

# PARSHA CHALLENGE

תשפ"א

פרשת וירא

1. List five incidents that the שורש "צחק" - שורש is used in this week's פרשה.
2. List the five מלאכים mentioned in this week's פרשה.
  - a. List 11 incidents with מלאכים mentioned in the תורה. (In two of the instances the פסוק says 'ה' but רש"י explains it to mean a מלאך.)<sup>1</sup>
3. In what instance are each of the following numbers mentioned this week's פרשה?  $2_{(3x)}$ ,  $3_{(3x)}$ , 7, 8, 45, 1000
4. Which person, referred to over 15 times in this week's פרשה, is never called by his name?
  - a. List three separate instances where he is referred to.
5. Which one of שרה's cousins was a צדיק?
6. I am used to describe יצאת מצרים,  
I am the location of a מצוה,  
Reversed, I am enough,<sup>2</sup>  
In this week's פרשה I was forced to do something  
I didn't want to do,  
Who am I? (Submitted by B. Schwartz)
7. I am associated with מצרים,  
but I am first mentioned in סדום,  
Even in סדום I was only used because of my association with מצרים,  
I am mentioned in this week's פרשה.  
Who am I?

## Need a hint?

<sup>1</sup> One in בראשית, two in לך לך, four were with יעקב, two were with משה, one was with כלל ישראל (although it wasn't in a מלאך form the פסוק refers to it as a מלאך), one in במדבר.

<sup>2</sup> If you reverse me I am enough,

## Answers

- 1) וידבר (לוט) אל חתניו וגו' ויהי כמצחק בעיני חתניו (יט,יד) 2) ותצחק שרה (יח,יב) 1)  
ותרא שרה את בן הגר וגו' מצחק (כא,ט) 5) ותאמר שרה צחק עשה לי וגו' (כא,ו) 4) יצחק 3)
- 1) Three מלאכים came to visit אברהם and turn over סדום.  
2) A מלאך guided הגר and ישמעאל  
3) A מלאך stopped אברהם by the עקידה and benched him.
  - 1) גן עדן guarding כרובים
  - 2) A מלאך hit שרה when he took פרעה (It says 'ה' but רש"י explains that it was a מלאך).
  - 3) A מלאך spoke to הגר when she was running away (מלאכים).
  - 4) מלאכים appeared on a ladder in יעקב's dream.
  - 5) A מלאך spoke to יעקב in a dream, while he watched לבן's sheep.
  - 6) עשוי met מלאכים on his way back from לבן and he sent them to עשוי.
  - 7) מלאך fought with יעקב.
  - 8) A מלאך appeared to משה in the סנה (originally it was a מלאך).
  - 9) משה was almost killed by a מלאך (It says 'ה' but רש"י explains that it was a מלאך).
  - 10) The עמוד ענן was a מלאך (יט,יד).
  - 11) A מלאך appeared to בלעם and almost killed him.
- 2 – מלאכים, 2 בנות לוט , נערים 2 that מילת יצחק - 8  
traveled with אברהם צדיקים – 45  
3 – מלאכים, 3 סאים, 3 days to הר המריה 1000 – Silver coins שרה gave to אבימלך  
7 – Sheep by the ברית with אבימלך
4. a) He prepared the meat for the מלאכים, he was sent away from אברהם's house and he escorted אברהם to the עקידה.
5. אברהם was the son of her uncle יצחק!
6. I am used to describe יצאת מצרים, יד החזקה -  
I am the location of a מצוה, תפילין -  
Reversed, I am enough, די -  
In this week's פרשה I was forced to do something I didn't want to do, וישלח אברהם את ידו -  
Who am I? A יד -
7. Next week....

### Last week's riddle:

- My origin is not from this world, גן עדן -  
Because of my association with ארץ ישראל, I am the most חשוב of my peers, הגדול I am called -  
My name has the same pronunciation as one of the great empires. פרס -  
I am still around today.  
I am mentioned in this week's פרשה.  
Who am I? נהר פרת -

לרפואה שלמה – לאחינו כל בית ישראל,  
אביגדור ששון מאיר בן רחל לאה,  
לע"נ שאול בן אברהם ז"ל, ברכה בילה בת דוד יעקב ע"ה,  
יצחק דוד בן אלימלך הכהן ז"ל

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