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Study Sheet 1

1. Q. What were the names of the three **אבות**? A. אברהם יצחק יעקב
2. Q. What are the three daily **תפילות**? A. שחרית מנחה מעריב
3. Q. What were the names of the four **אמהות**? A. שרה רבקה רחל לאה
4. Q. What are the names of the **חמשה חומשי תורה**?
A. בראשית שמות ויקרא במדבר דברים
5. Q. What different categories of **מצוות** do you know?
A. Positive Mitzva (Do...) מצוות עשה
Negative Mitzva (Don't...) מצוות לא תעשה
Between a person and Hashem בין אדם למקום
Between a person and his friend בין אדם לחברו
6. Q. What are the three festivals we call the **שלוש רגלים**? A. פסח שבועות סוכות
7. Q. Can you name seven fast days?
A. יום כפור תשעה באב שבעה עשר בתמוז עשרה בטבת
תענית אסתר צום גדליה תענית בכורות

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Study Sheet 2

8. Q. Can you remember the **הדברות** עשרת?

- A. 1. I am Hashem 2. Do not have idols. 3. Do not take Hashem's Name in vain
 4. Keep Shabbat 5. Honour your parents
 6. Do not murder 7. Do not commit adultery 8. Do not steal
 9. Do not testify falsely (lie when giving evidence in court)
 10. Do not covet (be jealous)

9. Q. a. What was **תכלת**? A. A blue dye, obtained from a sea snail called the 'חלזון' .

b. Where do we find this word in our **תפילות**? A. 3rd paragraph of שמע .

10. Q. Which **מצוות** do we find in the first paragraph of שמע?

- A. 1. Believe in One G-d 2. Love Hashem 3. Learn and teach תורה
 4. Recite שמע twice every day, at night and in the morning
 5. Bind תפילין on your arm 6. Bind תפילין on your head
 7. Fix מזוזות on your doorposts

Q. ...and in the third paragraph of שמע?

- A. 1. Put ציצית on four-cornered garments
 2. Remember יציאת מצרים (the Exodus from Egypt)

11. Q. How was the camp of **בני ישראל** set out in the **מדבר**?

- A. The **משכן** was in the middle, then **מחנה הלויים** , then **מחנה ישראל**

12. Q. a. Who was buried in **המכפלה** ?

- A. **אדם תוה** **אברהם שרה** **יצחק רבקה** **יעקב לאה**

b. Who bought it from whom?

- A. Avraham bought it from Efron

c. In which **פרשה** did this take place?

- A. **חיי שרה**

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Study Sheet 3

13. Q. Do you know the names of the Hebrew months, and can you spell them correctly?

A.

נִיסָן אֵיָר סִינּוֹן תְּמוּזָה אָב אֶלוּל תִּשְׂרֵי
 חֲשׁוֹן כֶּסֶלּוֹ טֵבֵת שֶׁבֶט אָדָר אָדָר שְׁנֵי (in a leap year)

14. Q. a. Can you name the **שְׁבַעַת הַמִּינִים**, in the order they appear in the **פְּסוּק**?

A. אֶרֶץ חֹטָה וְשַׁעֲרָה וְגִפְנוֹ וּתְאֵנָה וְרִמּוֹן אֶרֶץ-זֵית שֶׁמֶן וְדָבָשׁ:
 dates (oil) olives pomegranates figs grapes barley wheat

wheat, barley, grapes, figs, pomegranates, olives and dates.

b. Which **פְּסוּק** is it? A. Devarim: Chapter 8, Verse 8 ~ דְּבָרִים ח': ח

15. Q. Do you remember the ten tests that **ה'** gave to **אַבְרָהָם** (according to Rashi)?

- A.
1. Avraham hid underground for thirteen years from King Nimrod, who wanted to kill him.
 2. Nimrod threw Avraham into a burning furnace.
 3. Avraham was commanded to leave his family and his homeland.
 4. Almost as soon as he arrived in Canaan, he was forced to leave to escape from a famine.
 5. Sarah was kidnapped by Pharaoh's officials.
 6. The kings captured Lot, and Avraham was forced to go to war to rescue him.
 7. Hashem told Avraham that his descendants would suffer under four monarchies (kingdoms/nations).
 8. When he was old, he was commanded to perform Brit Milah on himself and his son.
 9. He was commanded to send away Yishmael and Hagar.
 10. He was commanded to sacrifice Yitzchak.

