

1. Hashem Yitbarach wants us to realize we need Him, and can count on Him! Hashem tested us when we were thirsty if we were going to complain or if we were going to show that we definitely trust in Hashem and we're confident that He will take care of us. Welcome to life!
2. The Bnei Yisroel are protected from their enemies when they are devoted to learn the Torah. It seems that after they left there was a slackening of learning the mitzvot that they knew already, and because of that Amalek attacked. Yeshivot are our battle forts!
3. Moshe made the Bnei Yisroel make a sort of U-turn in order to make the Egyptians assume that they can overcome the Jews. Ha! They wondered, those Jews don't even know where they are going, they are going in circles, they are coming back! This gave the Egyptians the courage to go and attack, and that's exactly what we wanted, that they would be drawn out of their land so that they can get their well deserved punishment at the sea.
4. The manna by nature was a type of honey wafer, but it would also taste like anything you wished. By itself though it had 546 innate flavors.
5. One is not allowed to leave the techum on Shabbat (2000 amah limit past the last houses of the city). If one does leave the techum on Shabbat he is punished and he's not allowed to move from that spot until the end of Shabbat. He's kind of frozen in his daled amot (16 feet), so he can't "return".
6. When the Jews got to Marah, the water was not drinkable. You can imagine they felt bitter. Moshe cast into the water a Hordafny stick of a bitter flavor. Miraculously, the bitter and the bitter made sweet! This was to symbolize that even if someone learns Torah and finds it difficult at first, he should know that after the bitterness comes the sweetness. The trick is not to give up before you feel how sweet Torah learning can be.
7. Hashem had ten upsets from the Bnei Yisroel during their journey through the desert: a. At first, by the **Red Sea** in a state of panic, the Jews cried "were there no graves in Egypt that you brought us to die in the desert?"; b. When arriving in **Marah** the water was bitter, and they complained "what are we going to drink?"; c. Upon arriving at the **Sinai Desert** they moaned "if only we would have died in the hand of Hashem in the land of Egypt where we sat near the pot of meat!" d. They were given Mann for their appetite, but a couple Jews broke the rule and saved **leftovers** for the next day lacking confidence in Hashem's faithful generosity. E. Then those bums went out on Shabbat **carrying** containers to collect Mann. F. At **Refidim** the Bnei Yisroel challenged Moshe demanding water to drink. Hashem wants us to feel comfortable counting solely on Him!
8. Moshe split the Yam Suf with his hand. He did not use his staff, contrary to some artistic pictures that portray Moshe holding up his staff. Actually Hashem said lift the stick away from you, and by Moshe lifting up his hands, this showed the Eved Hashem, the messenger of Hashem, that was splitting it, and not some type of magical wand which some skeptical Jews thought.
9. When the Yam Suf split, all of the waters in the world split, even the waters in a cup, to publicize that Hashem was saving his people and punishing the enemies. So that would have not been a good time to dive off the board if there is no water to land in.
10. The Bnei Yisroel were given **Ten Commandments** in Marah. It was a warm up for the 10 commandments we were about to get at Har Sinai. They were commanded of the 7 Mitzvot Bnei Noach that even Goyim must keep (not to eat from a living animal; not to curse Heaven; not to steal; to have court systems; not to kill; not to do immorality; and not to do avodah zara.) There were added 3 more: the laws of Shabbat, the laws of Kibbud Av Vaem; and civil laws.
11. Some Jews complained about the manna because the manna would clearly indicate your true nature. If someone was not good the manna would go away, landing far away from the house causing shame to the one who had to get it, and sometimes it would even roll away when they tried to pick it up. This gave them mussar to improve their ways. But many people did not want others to know that they are not as good as they seem, and the manna was revealing their true colors, their true identity. So many complained about this manna preferring to be left alone.
12. There are really forty things that you are not allowed to do Shabbat. 39 classes of work, plus a fortieth prohibition that you are not allowed to leave the techum. So that's why it says there's 40 categories of forbidden activity 39 punishable with one's life, and 1 punishable with lashes. Shabbat is a gift, but it's a very serious and expensive gift, because if one is not careful with this gift from God, the King of kings, then he is punished very seriously.
13. The fetuses in their mothers' stomach also joined in the shirah, singing to Hashem by the splitting of the Red Sea. Some chorus!
14. A person can not survive three days without any water. So too, a person's Neshama (soul) cannot survive without Torah learning. Torah is the life-water that sustains a person. Therefore, we must publicly read the Torah for everyone to hear it at least once every 3 days.
15. For every letter that you sing to Hashem in gratitude and appreciation, you get an entire mitzva. In one song, you can actually get hundreds of mitzvot singing to Hashem.
