

# PARSHA CHALLENGE

תש"פ

פרשת ויחי

1. What לשון is used to refer to both מנשה and אפרים in this week's פרשה?  
Which two other pairs of people in ספר בראשית are referred to by the same לשון? <sup>1</sup> (Submitted by C. Shapiro)
2. In what instance is the number 70 mentioned in this week's פרשה?
  - a. List seven other instances in the תורה that have a connection to the number 70.<sup>2</sup>
  - b. List three famous instances in נ"ך where we find the number 70.<sup>3</sup>
  - c. List two famous places in ש"ס where we find the number 70.<sup>4</sup>
3. For how long did יוסף live after יעקב was נפטר? Explain your calculation.
4. List eleven animals mentioned in ברכת יעקב.<sup>5</sup>
5. I am a person,  
I am a place,  
I am a body part,  
I am a portion.  
I am mentioned twice in this week's פרשה.  
Who am I?
6. I was number three,  
Like humans I was created from dust,  
Through me a finger was revealed,  
In this week's פרשה someone made plans to avoid me,  
Who am I?

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#### Need a hint?

<sup>1</sup> One is by two brothers and one is by the servants.

<sup>2</sup> Two in פרשת נח (one is a person's age), two were groups of people, one is after ים סוף, one was part of the חנוכת המזבח, one is an amount of קרבנות.

<sup>3</sup> One is in שחרית של שבת, one was a person's age, one was a number of years

<sup>4</sup> One is mentioned in פרקי אבות, one is mentioned in the הגדה

<sup>5</sup> Three are forms of loins, two are forms of donkeys, two are forms of snakes

## Answers

1. נערים. It is also used to refer to יעקב and עשו (כה,כו) as well as אליעזר and ישמעאל by the עקידה (see רש"י כב, ג).
2. The days of אבלות for יעקב
  - a. 1) 70 nations, 70 languages  
2) תרח was 70 when he had children.  
3) 70 descendants of יעקב that came to מצרים  
4) 70 palm trees (פרשת בשלח)  
5) The מזרק of the חנוכת the שקלים weighed 70 המזבח  
6) 70 זקנים (בהעלתך)  
7) שבעים פְּרִי בחג
  - b. 1) ימי שנותנו בהם שבעים שנה  
2) 70 years of דוד  
3) 70 years of גלות  
c. 1) בן שבעים לְשָׁבָה  
2) הרי אני כבן שבעים שנה  
3) ע' פנים לתורה  
4) According to one שיטה the ב"ד הגדול  
\* The translation of טלמי חכמים was with 72 המלך.
3. 54 years. יוסף was 30 when he was made king. יעקב came down in the after 7 years of plenty and 2 years of hunger. This means יוסף was 39 when יעקב came down. 17 years later יעקב was נפטר. This would mean יוסף was 56 when יעקב was נפטר. יוסף was at 110. This means he lived another 54 years. (Alternatively, the number of years can be calculated by יעקב's age of 63 when he left to חרן)
4. 1) Ox 2) Lion cub (גור אריה) 3) Lion 4) Lioness (לביא) 5) She- donkey (אתנו) 6) Donkey 7) Snake 8) Viper (שפיפן) 9) Horse 10) Deer (אילה) 11) Wolf
5. שכם
6. Next week....

### Last week's riddle:

I stand out in a crowd,

שכמו ממעלה-

I come from the youngest of them all,

בנימין -

I was given the greatest honor,

- To be king

However, I lost it all because I followed the feelings of my heart.

- By not killing the sheep and אגג

My **name** is mentioned in this week's פרשה.

Who am I?

- שאול

לרפואה שלמה - שאול בן פאיע ליבע,  
שרה יוכבד בת חנה מאשא  
לעיני ברכה בילה בת דוד יעקב עייה,  
יצחק דוד בן אלימלך הכהן ז"ל

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