16. Q. a. How many books are there in **תנ"ך**? A. 24

b. What does **תנ"ך** stand for? A. תּוֹרָה נְבִיאִים כְּתוּבִים

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Study Sheet 4

17. Q. Have a go at listing all of the books in תנ"ך!

A. **תורה (5) - בראשית שמות ויקרא במדבר דברים**
 Bereishit Shemot Vayikra Bemidbar Devarim

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נביאים ראשונים (8) - יהושע שופטים שמואל (א, ב) מלכים (א, ב)
 Yehoshua Shoftim Shmuel (1,2) Melachim (1,2)

נביאים אחרונים

ישעיה ירמיה יחזקאל תרי עשר
 Yeshaya Yirmiyah Yechezkel Trei Asar

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כתובים (11) - תהלים משלי איוב
 Tehillim Mishlei Iyov
 (Psalms) (Proverbs)

(מגילות) - שיר השירים רות איכה קהלת אסתר
 Shir Hashirim Rut Eicha Kohelet Esther

דברי הימים (א, ב) עזרא-נחמיה דניאל
 Divrei Hayamim (1,2) Ezra-Nechemia Daniel

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Study Sheet 5

18. Q. a. How many sections are there in the **משנה**?

A. 6

b. What is the **משנה**?

A. The Oral (spoken) Torah, given to **משה** together with the Written Torah (the **חומש**).

c. Who wrote the **משנה** down?

A. Rabbi Yehudah HaNasi.

d. Why did he write it down?

A. He was worried that the Oral Torah would become forgotten if all of our Great Rabbis were killed by our enemies.

(Who were our enemies at the time that Rabbi Yehudah HaNasi lived? The Romans)

19. Q. How many of the nine special **שבתות** can you list?

(Write on the lines what you know about each one.)

A. i. **שבת שירה** :

ii. **פרשת שקלים**

iii. **פרשת זכור**

iv. **פרשת פרה**

v. **פרשת החדש**

vi. **שבת הגדול**

vii. **שבת חזון**

viii. **שבת נחמו**

ix. **שבת שובה**

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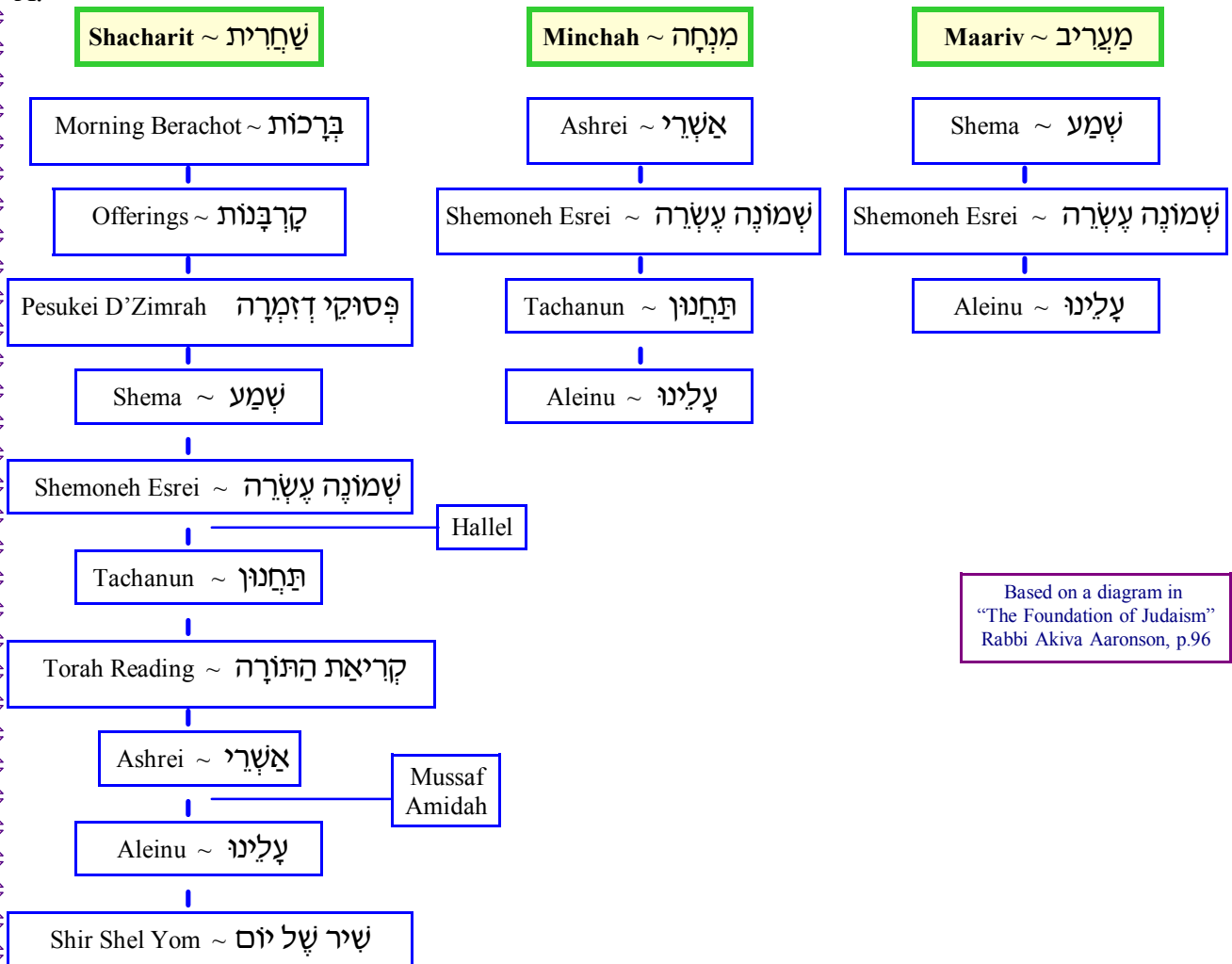
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Study Sheet 6

