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Parsha Questions:

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1. In what context is a *mezuzah* mentioned in this week's Parsha?
2. What special mitzvah does the Torah give to the master of a Hebrew maidservant?
3. What is the penalty for wounding one's father or mother?
4. "A" intentionally hits "B." As a result, B is close to death. Besides any monetary payments, what happens to A?
5. What is the penalty for someone who tries to murder a particular person, but accidentally kills another person instead? Give two opinions.
6. A slave goes free if his master knocks out one of the slave's teeth. What teeth do not qualify for this rule and why?
7. An ox gores another ox. What is the maximum the owner of the damaging ox must pay, provided his animal had gored no more than twice previously?
8. From where in this week's Parsha can the importance of work be demonstrated?
9. What is meant by the words "If the sun shone on him"?
10. A person is given an object for safe-keeping. Later, he swears it was stolen. Witnesses come and say that in fact he is the one who stole it. How much must he pay?
11. A person borrows his employee's car. The car is struck by lightning. How much must he pay?
12. Why is lending money at interest called "biting"?
13. Non-kosher meat, "*treifa*," is preferentially fed to dogs. Why?
14. Which verse forbids listening to slander?
15. What constitutes a majority-ruling in a capital case?
16. How is Shavuot referred to in this week's Parsha?
17. How many prohibitions are transgressed when cooking meat and milk together?
18. What was written in the *Sefer Habrit* which Moshe wrote prior to the giving of the Torah?
19. What was the *livnat hasapir* a reminder of?
20. Who was Efrat? Who was her husband? Who was her son?



Parsha Answers:

1. 21:6 - If a Hebrew slave desires to remain enslaved his owner brings him "to the door post *mezuzah*" to pierce his ear.

2. 21:8,9 - To marry her.

3. 21:15 - Death by strangulation.

4. 21:19 - He is put in jail until "B" recovers or dies.

5. 21:23 -

A. The murderer deserves the death penalty.

B. The murderer is exempt from death but must compensate the heirs of his victim.

6. 21:26 - Baby teeth, which grow back.

7. 21:35 - The full value of his own animal.

8. 21:37 - From the "five-times" penalty for stealing an ox and slaughtering it. This fine is seen as punishment for preventing the owner from plowing with his ox.

9. 22:2 - If it's as clear as the sun that the thief has no intent to kill.

10. 22:8 - Double value of the object.

11. 22:14 - Nothing.

12. 22:24 - Interest is like a snake bite. Just as the poison is not noticed at first but soon overwhelms the person, so too interest is barely noticeable until it accumulates to an overwhelming sum.

13. 22:30 - As "reward" for their silence during the plague of the first born.

14. 23:1 - Targum Onkelos translates "Don't bear a false report" as "Don't receive a false report."

15. 23:2 - A simple majority is needed for an acquittal. A majority of two is needed for a ruling of guilty.

16. 23:16 - *Chag Hakatzir* -- Festival of Reaping.

17. 23:19 - One.

18. 24:4,7 - The Torah, starting from Bereishet until the giving of the Torah, and the *mitzvot* given at Mara.

19. 24:10 - That the Jews in Egypt were forced to toil by making bricks.

20. 24:14 - Miriam, wife of Calev, mother of Chur.



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Dvar Torah:



In this weeks Parsha, we receive a bunch of laws after receiving the Torah. The first law we receive is the freeing of a slave after six years. Many people ask why is this the first law that we received?

As Jews, we would hope that our mind is constantly knowing that Hashem is the Master of the world and all the people in it. Unfortunately, that just isn't the case and we still sin and forget that Hashem is always looking.

The Chofetz Chaim explains that the reasoning behind teaching us the laws of slavery is to continually remind us that we need to be dedicated servants to Hashem. Additionally, it is there to remind us of our bitter slavery that we just left from and to constantly treat all humans with respect and be a light onto the nations.

Wishing everyone a restful, peaceful, and meaningful Shabbos!

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Torah Treat:



In this weeks Parsha, we learn about many interesting laws. One is about the Eved Ivri. If the Eved Ivri decides not to leave on the Shmitah year, we pierce his ear. In honor of this idea we will be making elephant ear cookies.

