

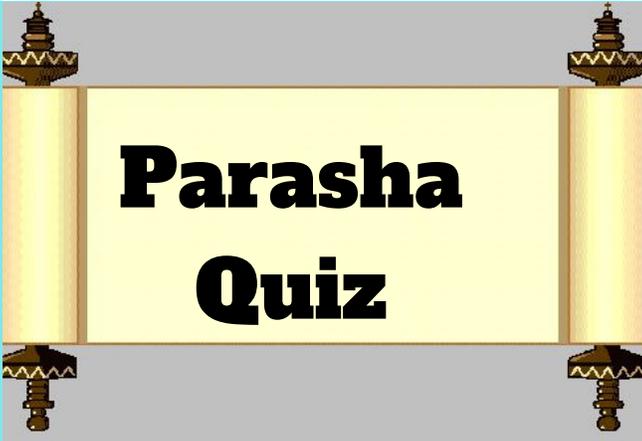


KMS Family Parasha

LEARN ABOUT THE PARASHA WITH THE KMS YOUTH DEPARTMENT

Ekev: עֵקֶב

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Elementary:

- 1) Why did Moshe have to get a second set of Luchot to give to Bnai Yisrael?
- 2) Besides the Kohanim, who else is given special work to do in the Mishkan?
- 3) Which well known paragraph of davening do we read in this week's parasha?
- 4) In Perek 10 what 4 things are we told that Hashem wants from us?
- 5) Which 7 species are special to Eretz Yisrael (Shivat HaMinim)?

Middle/High School:

- 1) Which pasuk in this week's parasha shows that Hashem pays special attention to Eretz Yisrael?
- 2) What lesson does Rashi learn from the word "HaYom" in the 2nd paragraph of Shema?
- 3) According to Rashi (9:18) on what date did Moshe come down with the 2nd Luchot?
- 4) According to Rashi (10:12) all aspects of our lives are in Hashem's hands except for what?
- 5) According to Rashi (11:13) how do we serve Hashem with our hearts?

What would you do?

Discussion starter for your Shabbat table..

Would you rather meet your Great Great Grandparents or your Great Great Grandchildren?

Did You Know?

"וְכָתַבְתֶּם עַל מְזוּזוֹת בֵּיתְךָ וּבִשְׁעָרֶיךָ"

The Mezuzah should be placed on the right-hand doorpost (on the right side of the door as you enter the room). The Talmud learns this from the word "your house" (beit'echa), which can be rendered "as you enter" (bi'atcha). The Ashkenazi custom is to position the mezuzah at a slight angle, with the top half pointing toward the room you are about to enter. The Sephardi custom is to place the mezuzah straight up vertically.



"You will eat, and you will be satisfied, and you shall bless Hashem Your God" (Devarim 8:10)

The Gemara (Brachot 21a) teaches that there are 2 biblically ordained Brachot: Birkat HaMazon (learned from this pasuk) and Birchot HaTorah (derived from Devarim 32:3). The question is why do we recite Birkat HaMazon AFTER eating, but Birchot HaTorah BEFORE learning?

Rabbi Feivel Wagner z"l explains that the Torah commands us to recite a blessing precisely when we might otherwise have forgotten. Before we eat we are hungry and so we naturally ask Hashem for sustenance. But once we have eaten it is easy to forget about Hashem now that our need is gone. So the Torah reminds us to acknowledge the gift we have received by benching. When it comes to Torah study it is the exact opposite. After we learn we are inspired and naturally feel close to Hashem. It is before we study that we might need a reminder about the blessing of being able to connect to the Almighty through Limmud Torah.

May we always appreciate and acknowledge all the gifts with which Hashem blesses us