

PARSHAT
NITZAVIM-VAYELECH

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Parsha Questions:



NITZAVIM

1. What was once the customary method of making a covenant?
2. What is the connection between the verse "*Atem nitzavim*" and the curses in the previous *parsha*?
3. Who are the wood-choppers and water-carriers?
4. One who ignores the Torah's warnings "adds drunkenness to thirst." What does this mean?
5. What two cities were destroyed along with S'dom and Amorah?
6. "The hidden things are for Hashem, our G-d, and the revealed things are for us..." What does this mean?
7. According to Rashi, how will the day of the ingathering of the exiles be "great and difficult?"
8. Where is the Torah not to be found? Where is it to be found?
9. When and where did the Jewish People become culpable for each other's sins?
10. How do the earth and sky remind us to keep the *mitzvot*?

VAYELECH

1. Moshe said, "I am 120 years old today. I am no longer able to go out and come in..." How do we know this does not refer to physical inability?
2. Which of Moshe's statements to Yehoshua was later contradicted by Hashem's command?
3. Why does the Torah refer to Succot of the eighth year as though it occurred during the *shemita* year?
4. Why does the Torah command that babies be brought to the Torah reading?
5. What does it mean that Hashem "hides His face"?
6. What function does the song *Ha'azinu* serve?
7. Which verse promises that the Torah will never be totally forgotten?
8. What is the difference of opinion regarding the placing of the Torah scroll which Moshe gave the *levi'im*?
9. On the day of Moshe's death, why didn't Moshe gather the people by blowing trumpets as he normally would?
10. Moshe said "For I know that after my death you will act corruptly," but, in fact, this didn't occur until after Yehoshua's death. What does this teach us?

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Parsha Answers:



NITZAVIM

- What was once the customary method of making a covenant?**
29:11 - There would be two partitions, one to the right and one to the left, and the people would walk in between (to show acceptance of the covenant.)
- What is the connection between the verse "*Atem nitzavim*" and the curses in the previous *parsha*?**
29:12 - The Jewish People asked, "Who can survive such curses?" Moshe responded, "You've done a lot to anger Hashem, and yet -- "*atem nitzavim*" -- you're still standing before Him."
- Who are the wood-choppers and water-carriers?**
29:10 - Canaanites who joined the Jewish People under false pretenses.
- One who ignores the Torah's warnings "adds drunkenness to thirst." What does this mean?**
29:18 - He causes Hashem to reckon his unintentional sins alongside his intentional ones, punishing him for all.
- What two cities were destroyed along with S'dom and Amorah?**
29:22 - Admah and Tsevoyim.
- "The hidden things are for Hashem, our G-d, and the revealed things are for us..." What does this mean?**
29:28 - There is collective culpability only for "open" sins, but not for "hidden" ones.
- According to Rashi, how will the day of the ingathering of the exiles be "great and difficult?"**
30: 3 - It will be as if Hashem needs to take each individual by the hand and lead him out of exile.
- Where is the Torah not to be found? Where is it to be found?**
30:12-15 - The Torah is not found in heaven nor across the ocean. Rather, it is "very close to you, in your mouth and in your heart."
- When and where did the Jewish People become culpable for each other's sins?**
29:28 - When they crossed the Jordan and accepted the oath on Mt. Eval and Mt. Grizim.
- How do the earth and sky remind us to keep the *mitzvot*?**
30:19 - The earth and heavenly bodies, although receiving neither reward nor punishment, always obey Hashem's will. How much more should we, who stand to receive reward or punishment, obey Hashem.

VAYELECH

- Moshe said, "I am 120 years old today. I am no longer able to go out and come in..." How do we know this does not refer to physical inability?**
31:2 - Because verse 34:7 says "His (Moshe's) eye never dimmed, and his (youthful) moisture never departed."
- Which of Moshe's statements to Yehoshua was later contradicted by Hashem's command?**
31:7 - Moshe told Yehoshua to share his leadership with the Elders. Hashem later commanded Yehoshua to rule alone.
- Why does the Torah refer to Succot of the eighth year as though it occurred during the *shemita* year?**
31:10 - Because the laws of the seventh year still apply to the harvest.
- Why does the Torah command that babies be brought to the Torah reading?**
31:12 - To give reward to those who bring them.
- What does it mean that Hashem "hides His face"?**
31:17 - He ignores their distress.

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6. **What function does the song *Ha'azinu* serve?**
31:21 - It warns what will befall the Jewish People if they abandon Torah.
7. **Which verse promises that the Torah will never be totally forgotten?**
31:21 - "For (the Torah) will not be forgotten from the mouth of their offspring."
8. **What is the difference of opinion regarding the placing of the Torah scroll which Moshe gave the *levi'im*?**
31:26 - Whether it was placed outside but adjacent to the Ark, or inside next to the Tablets.
9. **On the day of Moshe's death, why didn't Moshe gather the people by blowing trumpets as he normally would?**
31:28 - Blowing the trumpets expressed Moshe's dominion, and "there is no dominion on the day of death." (*Kohelet* 8)
10. **Moshe said "For I know that after my death you will act corruptly," but, in fact, this didn't occur until after Yehoshua's death. What does this teach us?**
31:29 - That a person's student is as dear to him as himself -- As long as Yehoshua was alive, it was as though Moshe himself were alive.

