

Questions on the Mibereshit Parsha Sheet

...for parents and children to study together

Day School Edition

Parshat Vayigash, Tevet 5765

1. Read Rav Elon's introductory D'var Torah.
 - a) What was the one, key word spoken by Yehuda that made Yosef realise his brothers had changed?
 - b) Why did this word mean so much to Yosef?

2. a) What do Yoni and Ruthie teach us about Asara B'Tevet?
 b) Why should children try to "be especially good" when their parents are fasting?
 c) Find out the times that the fast begins and ends this coming Wednesday.

3. Read the story, 'Ari's Embarrassing situation.'
 Now look at Pirkei Avot, Perek (chapter) 4, Mishna 23 (find it in a siddur).
 You will see that it is Rabbi Shimon Ben Elazar who teaches that one should not look at a person who is feeling embarrassed.
Explain to an adult how you understand this advice.

 This is the fourth of four pieces of advice.
 What is Rabbi Shimon's first piece of advice in this mishna?
Explain to an adult why this is wise advice.

4. What did Yosef do to avoid his brothers becoming embarrassed?

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

5. a) Who wrote Sefer Yere'im and what is it about?
 b) Who were the Ba'alei Tosafot and what did they write? ?

6. What promise did Yehuda make to his father that he was not able to fulfil?

7. According to the Midrash, who prayed on behalf of Yehuda a long time afterwards?

8. What did Yosef tell his brothers in order to help them feel less guilty and ashamed for what they had done to him years earlier?

9. Find three reasons why it is best to light the Shabbat candles in the same room where kiddush will be made.

10. We call the Shabbat morning Kiddush "Kiddusha Rabba" - "The Great Kiddush" - even though it is not really as important as the Friday night Kiddush. Read the first explanation of this and explain it in your own words to an adult.

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Shabbat Shalom!