

# Torahific!

## *Young Ahi Ezer's Parsha Questions & Riddles*

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1. Why did Yaakov send ahead Yehuda to open a Yeshiva in Goshen, if Yosef could have opened it?
2. What did Yehuda and Shimon want to do to the land of Egypt?
3. When did singing and music cause someone to live forever? (2336)
4. Why did Rabbi Elazar cry when he read Parshat Vayigash?
5. Why did Yosef give Binyomin 300 silver pieces?
6. How was Goshen like Monroe, Williamsburg, Telz, Radin, Lakewood & Boro Park?
7. Why did our nation have to be born in Egypt and not in Israel?
8. How do we see that it is dangerous for one's health to complain?
9. Why do we eat hazeret (lettuce) on Pesach night?
10. Why did Yosef and Binyomin cry over the future destruction of the Batei Hamikdash, if that didn't happen yet?
11. Where do we find the elderly righteous woman, Serah Bat Asher, showing up again in history?
12. Why did Yehuda say that Yaakov would die if Binyomin was endangered, Rabbi Yochanan lost ten sons tragically but kept going strong?
13. What Mitzvah can one only do, if something "bad" happens?
14. Why did Yehuda's brothers tell him not to overturn Egypt?
15. Why did Yaakov start saying Shema when he was about to be reunited with Yosef?
16. What did Yosef tell Yehuda when he pleaded to become slave in place of Binyomin?
17. Why did Yehuda, the fourth son of Yaakov merit the kingdom of our nation?
18. What happened to Rabbi Hanina Ben Hachinai's wife, when he returned home suddenly after learning in Yeshiva 13 years?
19. What caused Yosef to become so great a ruler?
20. Why did Hashem grant Yosef sons first and not daughters?
21. Who went out to welcome Yaakov to Mitzraim? What did they do?
22. How many descendants came from Dan's only child - the deaf Hushim - within 250 years (2238-2488)?
23. What approach did the furious and courageous Yehuda use to soften the ruler Tzofnat Paneah's heart?
24. How did Yosef show he cared for his brothers feelings?
25. Who was born when the Jews went down to Egypt, and died when the Jews left 210 years later?
26. Which special Berachot did Yaakov say when he was reunited with Yosef his son in 2338?
27. What did Yehudah remark when his sword didn't come out of its sheath?

28. Why did Yehuda burn the wagons that Paroh sent to pick up Yaakov?
29. Why did Yosef send calves with the wagons, wouldn't camels have been more appropriate?
30. Why wouldn't Yaakov kiss his son Yosef after their long separation?
31. Why did Yosef lose precious years of his lifetime?
32. Why did the Jews settle in the city of Goshen?
33. What did Yosef command his family?
34. How do we know that coffee can relieve some anxiety and worry?
35. What did Potiphar tell Paroh when Yosef was raised to royalty?
36. Why don't Torah scholars have to pay city taxes for security and welfare?
37. Why didn't Yosef take the Egyptian priests land also in return for food?
38. Who was the greatest real estate dealer in history?
39. Why did Yaakov live thirty-three years less than Yitzchok?
40. Where is Serah Bat Asher today?
41. Why did the Egyptians idealize sheep?
42. When were their famines throughout the entire world?
43. Why didn't Yosef's brother trick the mean ruler Sofnat Poneah and bring some other kid called Binyomin?
44. What does Hashem say about one who thinks of original Torah ideas and builds a Bet Medrash?
45. What must a city have before a Torah Scholar moves there?
46. What were Yosef and Yehudah compared to during their dialogue?
47. Who acted like a lawyer?
48. Why did the seven-year hunger stop after two years?
49. Who was the seventieth one that went with Yaakov's family to Egypt?
50. How did Yosef reveal his secret identity?
51. Why didn't Yosef want to show his mighty brothers to Paroh?
52. How do we know Yaakov was a king in Canaan?
53. Why was Yaakov petrified to go down to Egypt until Hashem spoke to him encouragement?