

# PARSHA CHALLENGE

תש"פ

פרשת ויצא

1. What did both לבן and עשו do to יעקב?
2. What are five musical instruments mentioned in the תורה?  
a) List the eight instances that they are mentioned. (Submitted by M. Kagan)
3. List three dreams mentioned in this week's פרשה.  
a) List seven other dreams mentioned in ספר בראשית.<sup>1</sup>
4. What person mentioned in this week's פרשה has the same name as his grandfather?<sup>2</sup>
5. What נס happened to both יעקב and אליעזר?  
a) When else did such a נס occur in the תורה?
6. In what instances are these numbers mentioned in this week's פרשה?  
2, 3, 3, 6, 7, 7, 7, 20
7. I interacted with יעקב three times in this week's פרשה,  
One time I protected him,  
One time I helped him give thanks to ה',  
One time I got in his way,  
One time I helped him make peace,  
Who am I?<sup>3</sup>
8. I was said by a son when forgiveness was asked,  
I was said by his father to someone who was distressed,  
I was not said as a statement but rather 'in wonderment',  
I am mentioned in this week's פרשה.  
Who am I? (Submitted by M. Cohen)

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## Need a Hint?

<sup>1</sup> One in וירא, four in וישב and two in מקץ and two in במדבר.

<sup>2</sup> See the end of פרשת נח

<sup>3</sup> I am not a person

## Answers

1. They both hugged (and kissed) him.
2. 1) כינור – mentioned by יובל and יובל (ד, כא) and לבן (לא, כז) 2) עוגב – mentioned by יובל  
3) מרים – mentioned by לבן and תופים  
4) חצוצרות – mentioned when כלל ישראל traveled and when they went to war with מדין  
5) שופר – mentioned at הר סיני and in the פרשה of יובל (שופר is a musical instrument as we see from the התוקע לשיר – גמי , as well as from the זמרו משכיל – תקיעת שופר before למנצח לבני קרח  
3. 1) יעקב dreamed of מלאכים on the סולם. 2) יעקב's dream in which ה' told him to return home.  
3) יעקב's dream in which ה' warns him not to harm יעקב.  
a. 1) יעקב's dream to return home. 2-3) יעקב's two dreams (beginning וישב). 4-5) The dreams of the האופים ושר המשקים (end וישב). 6-7) פרעה's dream(s) (פרשת מקץ)<sup>4</sup>  
4. נחור בן תרח בן נחור (עיינין יא, כד). (He is the only person in the תורה with the same name as his grandfather.)  
5. קפיצת הדרך.  
a. When the בני ישראל traveled from הר סיני to קדש ברנע.  
6. 2 – לבן had two daughters.  
3 – Three flocks of sheep by the well, three days distance between לבן ויעקב, on the third day לבן was told that יעקב ran away.  
6 – Years יעקב worked for pay.  
7 – Years יעקב worked to marry רחל, לאה, years he worked to marry רחל, and days that it took for לבן to catch up to יעקב.  
20 - Total years יעקב worked for לבן.  
7. I interacted with יעקב three times in this week's פרשה,  
One time I protected him, - When he slept on הר המוריה  
One time I helped him give thanks to ה', - As a מצבה for ה'  
One time I got in his way, - When I was on top of the well  
One time I helped him make peace, - When he made a treaty with לבן  
Who am I? - Stones  
8. Next week...

### Last Week's Riddle:

- I am the greatest of the three, - brothers  
I am also known by another name, - מלכי צדק  
For my actions my descendants were given a special מצוה, - covering נח  
It was also I who calmed another who was distressed, - לדרש ה' when she was רבקה  
Although I am referred to in this week's פרשה, my name is not mentioned.  
Who am I? - שם

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לעייני ברכה בילה בת דוד יעקב עי"ה, יצחק דוד בן אלימלך הכהן זי"ל

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<sup>4</sup> There are three additional times in ספר בראשית that a dream is implied but it is not explicitly stated: 1) In the middle of the בתרים it says a אברהם על אברהם after which ה' says יהיה זרעך. It is unclear if this was a dream or after he awoke.  
2) מצרים when coming down to ארץ מצרים מראת הלילה when יעקב, פרשת ויגש In 3) בלילה -יצחק ה' appears to פרשת תולדות In