What you will need:

1. 1 cup sugar, divided
2. Pinch kosher salt
3. 1/4 teaspoon cinnamon
4. 1 sheet puff pastry, defrosted

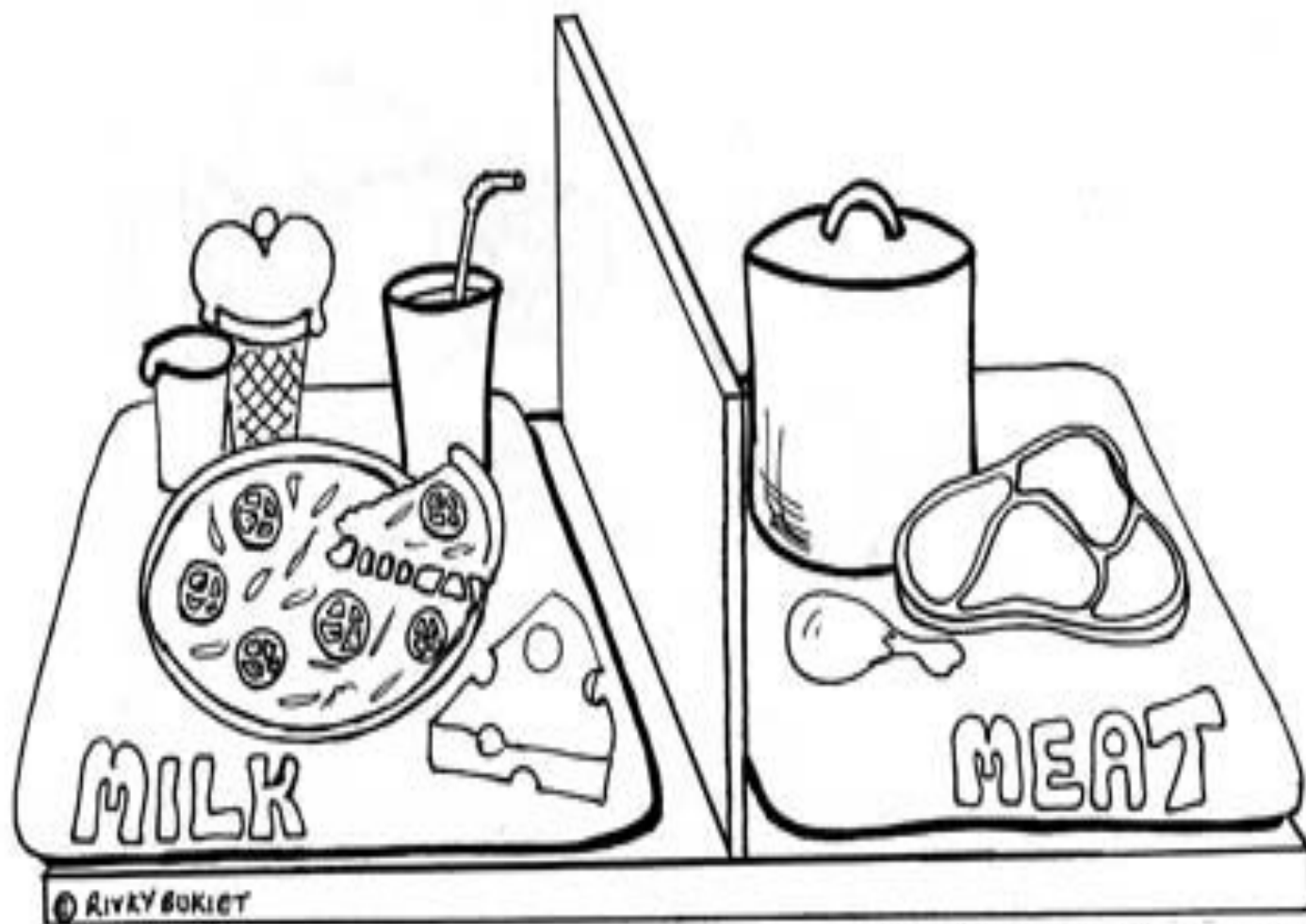


Let's get started:

1. Preheat the oven to 450 degrees.
2. Combine 1/2 cup of the sugar and kosher salt and pour it over a flat surface such as a wooden board or marble slab. Unfold the sheet of puff pastry onto the sugar mixture.
3. Combine 1/2 cup of the sugar and the cinnamon and spread it evenly on the puff pastry. This is not about sprinkling, it's about an even covering of sugar. With a rolling pin, lightly roll the dough until it's a 13-inch square and the sugar is pressed into the puff pastry on top and bottom. Fold the sides of the square toward the center so they go halfway to the middle. Fold them again so the two folds meet exactly at the middle of the dough. Then fold one half over the other half as though closing a book. You will have 6 layers. Slice the dough into 3/8-inch slices and place the slices, cut side up, on baking sheets lined with parchment paper.
4. Bake the cookies for 6 minutes, or until caramelized and brown on the bottom, then turn with a spatula and bake for another 3 to 5 minutes, until caramelized on the other side. Transfer to a baking rack to cool.

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