20. Q. How well do you know the structure of our daily תפילה services?

A.



Based on a diagram in
"The Foundation of Judaism"
Rabbi Akiva Aaronson, p.96

21. Q. Are you able to correctly write out the days of the week in Hebrew?

A. וּסְרַשֵׁן, וּסְשֵׁנִי, וּסְשֵׁלְשִׁי, וּסְרֵבְרִי, וּסְחַמִּישִׁי, וּסְשֵׁשִׁי, וּסְשַׁבָּת

22. Q. Do you know the correct בְּרָכוֹת for the following foods:

bread, A. הַמִּזְבָּח לַחֶמֶס אֵין הַקָּרֵץ

cake/biscuits/pasta, A. בּוֹרַחַ אִינִי מְלֻבָּנֵת

wine, A. בּוֹרַחַ פֶּרִי הַעֵץ

fruit, A. בּוֹרַחַ פֶּרִי הַעֵץ

vegetables, A. בּוֹרַחַ פֶּרִי הַקְּצֻמָּה

other foods e.g. meat, fish, eggs, cheese, drinks, sweets? A. שֶׁהֵבֵלֵת נְהִיָּה בְּדָבָרוֹ

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Study Sheet 7

23. Q. Do you remember the names of the sons of יַעֲקֹב?

A. ראובן שמעון לוי יהודה יששכר זבולון
דן נפתלי גד אשר יוסף בנימין

The שֵׁבֶט (tribe) of יוסף was divided into אֶפְרַיִם and מְנַשֶּׁה.

All of these became the י"ב שֵׁבֶטִים ~ TWELVE TRIBES of בְּנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל

Each שֵׁבֶט had its own **CAMP**, its own **PRINCE**,
its own **FLAG**, and its own **PORTION in ERETZ YISRAEL.**

Rambam (Rabbi Moshe Ben Maimon) writes:

(in 'Sefer HaMitzvot, Negative Mitzvah 169)

The Priests (Kohanim) and Levites are not given a portion in the Land of Israel

Devarim, 18:1

**"The Priests the Levites all the tribe of Levi shall have no portion
or inheritance with Israel"**

- > Hashem chose the tribe of Levi and their descendants to serve in the Beit HaMikdash.
- > The tribe of Levi includes both the priests (Kohanim) and the Levites.
- > This is their special privilege and they are considered different from the rest of the Jewish people in several ways.
- > When the Jewish people entered Eretz Yisrael and divided the land among the tribes as Hashem had instructed them, each tribe was assigned a portion of the Land of Israel.
- > The tribe of Levi, however, was not given a portion. Hashem told them "I will be your inheritance!"
- > He appointed them to serve in the Beit HaMikdash and granted them the benefits of the rest of the people's gift offerings.
- > We are commanded to present them with different gifts of food to provide for their needs so they can concentrate on their service in the Beit HaMikdash without financial worry.
- > There is a Mitzvah that instructs the tribe of Levi not to demand a share in the Land of Israel.

