

Torahific!

PARSHA QUESTIONS & RIDDLES

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1. Why was Yosef imprisoned for ten years originally?
2. Why does the Torah refer to Yosef's last two years in the dungeon as, "at the end of the two days"?
3. Can you contrast the dreams of Paroh and lehavdil the dreams of the Avot?
4. How are the dreams of kings different than the dreams of ordinary people?
5. Why did Paroh dream about cows and wheat? How many times did he dream about them?
6. Egypt's famine was supposed to be for 42 years, but Yaakov and Yosef prayed, reducing it to 2 years. When did Mitzraim get back that punishment of hunger for 40 years?
7. How are the miracles of Hanukkah, hinted in this week's Parsha?
8. What did Hashem say when Yaakov cried to his children, "why did you do such bad to me"?
9. Which secret did Benyomin keep?
10. How was the Sar Hamashkin (Chief Bartender) similar to the wicked Haman?
11. Why did the Sar Hamashkim finally speak up to Paroh, on behalf of Yosef?
12. How did Yosef know that his brothers were doing teshuva for selling him?
13. Why did even the Egyptians call Yosef "Hacham"?
14. How did Paroh know that Yosef had Ruach Hakodesh?
15. Why was the letter "hey" added to Yosef's name?
16. Why did Yosef cry (privately) when his brothers arrived?
17. Why did Paroh dream on Rosh Hashanah, about the famine?
18. Why did Yosef merit kingship for eighty years?
19. How did Yosef master seventy languages, and why was Paroh nervous about that?
20. Why did Yosef marry Osnat Bat Potiphera the priest of On?
21. Paroh switched Yosef's name to "Sofnat Paneyah" (Decipher of Mysteries). Which names did Nebuchadnetzar give Hanania, Mishael and Azaria, and why?
22. What did Paroh mean by referring to Yosef as an "Avreich"?
23. Why did Paroh agree "there is no one as smart and understanding as Yosef!"?
24. Why was it good for Bnei Yisrael that there was a dreaded hunger in the world in 2236?
25. Why did Yosef force upon the Egyptians the "Mitzvah" of Milah?
26. Why did Yosef call his first son Menashe?
27. Why are the Bnei Yisrael often referred to as Ephraim "My precious son Ephraim" [Yirmiya 31-19]?
28. Why was Shevet Menashe split into two, when the Jews returned back to Israel with Yehoshua?

29. How can you too merit incredible blessing like Yosef Hatzadik?
30. In what way did Yosef hold like Bet Shamai and Levy hold like Bet Hillel?
31. How do we see that ignoring Kibud Av V'em shortens ones lifespan?
32. Why did all ten brothers have to go to Mitzraim?
33. Why didn't Yosef's brothers recognize his voice?
34. Can you list other tzadikim that were imprisoned, and why?
35. What did Shimon do to the seventy strong men that Yosef told Paroh to send to hold him custody?
36. What aveira did Yosef pretend to do?
37. Why wasn't Yosef's harshness towards his brothers considered revenge?
38. What did Reuven mean, by guaranteeing the safety of Binyamin, with the lives his two sons?
39. Did the Shevatim get to say Tefillat Haderech before Menashe pursued them?
40. How could Yosef's brothers have eaten the "kosher meat" from an Egyptian kitchen?
41. In what way was Yaakov concerned about ayin harah?
42. Why did Yosef first arrest all ten brothers for three days?
43. How did Reuven defend Yosef's previous attitude to the Shevatim?
44. Yosef's brothers abstained from wine after Yosef's "misfortune", so why did they partake in wine by Yosef's banquet?
45. What was the name "Tzofnat Paneach" an abbreviation of?
46. When did Yosef tell his brothers, that "zechut avot" helped them?
47. When Yosef demanded that one brother be left in custody, why weren't the Shevatim allowed to choose which one? Why did Yosef jail Shimon?
48. When the Shevatim realized that they were in big trouble, why did they say "what is this that Hashem did to us?", shouldn't they have said "everything Hashem does is for the best!"?
49. When did a slave become a king?
50. How do we see the concept of the Gemara, that "every forbidden flavor, has a kosher counterpart"?
51. Why did Yosef return their money back into their luggage?