

# Questions on the Mibereshit Parsha Sheet

...for parents and children to study together

Day School Edition

## Parshat Vayechi, Tevet 5765

1. Read Rav Elon's introductory D'var Torah.
  - a) What did Yaakov Avinu ask when he saw his grandsons?
  - b) Why did he ask this question? What was Yaakov's concern?
2. a) What did Yosef answer?
  - b) What was it in the way Yosef worded his answer that would have reassured Yaakov?

### Read the story, 'Ari's Embarrassing situation' - Part II

3. a) What high positions did Rabbi Kook hold?
  - b) "Rabbi Kook was famous for his love of every Jew, even those who were not observant." What did Rabbi Kook do which demonstrated this?
4. In what way did Ari behave like Yosef did in this week's Parasha?
5. a) How do you understand the words of Rava, who says that whoever forgives others will have their own sins forgiven?
  - b) In your own experience, have you found it harder to apologise to others or to accept others' apologies and forgive them?

### Now look elsewhere in the Daf to find answers to the following questions.

6. a) What reasons can you give for why Yaakov would place Yosef at the head of the table?
  - b) Which two brothers of Yosef would have been appropriate for this honour and why (a different reason for each)?
  - c) Why did Yosef no longer invite his brothers to eat with him after Yaakov died??
7. a) When Yaakov blessed his grandsons, upon whose head did Yosef expect to see his father place his right hand?
  - b) What did Yaakov actually do and why?
8. What agreement did Yissachar and Zevulun come to?
9. Who would be the leader of the tribes?  
(Bonus: What is the clue to this in the words 'Judaism' and 'Jew'?)
10. a) How do we learn the three important laws about who may be the chazan for the Yamim Nora'im (Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur) from the three letters that spell 'chazan' - CHET / ZAYIN / NUN ?
  - b) When should one accept immediately when asked to be the chazan?

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Shabbat Shalom!