

Questions on the Mibereshit Parsha Sheet

...for parents and children to study together

Day School Edition

Parshat Shelach Lecha Sivan 5765

Read Rav Elon's introductory D'var Torah.

- 1) Whom did Moshe appoint to scout out the land?
- 2) What three tasks did he give them?
- 3) What does Rav Elon mean by, "only a weak nation that lacks faith surrounds itself with high walls."?
- 4) Why did Yehoshua and Kalev believe the Canaanites could not win against the Jewish People?

Read the story, "Summer Rain."

- 5) What is the main lesson of this story?
- 6) Answer this question: "When is a blessing not a blessing?"
- 7) Which paragraph of Shema connects with the story that Mrs. Levine's father told her when she was a little girl?
- 8) What does the following pasuk mean, in which book can it be found and who wrote it?

"לכל זמן ועת לכל-חפץ תחת השמים" (answers below)

Now look at "Questions & Answers."

- 9) Would you say that the spies were punished more for *what* they reported or for *how* they reported what they saw? Explain your answer.
- 10) Some say that these great men, the spies, purposely frightened the Jewish People because they wanted to remain in the desert. Why would they have wanted this?

Now look elsewhere in the daf to answer these:

- 11) On what date did the spies' sin take place?
- 12) From where in the Torah do we learn that removing one's shoes is a sign of holiness?
- 13) Who washes the hands of the Kohanim before they say Birkat Kohanim?
- 14) Where is the lowest point on earth?
- 15) What is the full name of the great rabbi known as the "Rif"?

Shabbat Shalom!

BONUS QUESTION
Why did the Jewish People end up having to wander for forty years in the desert?

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