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Dvar Torah:



In this weeks Parsha in Perek Kaf Tes, Pasuk Tes, it says, “Atem Nitzavim Hayom,”

“You are standing today.” According to the Midrash Raba, the reason these Parshas are read the week before Rosh Hashana is because of this Pasuk. It is customary to begin saying slichos the week before Rosh Hashasha. Many people say it comes from the Pasuk above. This Pasuk has the same gematria value of

694 as “Laamod Lslichos,” “to rise for Slichos.”

There are so many fun and hidden things within our Torah and it really shows how

Hashem has a hand in everything we do, read and hear!

Wishing everyone a great end to their Chodesh Elul and a great Shabbos!

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Torah Treat:



In this weeks Parsha, we learn about the laws of free choice. Moshe tells Bnei Yisroel about the choice of choosing between good and evil and between life and death. In honor of this idea we will be making marshmallow life cereal crispy treats!

What you will need:

1. 1 large bowl
2. 1 large container of fluff
3. 1 bag of mini marshmallows
4. cinnamon
5. 1 9x13 pan
6. pam spray
7. 1 box of life cereal

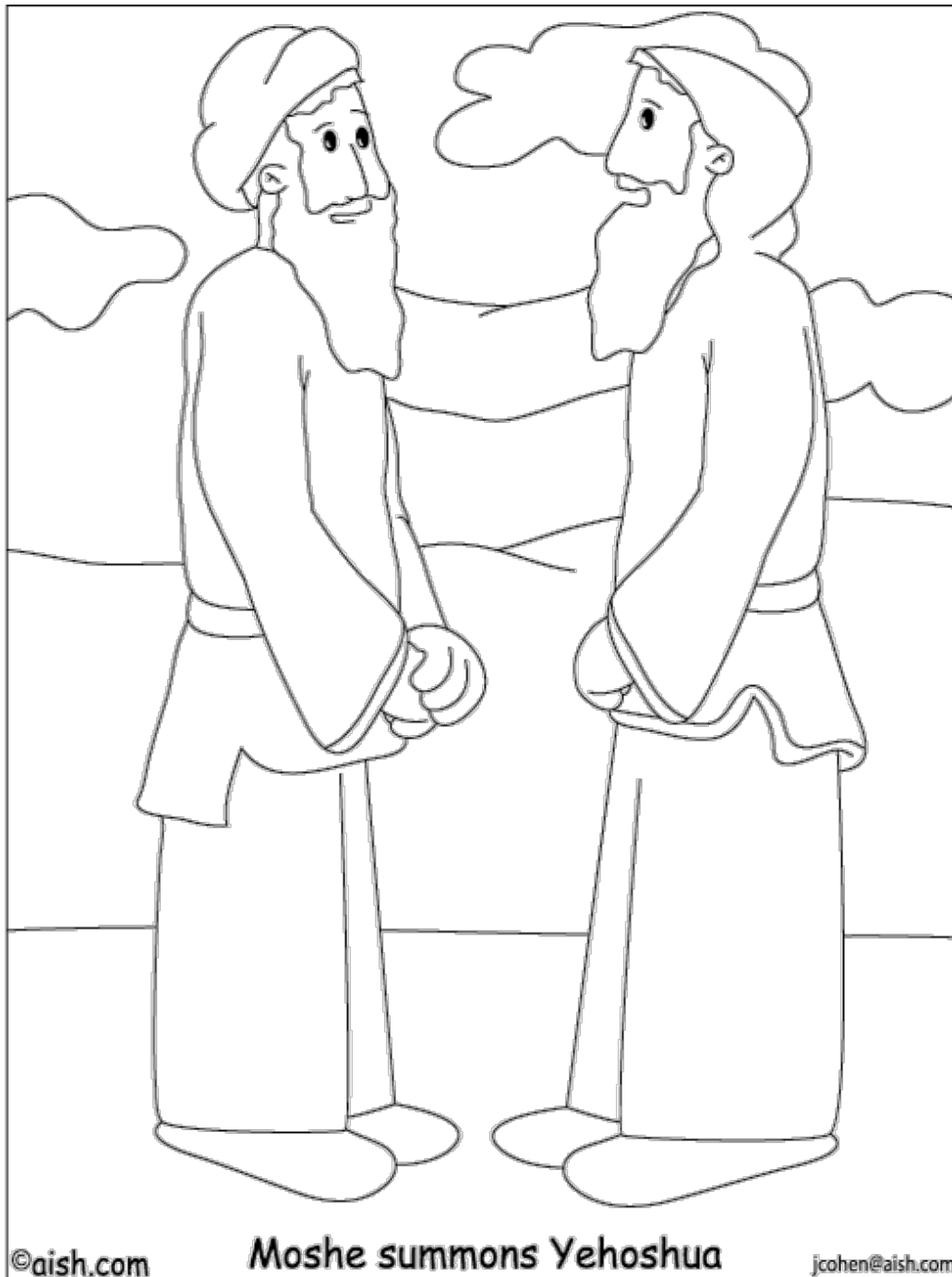
Let's get started:

1. combine fluff and life cereal into big bowl until all pieces are evenly coated
2. pour in the mini marshmallows and stir
3. sprinkle about a teaspoon of cinnamon into the mixture
4. spray 9x13 pan with pam spray
5. pour the mixture into the pan and spread evenly
6. stick in the fridge till firm
7. cut into squares
8. enjoy!



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