16. Hashem wanted the Jewish people to be able to fulfill the wonderful mitzvah of tzedakah, even when all their needs were being taken care of. Since the manna melted early, those that woke up late could not get their portion, and therefore others would share with them. Hashem loves this mitzva of charity, a fundamental mitzvah for the world's continuity.
17. After Shimshon killed a thousand Pelishtim with the bone of a donkey, it seems he was overconfident of his strength and ability. He therefore was put to suffer enormous thirst to make him realize all is from Hashem. Hashem then showed him that the very bone that he killed the Pelishtim with, flowed out water to save him as well, everything being His miracles.
18. When angels sing to Hashem, they first have to say 3 words and then they can mention Hashem's name. Kadosh, Kadosh, Kadosh, Hashem... whereas the Jews, were able to say Ashira LaHashem- even if the second word is Hashem's name, because Hashem's loves us and our singing, is more dear than the singing of the angels. Also, Hashem does not let the angels above sing shira until first the Jewish people sing below on this world. [With this in mind you must be more careful to come early to shul so that we don't skip or delay singing shira to Hashem.]
19. Before a nation is defeated, its representing angel in heaven must be knocked down. The representing angel of Amalek is the Satan himself. Only when we destroy the Satan that tries to influence us, can his defeat cause the downfall of his nation, the terrible Amalek.
20. When one says the chapter of the manna daily, and takes to heart the story that the Bnei Yisroel trusted in Hashem and everyday Hashem provided for them and all sustenance comes from Hashem. Then this zechut of faith and trust in Hashem, will actually provide one with his needs all the more.
21. When the Bnei Yisroel arrived at Marah, Moshe gave them a scientific lesson in how all of Hashem's creations have so many purposes behind them. For example, how each herb and plant can actually provide cure and better health for mankind. This also demonstrated that all wisdom could be found in the Torah. Moshe told them not to rely on any medicine more than praying to Hashem and keeping the mitzvot!
22. Hashem punished the Egyptians at the sea in two ways: drowning and also crushing. This was because they wanted to drown the Jewish children and to crush the Jewish people. Also, the Jewish people are like Hashem's spouse. And if someone takes a betrothed spouse they are punishable with stoning. If someone takes a married person then they are punished by strangling. So since the Bnei Yisroel at this stage before Matan Torah, before we stood under the chupah with Hashem, were considered like betrothed, that's why they had to get punished by stoning. And also since we were basically being fully devoted to Hashem, the Egyptians had to be punished with strangling.
23. Many years before Moshe took the Bnei Yisroel out of Mitzraim, thousands of Jews decided to leave on their own. And they escaped but they were massacred by the mean Pelishtim. Had they had patience for some 40 more years, they would have left and survived that terrible calamity. Part of trusting in Hashem is to have **patience**. Patience can save your life.
24. Moshe sent Yehoshua to battle against Amalek because Moshe knew that it's the strength of Torah that can defeat our enemies. Yehoshua, being the best student of Moshe, was an excellent general, an excellent agent to do the task. Moshe himself who's greater in Torah than Yehoshua did not go fight the Amalek here because it seems he was fighting the Amalek in heaven- the very Satan himself.
25. When the terrorizing Amalekim attacked the Jews, Moshe declared war against them in self-defense. In a time of war the Jewish people fast to show Hashem we are humble and counting on You.
26. If only Yehoshua would have destroyed Amalek once and for all, the world would be such a better place. But it's when we destroy the Satan that tries to ruin our relationship with Hashem, that there will be no more Amalek to bother the Jews either.
27. And Moshe said, "If we really listen to the voice of Hashem and do what's right and listen to His mitzvot and guard His statutes, all of the diseases that were put onto Mitzraim would not be put onto you because Hashem will heal you." (15-26)
28. Of course!
29. The better we keep Shabbat, the better our seven days of the week and the twelve months of the year would be. Our success is based on how well we honor and guard Shabbat Kodesh.
30. We glorify Hashem by adding a touch of class to our mitzvot [e.g. buying a beautiful Talit, Kippah, Mezuzah, Sefer Torah, Kiddush cup, Lulav, Sukkah, or even by praying a nice Tefillah.] Everything that we do should have that

- sparkle and shine, showing that we are honoring the King. Another explanation is that just like Hashem is merciful, you should be merciful, just like Hashem is compassionate, you should be compassionate, which means we should try to emulate Hashem. The word- "Ve'anvehu" can be read "Ani Vehu".
31. One of the people of Dan smuggled an Avoda Zara with him out of Egypt. The holy clouds would not protect such an infiltrator. A pity he didn't get the message to do teshuva and get rid of it, so Amalek attacked him.
