



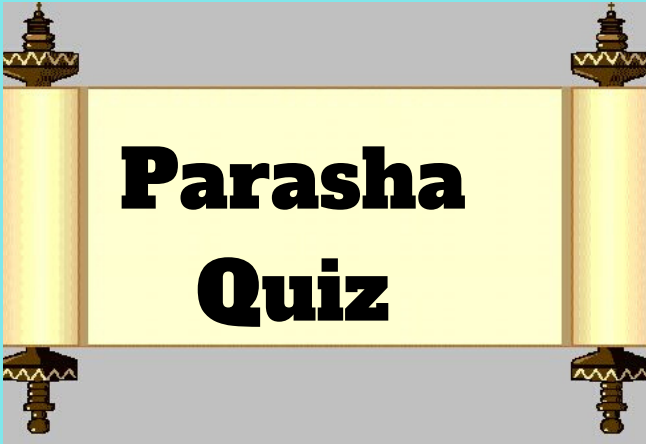
KMS Family Parasha

LEARN ABOUT THE PARASHA WITH THE KMS YOUTH DEPARTMENT

Rosh Chodesh/ Chanukah

Miketz : מִקֵּץ

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Elementary:

- 1) What were Pharaoh's 2 dreams about? How did Yosef interpret each one?
- 2) To whom did Yosef give credit for his ability to interpret dreams?
- 3) How many brothers go down to Egypt the 1st time? How many brothers go down to Egypt the 2nd time?
- 4) What did Yosef instruct to be placed into Binyamin's sack?
- 5) How many total candles do we light over the 8 nights of Chanukah (including the shamash)?

Middle/High School:

- 1) What word does Rashi (42:2) say hints to how many years Yaakov's descendants would spend in Egypt?
- 2) What does Rashi (42:3) learn from the words "אחי יוסף"?
- 3) According to Rashi (43:14) which tzarot (challenges) does Yaakov list that he has been through in his life?
- 4) Why does Yosef frame his brother Binyamin and arrest him for theft?
- 5) Why do we read from 3 Sifrei Torah this Shabbat? What is the topic of each kria and why are they read in this order?

What would you do?

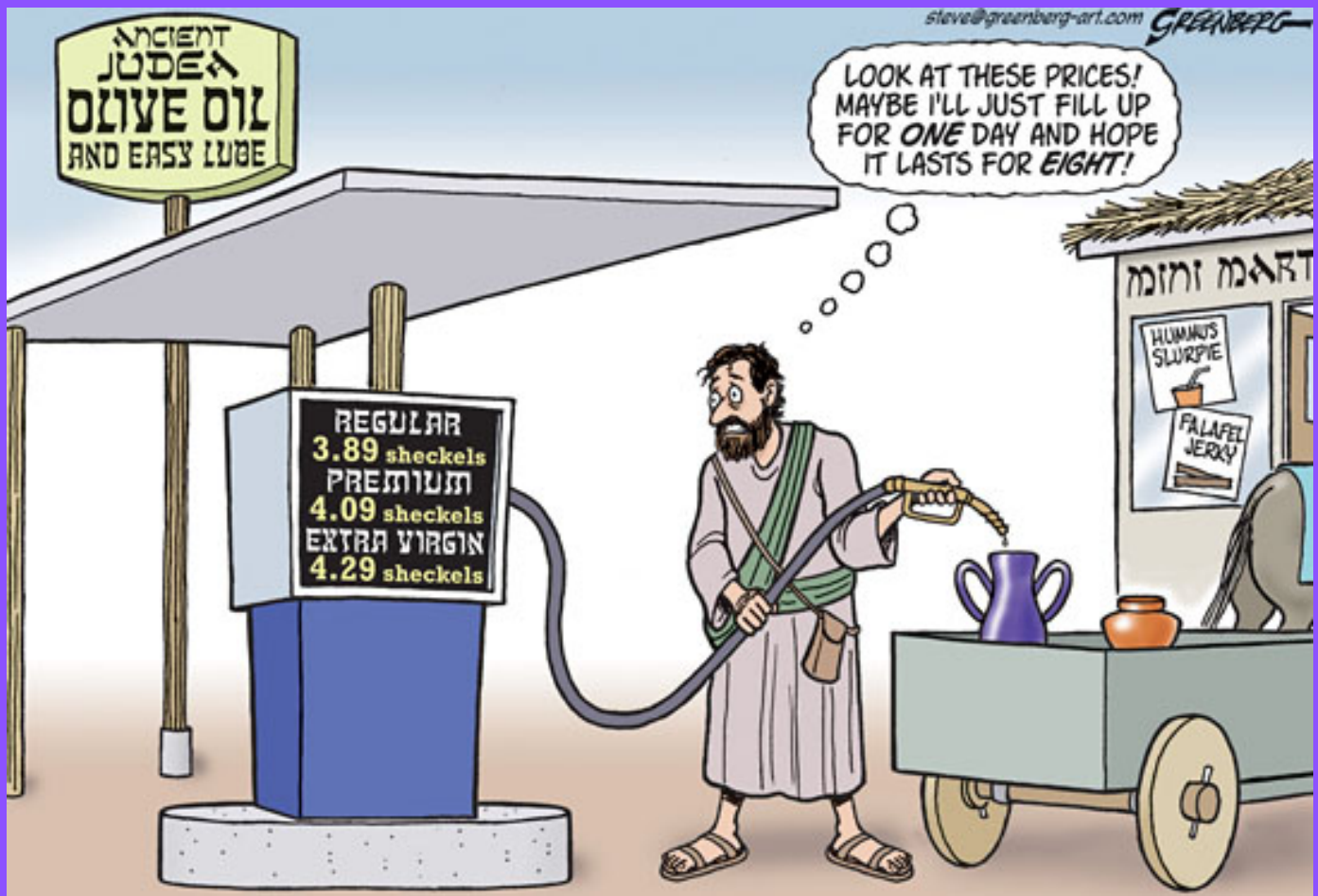
Discussion starter for your Shabbat table..

