PARSHAT VA'ERA



Parsha Questions:





- 1. Did Hashem ever appear to Avraham and say "I am Hashem?
- 2. What cause did the forefathers have to question Hashem?
- 3. How was Moshe commanded to act towards Pharaoh?
- 4. How long did Levi live?
- 5. Who was Aharon's wife? Who was her father? Who was her brother?
- 6. Why are Yitro and Yosef both referred to as "Putiel?"
- 7. After which plague did Hashem begin to "harden Pharaoh's heart?"
- 8. Why did Pharaoh go to the Nile every morning?
- 9. Give two reasons why the blood was chosen as the first plague.
- 10. How long did the plague of blood last?
- 11. Why did the frogs affect Pharaoh's house first?
- 12. What did Moshe mean when he told Pharaoh that the frogs would be "in you and in your nation?"
- 13. What are "chamarim?"
- 14. Why didn't Moshe strike the dust to initiate the plague of lice?
- 15. Why were the Egyptian sorcerers unable to bring lice?
- 16. What were the Egyptians likely to do if they saw the Jews slaughtering lambs?
- 17. Why didn't the wild beasts die as the frogs had?
- 18. The *dever* killed "all the cattle of Egypt." Later, boils afflicted their cattle. How can this be?
- 19. Why did Moshe pray only after leaving the city?
- 20. What was miraculous about the way the hail stopped falling?

Parsha Answers:





- 1. Did Hashem ever appear to Avraham and say "I am Hashem?" 6:9 Yes.
- 2. What cause did the forefathers have to question Hashem?
 - 6:9 -- Although Hashem swore to give them the land, they never actually had control over it.
- 3. How was Moshe commanded to act towards Pharaoh?
 - 6:13 With the respect due a king.
- 4. How long did Levi live?
 - 6:16 137 years.
- 5. Who was Aharon's wife? Who was her father? Who was her brother?
 - 6:23 Elisheva, daughter of Aminaday, sister of Nachshon.
- 6. Why are Yitro and Yosef both referred to as "Putiel?"
 - 6:25 Yitro fattened (pitem) cows for idol worship. Yosef scoffed (pitpet) at his evil inclination.
- 7. After which plague did Hashem begin to "harden Pharaoh's heart?"
 - 7:3 After the sixth plague -- shechin.
- 8. Why did Pharaoh go to the Nile every morning?
 - 7:15 To relieve himself. Pharaoh pretended to be a god who did not need to attend to his bodily functions. Therefore, he secretly used the Nile for this purpose.
- 9. Give two reasons why the blood was chosen as the first plague.
 - 7:17 Because the Nile was an Egyptian god.
 - 8:17 Because an invading army first attacks the enemy's water supply, and Hashem did the same.
- 10. How long did the plague of blood last?
 - 7:25 Seven days.
- 11. Why did the frogs affect Pharaoh's house first?
 - 7:28 Pharaoh himself advised the enslavement of the Jewish People.
- 12. What did Moshe mean when he told Pharaoh that the frogs would be "in you and in your nation?"
 - 7:29 He warned that the frogs would enter their intestines and croak.
- 13. What are "chamarim?"
 - 8:10 -- Piles.
- 14. Why didn't Moshe strike the dust to initiate the plague of lice?
 - 8:12 Because the dust protected Moshe by hiding the body of the Egyptian that Moshe killed.
- 15. Why were the Egyptian sorcerers unable to bring lice?
 - 8:14 The Egyptian sorcerers' magic had no power over anything smaller than a barley kernel.
- 16. What were the Egyptians likely to do if they saw the Jews slaughtering lambs?
 - 8:22 Stone the Jews.
- 17. Why didn't the wild beasts die as the frogs had?
 - 8:27 So the Egyptians would not benefit from their hides.
- 18. The dever killed "all the cattle of Egypt." Later, boils afflicted their cattle. How can this be?
 - 9:10 In the plague of *dever* only the cattle *in the fields* died. The plague of *shechin* affected the surviving cattle.
- 19. Why did Moshe pray only after leaving the city?
 - 9:29 Because the city was full of idols.
- 20. What was miraculous about the way the hail stopped falling?
 - 9:33 The hailstones stopped in mid-air and didn't fall to the ground.



Dvar Torah:



In this weeks Parsha, Parsha Va'era, in Perek Vav, Pasuk Gimmel, it says, "Va'era Kel Avraham, to Yitzchak, and to Yaakov," "I appeared to Avraham, Yitchak, and to Yaakov." Rashi asks, how come Hashem didn't just say "El Ha'avot," "to the forefathers," why did Hashem specifically choose to mention them by name?

The Chassam Sofer says the word Avot comes from the word Ava meaning want. Our forefathers wanted Hashem to appear to them, they put in the effort in their relationship with Hashem, and therefore Hashem appeared to them. Every Jew has the ability to have Hashem appear them. Its all in our hands. Hashem loves his children so much and is always giving even during the times that we feel He's taking.

Wishing everyone a restful, peaceful, and meaningful Shabbos!

Torah Treat:

In this weeks Parsha, Hashem starts sending plagues to Mitzraim. One of the plagues is frogs. In honor of the plague of frogs we will be making froggy treats!

What you will need:

- 1. One bag of mini pretzels (the typical pretzel shape)
- 2 Oreos
- 3. White chocolate
- 4. Green food coloring
- 5. Gumballs
- 6. Mini dark chocolate chips
- 7. Red fruit roll up

Let's get started:

- 1. Melt the white chocolate
- 2. Leave a little bit of it white and dye the rest green
- 3. Dip the pretzels, and Oreos, in the **dyed green** white chocolate and place in the fridge to harden
- 4. Dip the gumballs into the rest of the **white** chocolate and place in the fridge to harden
- 5. Once the chocolate has hardened, take some of the left over melted chocolate and use it as glue to attach the pretzels (as legs), and the gumballs (as eyes) to the Oreo
- 6. Take the mini chocolate chips and attach them to the white gumballs
- 7. Cut a piece of the red fruit roll up and attach it as a tongue
- 8. Enjoy!



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