  32. Mezuzah, which is on our right, Tefillin which is on our left, Tzitzit which is before us and behind us were the mitzvot that protected us while entering into the dangerous body of water completely safe and secure. After all, our Rabbis say that if someone is careful with these mitzvot he will be safe from sin, and if a person is safe from sin he also saved from danger and problems.
  33. Avrohom, Yitzchak, Yaakov, Moshe, and Aharon. Our righteous protect us.
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  35. Some say Pharaoh survived to be able tell everyone else as an eye witness the power of Hashem. He did teshuva, and this will make people realize that when seeing people punished, one should do teshuva and avoid divine wrath. Later Paroh became the king of Ninvei, and when Yonah came to warn him that Hashem was going to destroy their country for being bad, he was the first one to inspire and exert everyone to take immediate action and improve their ways.
  36. Since Yosef was passively quiet when his brothers referred to Yaakov Avinu as "your servant", this was disrespect to his father, and for that he was referred to in a disrespectful way also- as "Yosef's bones" traveling with the Bnei Yisroel.
  37. The women took out musical instruments to be able to sing shira because they knew Hashem would make miracles. The men sang but they didn't come as prepared with musical instruments to make the parade and singing that much more special.
  38. Really, a body of water doesn't split- it's not natural. But when it saw Yosef's coffin, the angel of the sea deducted that if a boy in his prime, at age of 17, when the Yetzer Hara is so strong, was able to control his urge to do zenut with Potifar's wife, and he went against his natural instinct, so too I can go against my natural instinct to flow, and I can split. It's interesting that it was because of Yosef that we went to Mitzraim since he caused jealousy to his brothers who hated him and sold him to Mitzraim. In the end, it was thanks to Yosef we got out of Egypt, that the water split, and punished those that harmed us in Egypt.
  39. The pillar cloud did not go the shortest way because it wanted us to spend some time in the desert, to prepare ourselves for the beauty of Eretz Yisroel. It was to let the Bnei Yisroel go from being prisoners in Egypt to landowners in Israel. And it was a form of a Kollel to teach them Torah and the Mitzvot that they would have to do in Israel.
  40. Paroh and Haman were mean to us, causing us to humble ourselves before Hashem in teshuva. By scaring us they caused us to come closer to our Father in heaven.
  41. Moshe Rabenu took the Bnei Yisroel out of Mitzraim and split the sea; Yehoshua, split the Yarden to go into Israel; Eliyahu Hanavi split a body of water on his way, right before his departure to Shamayim; and so did Rav Pinchus ben Yair, on his way to Yeshiva, and to do Pidyon Shevuyim.
  42. When Sancherib Harasha wanted to conquer Yerushalayim, he and his army were destroyed by miracle in the time of Chizkiya and Yeshayahu Hanavi. Had the Bnei Yisroel sang shira to thank Hashem for saving them from the largest army in history, Hashem would have sent Mashiach.
  43. Alexandria,
  44. It seems that the Rambam was forced to live in Egypt to be able to use his physician skills to help the sultan and he was there against his will. Some Poskim hold that the prohibition to go from Israel to Mitzraim, was in the time that the Egyptians were known to be the most immoral and perverse society in civilization. But now that the whole world has basically moved all around and it's not the same wicked society there, so that's why it wouldn't be forbidden to live there nowadays.
  45. Yes.
  46. By the splitting of the sea, the real miracle is not that it split for a second but that it stayed split. So too, marriage, it's not enough to be nice to each other once in a while, the real job is to stay nice to each other! About making a living, it depends on a person's merits, and, just like the Bnei Yisroel when they got to the sea, the angel of the sea did not recognize a lot of them as being the grandchildren of the Avot, so too with pamasah sometimes a person doesn't look anymore like the one who deserved the money, and that's why he needs special mercy from Hashem to get money.
  47. There were two very wicked Jews- Datan and Aviram, who wanted to be pranksters. They did not believe that Hashem would send manna every day to the Bnei Yisroel, so they saved some for the next day which they were not allowed to do. We have to show that we trust only in Hashem. Not only that, on Shabbat, they went out with a container to collect, and there wasn't any. So they scattered some of the manna that they had from Erev Shabbat around the field to fool people that manna came down, but birds ate those portions of manna so that it shouldn't be a Hillul Hashem. It is for that reason that for a memorial, we show appreciation to the birds this week by giving them extra food.
  48. The clouds of glory carried the Bnei Yisroel so they just moved along effortlessly (like a moving sidewalk).
  49. The cloud that separated the Jews from the Egyptians blocked the their view of the sides of the sea and when they went running in after the Jews in their frenzy and hate, before they knew it they were already in the sea and couldn't back out.
