desert the Jewish people made 42 stops over 40 years! Once in Israel not all the tribes lived on the same side of the Jordan but somehow they made sure to stay connected - as should all Jews no matter where we live!

## DVAR TORAH

By Esther Berkowitz

Towards the end of **ספר במדבר**, in **פרשת מסעי**, we are told of the **הלכה** regarding a man who committed an accidental murder. He is to run to an **עיר מקלט**, a "city of refuge," where he is told to wait until the **כהן גדול** dies. Indeed, Moshe made sure to designate no less than six cities for this sole purpose. Moshe first set up three **ערי מקלט** in **ארץ ישראל**, and then "Moshe set aside three cities on the east side of the Jordan towards the rising sun" (**דברים** 4:41). Wait, "Towards the rising sun"? What does that have to do with **ערי מקלט**?

The answer is beautifully symbolic. Moshe Rabbeinu spent his last hours on earth causing the sun to shine for other people. In fact, his entire life was devoted to helping others. **שמות רבה** teaches:

כשהיה משה רבינו עליו השלום רועה צאנו של יתרו במדבר ברח ממנו גדי ורץ אחריו עד שהגיע לחסית כיון שהגיע לחסית נזדמנה לו בריכה של מים ועמד הגדי לשתות כיון שהגיע משה אצלו אמר אני לא הייתי יודע שרץ היית מפני צמא עיף אתה הרכיבו על כתיפו והיה מהלך אמר הקדוש ברוך הוא יש לך רחמים לנהוג צאנו של בשר ודם כך חיך אתה תרעה צאני ישראל הוי ומשה היה רועה

Moshe was so compassionate and aware of others, that when one of his sheep ran away to drink, Moshe carried the sheep back to the flock on his shoulders. This seemingly small act of kindness represents Moshe Rabbeinu's drive to help others, whether it be a fellow Jew, or even a small sheep. For the entirety of his life, Moshe focuses his energy on causing the sun to shine on those in the darkest of times. Lending a hand to someone in need is something that cannot be stressed enough. From those in mortal danger after inadvertently killing someone, to a small sheep in need of water. From us today, even just a smile can go a long way. So in this stressful time, let us not focus on the unfortunate things, but rather focus on shedding light onto others. Let us focus on helping those in need see **מזרח שמש**, the rising of the sun, just as Moshe did.