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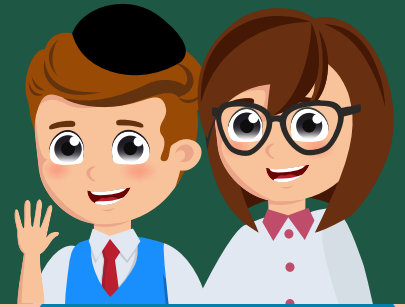
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שבת קודש

פרשת פנחס

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Good Shabbos!

Welcome to **Challenge Your Table** - the Shabbos trivia game for the entire family!

Here's how it works:

- Start at Section א.
- The leader asks a question to the first contestant.
- If he answers correctly, the table earns the point value of that question, and a new question is asked to the next contestant.
- If he does not know the answer, no worries! The next contestant can give it a shot.
- If the table earns 22 points by the end of the game, everyone wins!

Enjoy!

Wild Word Builders

Try to figure this out!

My **FIRST** is the title of the Iranian leader before the revolution. **Answer:** Shah

My **SECOND** is a word made out of the 12th, 6th and 21st letters of the Hebrew alphabet. **Answer:** לוש

My **THIRD** is the first letter of לקיש, the אמורא's first name. **Answer:** "ר"

My **FOURTH** is a "wave" in Hebrew. **Answer:** גל

My **FIFTH** is the Hebrew male plural suffix. **Answer:** ים

My **WHOLE** is the time when all Jews go up to the המקדש. **Answer:** שלש רגלים

1 point

Questioning Initials

Figure out the question. Then answer it!

1. Which **E** of last week's פרשה is **R** in this week's פרשה? Which event of last week's פרשה is repeated in this week's פרשה? **Answer:** Story of קמ
2. How many **D** did **T** have?
How many daughters did tzilafchad have? **Answer:** 5
3. Who did **A** as a **L** in this week's פרשה? Who did משה appoint as a leader in this week's פרשה? **Answer:** יהושע
4. When else do we **L** the first 15 **P** of this week's חמישי? When else do we lein the first 15 פסוקים of this week's חמישי? **Answer:** ראש חודש

2 points

Who Knows One?

What do these numbers have to do with our פרשה?

1. **7** **Answer:** days of פסח
2. **70** **Answer:** Total of cows that were brought as a קרבן (מוספיים) over סוכות
3. **6** **Answer:** סיון - שבועות

2 points

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Quiz it!

1. What are the five things that happened on שבעה עשר בתמוז?

Answer: 1) Moshe broke the luchos 2) Korban Tamid stopped 3) Avoda zara was placed in the Bais Kamidash 4) Torah was burned 5) Walls of Yerushalyim were breached.

2. Why do we not say תחנון באב חס תשעה באב?

Answer: because לעתיד לבוא it will be a טוב יום

3. What other day of the year has similar restrictions to תשעה באב? Answer: יום כיפור

4. Who had the same נשמה as פנחס? Answer: אליהו הנביא

1 point

Random Riddles

Try to figure this out!

1. What is the coldest country in the world?

Answer: Chile

2. Why did the tree go to the dentist?

Answer: to get a root canal

1 point

1 Story Stop

Once, Rabbi Yitzchak Meir of Zinkov spent Shabbos in the town of Kamenitz, Belarus. The normally quiet town overflowed with visitors, from chassidim of great stature to simple townfolk. All wanted to see the great rabbi and hear his wise words.

During the morning Shabbos meal, Rabbi Yitzchak Meir asked for a copy of Avodas Yisrael, by Rabbi Yisrael Hopstein, known as the Maggid of Kozhnitz.

"Very few know of the secrets this book contains," he remarked to the gathered crowd. "In general, the true greatness of the Maggid has sadly gone unnoticed by the public."

Seeing that the book had not yet made its way through the packed throng, the Maggid continued, "My father [Rav Avraham Yehoshua Heschel of Apta] once instructed me to spend the Shabbos of Parshas Devarim in the Maggid's presence in Kozhnitz.

"An incredible miracle, brought about by the holy Maggid, happened during my stay there."

The crowd of chassidim leaned forward and strained their ears to catch every last word. After all, who doesn't love a story?

"It had been ten years since Yaakov Baruch and his wife stood under the chupah, and they had still not been blessed with a child. Yaakov Baruch managed to mask his depression behind a face that radiated happiness. But it was a façade. Inside, he was a broken man. Leah, on the other hand, didn't even attempt to appear self-possessed, living as a downtrodden shell of her former self. Her blank eyes reflected the agony that gripped her heart.

One day, Leah turned to her friend and asked: "What else could I possibly do? I have been to doctors, attempted countless segulos and my Tehillim has long been drenched with my tears. "You have to visit the Maggid of Kozhnitz," her friend said gently but firmly. "Many have already seen wonders through his blessings."

"When Yaakov Baruch returned home later that day, he found his wife's face glowing with joy.

"What's all this about?" he asked cautiously.

"Soon, with Hashem's help, we'll have a child!" she exclaimed enthusiastically. "I will travel to Kozhnitz and ask the Maggid for a blessing. I will not leave his house without his promise of children."

"OK then," Yaakov Baruch said, his skepticism undetected by his wife.

"For weeks, Leah determinedly traveled the roads leading to Kozhnitz. Upon reaching her destination, she didn't stop to rest from her difficult journey and instead made her way directly to the Maggid's house. Striding up to the assistant, she described her

woes and demanded to be let inside the Maggid's room.

"Ever patient and respectful, the gabbai listened to her story and appreciated her determination to travel to Kozhnitz. 'Listen to what I have to say,' the gabbai said once she finished speaking. 'Tomorrow is Friday. In the hours before Shabbos, the Maggid reads the Torah along with the commentary of Onkelos. I suggest that you take advantage of this powerful moment. Quietly come into his study and remain until he finishes reading. Then you can approach him with whatever you need, and we'll see what happens.'

"To prepare herself for the long-awaited visit, Leah rented a room at the local inn and spent the night reading Tehillim, splattering the worn pages with her tears until she lay down to rest. At the earliest hint of sunlight, Leah rose, prayed and returned to her Tehillim.

"Around noon, Leah walked over to the Maggid's house and stood outside his study. Inside, the Maggid was bending over a Torah scroll, as was his custom. Surrounded by his disciples, the Maggid read the text with a fiery passion. Without warning or a knock, the study door swung open and the woman was quietly ushered inside by the assistant. The Maggid remained fixated on his reading and didn't hear the arrival of this new guest.

"After finishing the last verse, the Maggid lowered himself into a chair and requested to see the visitor. Leah presented herself silently.

"Is your name Leah bas Zesel?"

"Yes," she said, somewhat surprised. She had never mentioned her name to anyone in Kozhnitz, much less the Maggid.

"You come here because you seek Hashem's blessing of children?"

"Yes," replied Leah breathlessly. "That is my prayer and request."

"If so, your salvation has already been spoken of in this week's Torah portion, in which we read how Moshe chides the people of Israel for being afraid to enter the Eretz Yisrael. "And your little ones, whom you said 'for prey [they] will be,'" said Moshe, they will be the ones to enter the land."

"The word for "for prey" is lavoz, which is an acronym for Leah bas Zisel. Thus, we can read the verse as follows. And your little ones, for whom you have said that you wish a blessing, lavoz, for Leah bat Zisel, will be—Hashem will grant your request."

"Leah's eyes welled with tears of happiness. She retraced her footsteps and left the room, head still buzzing with the Maggid's promise.

Baruch Hashem, Leah and Yaakov Baruch were blessed with a child.

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