

Questions on the Mibereshit Parsha Sheet

...for parents and children to study together

Day School Edition

Parshat Behar, Iyar 5765

Read Rav Elon's introductory D'var Torah.

- 1) What are the central themes (the main topics) in this week's Parasha?
- 2) How often does the Shemitta year come ?
- 3) How often does the Yovel year come?
- 4) In the Yovel Year slaves are freed and properties are returned to their original owners.
Once you have read Rav Elon's D'var Torah, can you explain why these events make the Yovel Year a very happy time?
- 5) When a person becomes free,
 - a) what has he stopped being, and b) what has he become?

BONUS QUESTION

Between what two points in the year do we read Pirkei Avot in Shul during Shabbat Mincha?

Why is this time of year appropriate for learning Pirkei Avot?

Now look at "Questions & Answers."

- 6) During the Shemitta Year, who may take whatever they want from the fields for free?
- 7) How can we connect the idea of the Shemitta year with the idea of Shabbat?
- 8) Keeping the mitzvot of the Shemitta year reminds us of something very important. Of what does the Shemitta year remind us?

Now look elsewhere in the daf to answer these:

- 9) What should farmers and other people be doing during the Shemitta year instead of working in the fields? (Clue: Shmuel the grocer)
- 10) Why may farmers not lock up their vineyards, fields or orchards during the Shemitta year?
- 11) What may farmers still do on their land during the Shemitta year?
- 12) What is sounded to announce the beginning of the Yovel year?
- 13) How do people in Eretz Yisrael get hold of fruit and vegetables during the Shemitta year?
- 14) What special blessing does Hashem provide in the 6th year to help us keep the laws of the Shemitta year (in the 7th year)?
- 15) What would you say is the main lesson that we learn from the story, "The Bonfire Contest"?

Feedback box for schools' use

Parents, please sign below to indicate that you used these questions to help you discuss the Mibereshit Parsha Sheet.

.....

Please circle any questions that led to interesting discussion:

1 2 3 4 5 6
7 8 9 10 11 12
13 14 15

Thank you!

Shabbat Shalom!