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Study Sheet 8

24. Q. Can you recite and write down the עֶשֶׂר מַכּוֹת (ten plagues)?

A.	דָּבָר Cattle Disease	עֲרוּב Wild Beasts	כְּנִים Lice	צְפַרְדֵּי Frogs	דָּם Blood
	מַכַּת בְּכוֹרוֹת Killing of the Firstborn	חֹשֶׁךְ Darkness	אַרְבֵּה Locusts	בָּרָד Hail	שָׁחִין Boils

25. Q. What was created on each day of יְמֵי בְרֵאשִׁית (the six days of creation)?

Hashem stopped creating,	יום שְׁשִׁי Mammals that walk on land; man and woman	Living creatures of the sky	יום רְבִיעִי and the sea	The sun, moon, stars and planets	יום שְׁלִישִׁי The seas, dry land, and vegetation	The sky	יום ראשון Light and darkness	Heaven and earth
A.	שָׁבַת and rested.	יום שְׁשִׁי Mammals that walk on land; man and woman	יום רְבִיעִי and the sea	יום רְבִיעִי and the sea	יום שְׁלִישִׁי The seas, dry land, and vegetation	יום שְׁלִישִׁי The seas, dry land, and vegetation	יום ראשון Light and darkness	יום ראשון Light and darkness

26. Q. How many בְּרָכוֹת are in הַמְזוּן? A. 4

27. Q. Name the אַרְבַּע מִיָּנִים that we take in our hands on סְכּוֹת.

A.	עֲרָבוֹת Two willow twigs	הַדָּסִים Three myrtle twigs	אֶתְרוֹג One citron	לוּלָב One date-palm branch
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28. Q. Which מִצְוֹת עֲשֵׂה (Positive Mitzvot) do you know for שָׁבַת?

A. To rest from weekday activities,

to light the Shabbat candles,

to make קידוש at the beginning of שָׁבַת (the main kiddush is Friday night but we make another kiddush, called "קידוש רב" on שָׁבַת morning, after shul or at lunch)

and to make הַבְדֵּל at the conclusion of שָׁבַת,

to have three meals,

and to have two חִלוּת at each meal.

We should also create the right Shabbat atmosphere by singing זְמִירוֹת and saying דְּבָרֵי תוֹרָה during the meals, and learning Torah during the day.

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29. Q. a. An **אָב מְלָאכָה** is a creative activity that is forbidden on **שַׁבָּת**.

How many **אָבוֹת מְלָאכָה** are there? A. **39**

b. Name the first 11 **מְלָאכוֹת**.

(5) דָּשׁ threshing	(4) מַעְמֵר gathering	(3) קוֹצֵר reaping	(2) זוֹרֵעַ sowing	(1) חוֹרֵשׁ ploughing	:A
דָּשׁ	מַעְמֵר	קוֹצֵר	זוֹרֵעַ	חוֹרֵשׁ	

(11) אֹפֶה / בִּישׁוּל cooking baking	(10) לֶשׁ kneading	(9) מְרַקֵּד sifting	(8) טוֹחַן grinding	(7) בוֹרֵר selecting	(6) זוֹרֵה winnowing
אֹפֶה בִּישׁוּל	לֶשׁ	מְרַקֵּד	טוֹחַן	בוֹרֵר	זוֹרֵה

c. By what name are these first eleven **מְלָאכוֹת** known?

A. **סִידוּרָא דְפֵת** - The Order of Making Bread

30. Q. a. What are the names of the five **מְגִילוֹת**, and when is each one read in public?

A.	מְגִלַּת אֵיכָה is read on תְּשַׁעָה בְּאָב	מְגִלַּת רוּת is read on שְׁבִיעוֹת	שִׁיר הַשִּׁירִים is read on פֶּסַח
	מְגִלַּת אֶסְתֵּר is read on פוּרִים	קֹהֶלֶת is read on סְכוּת	

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Study Sheet 10

31. Q. Do you know the names of the different areas and items in the משכן?

חֵזֶר	קֶזֶשׁ	קֶזֶשׁ הַקֶּזֶשׁ'ס
containing the	containing the	containing the
בַּיּוֹר	שְׁלֵחַן	אָרוֹן הַקֶּזֶשׁ
מִלְבַּח הַנְּחֹשֶׁת	אֲנָרָה	
	מִלְבַּח הַכֶּהֱ	

32. Q. What tells us that the following are כְּשֵׁר:

an animal, A.

a bird, A.

a fish, A.

a packaged food? A.

33. Q. What items are placed on the seder table? A.

34. Q. On which days do we read from the סֵפֶר תּוֹרָה in shul? A.

35. Q. Do you know the number of men that we call up on different occasions? A.

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Study Sheet 11

36. Q. How good is your knowledge of the geography of Israel? A.

37. Q. a. How many special garments did the כהן גדול wear? A.

b. How many did a כהן הדיוט wear? A.

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