If you lived during the time of the Chanukah story would you have joined the Maccabim?

Did You Know?

At the end of each parsha, a line appears in the Chumash stating how many total verses are in that parsha. Parshas Mikeitz is unique in that the line which is printed at the end of it states not only that it contains 146 verses, but also that it contains a total of 2025 words. As the word count appears at the end of no other parsha, why is it mentioned here?

The Vilna Gaon (Genuzos HaGra) answers that Parshas Mikeitz is almost always read on the Shabbos which falls out during Chanukah. This connection between Chanukah and Parshas Mikeitz is alluded to by the number of words in the parsha - 2025. The numerical value of the word "ner" (candle) is 250, and multiplying by the eight days on which we light candles yields 2000. We begin celebrating Chanukah on the 25th day of Kislev, which when added to the total yields 2025, the exact number of words in Parshas Mikeitz. (Aish.com)



Chanukah: When the Lights Go Out - Rabbi Jared Vidars (Aish.com)

I wish the Chanukah lights will leave an imprint on the mind, heart and soul. I wish they could linger like the flash-bulb of a high-end camera that inevitably leaves some dizzying impression on one's eyes. But barring a miracle, the lights will not be there to greet me in the morning. The leftover wicks will be. The Chanukah decorations will be (until they are stored away 'til next year). Don't get me wrong. There's still plenty of Chanukah left. But how can we hold onto the Chanukah inspiration after the holiday is over?

Perhaps one approach can be found in five words which we utter every single morning, afternoon and evening towards the end of our Shemoneh Esrei. "And for Your miracles that are with us every day." Perhaps this commonly-overlooked phrase can serve as a suitable "spiritual suitcase" to store away the inspiration from Chanukah.

Though we are rarely (if ever) privy to open, super-natural, sea-splitting-esque miracles, we are frequently (if not constantly) privy to closed, behind-the-scenes, easy-to-overlook miracles. Health. Wealth. Peace. The precision of the sun. Babies being born. And somehow there are enough eggs on the planet to feed 7.6 billion people. Miracles? Yes. Anyone really excited about them? Few and far between. Chanukah teaches us to see the hand of God in the unfolding of "everyday life."