  50. Had the entire Jewish people kept the first Shabbat, never would any nation or people have been able to subjugate us. Since Datan and Aviram went with containers to collect manna, and in the second week Solafchad desecrated Shabbat by gathering sticks, the Jewish people as a whole never kept the entire Shabbat.(?) This was very embarrassing because Shabbat is a gift from Hashem- why don't we all appreciate it. If the Bnei Yisroel would keep 2 Shabbatot halachicly properly, Machiach would come with the Geula immediately.
  51. The Egyptian chariots were laden with expensive jewels, gold, silver, and treasures with which Paroh bribed them to capture the Jews. When they drowned, the Bnei Yisroel had all their wealth, and a fortune it was. But Moshe showed them that we have to run away from the pursuit of physical gains for much greater gains, spiritual gains. The Bnei Yisroel were now to go get the Torah from Hashem at Har Sinai! This was not a time to gather money! This was a message that Moshe gave for all time: to get the real wealth, which is Torah knowledge.
  52. The pasuk says, "Az Yashir Moshe U'Bnei Yisroel Et Hashira Hazot"- Moshe and the Jews *will* sing this song, which means not only did they sing it at the splitting of the sea, but will sing again when Mashiach comes.
  53. Generally Torah learning must be done with the *mouth* and the brain in gear. However if someone has a headache so then it is hard for him to say the words of the Torah so then at least he can look at the Torah without saying the words. Many people read the Torah without saying the words but this will cause them to forget it and lose out the positive influence that Torah makes on the Neshama when it's not spoken.
  54. The Gemara compares the Torah to water: a) it gives us life; b) we need it; c) it makes us tahor (pure) like a mikveh; d) it goes to the low and humble; e) it puts out the fire of the Yetzer Hara; f) it refreshes us; g) if it's not contained in a container it gets lost- so too we should take good notes of the Torah so we don't forget it.
  55. When we learn Torah with great energy, this is the greatest protection of the Jewish people. As a matter of fact, when David Hamelech sent a soldier to war, he also sent another one to the Bet Hamidrash to learn Torah and to pray, that in the merit of the Torah study, it would make the Jews victorious in battle.
  56. Some say that Miriam took drums and tambourines so this way the musical instruments would be loud enough that they wouldn't hear the actual voices and it wouldn't be forbidden. Another explanation is that Jewish people at the splitting of the sea witnessed such an awesome experience that they would not come to improper thoughts at that event.
  57. In the days of the Talmud, it was a custom for the laymen to come learn Torah with the leading Rabbis in the months of Elul and Adar. At that time there was so much Torah study that a pillar of fire used to come from the heaven upon that Bet Midrash. The Gemara criticizes the Goyim that lived in that city (Mata Mahasei) that no Goy converted after seeing such a sight, they must be very stubborn and mad.
  58. The famous reason is because we might come to break a branch to hit it and make it go faster. Another answer is that if we would ride a horse or camel, we would be traveling much quicker, and before we know it we might leave the city techum, and we are not allowed to do that on Shabbat or Yom Tov.
  59. That no matter how much a person took, he got the same amount, so even if he took extra, when he came to his house he had a less amount. Same thing that whatever Hashem decides on Rosh Hashanah that we'll make- we'll make, so we don't have to be workaholics, working extra and not learning Torah, because if we do Mitzvot, Hashem will prove that we have what we need regardless.
  60. Hashem wants to make miracles to save us, but the Bnei Yisroel didn't have sufficient merit, being that they were on the 49'th level of tumah in Mitzraim, but when they showed trust in Hashem, that itself is a great

merit, so Hashem said to just go in the water and by trusting in Hashem like that, that will give Klal Yisroel the merit to be saved. Believe it or not, many times Hashem wants to be so good to the Jewish people that the Satan, representing the Midas Hadin, speaks against them, so that's why very often the Bnei Yisroel needs to do something that can make the Satan be quiet. So that Hashem can say, "See? They trusted me." And that was the merit that by trusting in Hashem, the Satan had to be quiet and Hashem was able to save us.

61. If we say it with great joy and appreciation, this atones for our sins.
62. The Avot and the 12 tribes witnessed the splitting of the sea when their grandchildren were leaving Mitzraim.
63. Yirmiya showed the Bnei Yisroel the clay jar of manna that was preserved over the years from the time of Aharon Hakohein, to show the Bnei Yisroel that if you are devoted to Torah, just like Hashem gave the Jewish people manna in the desert, so too he can take care of all our needs always.



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