

# PARSHA CHALLENGE

תשע"ח

פרשת וארא

1. Name two of אהרן's brothers-in-law.
2. Which one of the מכות was already mentioned in רש"י in ספר בראשית?
3. How many years did ה' say the בני ישראל would be in גלות?
  - b. According to רש"י, when did the 400 years start?
  - c. How many years were the בני ישראל actually in מצרים?
  - d. What is the calculation that proves that it was 210 years?<sup>1</sup>

*(It is not from יוכבד's age of 130 + משה's age of 80, because we only know how her age by subtracting משה's age from the 210 years.)*

4. Who in this week's פרשה had a grandfather that was also his great grandfather?
5. I convinced someone to do an עבירה,<sup>2</sup>  
Through me משה's power was shown,  
I was once used as a punishment for the בני ישראל,  
I am mentioned in this week's פרשה,  
Who am I?
6. I am mentioned three times in the תורה,  
However, I am best known from a famous מדרש,  
I couldn't harm אברהם,  
I was used to describe the destruction of סדום,  
I was the source for one of the מכות,  
I was used to describe הר סיני.  
Who am I?

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## Need a hint?

<sup>1</sup> How many years were there before the Yidden came to מצרים?

<sup>2</sup> ספר בראשית in

## Answers

- 1) מרים was married to אהרן's sister. 2) נחשון was אהרן's wife's brother.
- (מז, כח). כנים because of the מצרים says he doesn't want to be buried in יעקב
- a) 400  
b) From when יצחק was born  
c) 210  
d) The 400 years of גלות started from when יצחק was born. יצחק was 60 when he had יעקב. יעקב came to מצרים at 130. Thus when בני ישראל came to מצרים, 190 years had already passed. This means there was only 210 years left to the גלות.
4. משה and אהרן (as well מרים). This is because עמרם was a grandson of לוי while יוכבד was a daughter. This means לוי was both a grandfather and a great grandfather to משה and אהרן.
5. נחש
6. Next week....

### Last week's riddle:

I am a great grandson of אברהם twice,

From my mother a special מחילה is learned,

From her marriage, years of learning were discovered,

Although I am not mentioned in this week's פרשה, my name is.  
Who am I?

- I am the child of two of his grandchildren;  
(כח, ט). מחלת בת ישמעאל and עשיו

- In וישלח she was called בשמת, which was her real name. רש"י says that she was called מחלת to teach us there is a מחילה on the day of one's חתונה (לו, ג)

- from her marriage date רש"י calculates that there are 14 years that יעקב was learning by (כח, ט). ישיבת עבר

- I have the same name as one of יתרו's names (וישלח לו, ד and שמות ב, יח) רעואל -

לרפואה שלמה-רפאל יהודה בן אידל,  
שרה יוכבד בת חנה מאשה,  
לע"י ברכה בילה בת דוד יעקב ז"ל,  
יצחק דוד בן אלימלך הכהן ע"ה

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