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### Questions to פרשת כי תשא / Parshat Ki Tisa

1. There are two reasons ה' told Moshe to count the number of Jews after the sin of the Golden Calf. What are the reasons? (A) TO SHOW HIS LOVE FOR THEM; (B) TO TELL THE NON-JEWS THAT HE FORGAVE THEM FOR PRAYING TO THE GOLDEN CALF

2. Who was counted and how old did they have to be? MEN BETWEEN THE AGES OF 20 AND 60

3. Since Moshe wasn't allowed to count heads, how did he find out how many men there were? BY HAVING EACH MAN GIVE A HALF-SHEKEL COIN (and then he counted the coins)

4. What did ה' say would happen if Moshe counted heads? A SICKNESS WOULD HAPPEN ON THE JEWS

5. Are Jews allowed to count heads today? NO

6. **EXTRA CREDIT:** What is the Sentence some people use to count heads? HOSHIA ET AMECHA, UVARAICH ET NACHALATECHA, URAIM V'NASAIM AD HAOLAM

7. Why is this Sentence a good one to use to count heads? IT HAS TEN WORDS AND MAKES THE COUNTING EASIER

8. Who washed their hands and feet from the water of the *kiyor* (the sink) in the Mishkan? KOHANIM

9. When did the kohanim wash their hands and feet? BEFORE WORKING

10. Before a new *kohain gadol* could start working, or before a king of Israel began to rule, or before the new things in the Mishkan were used for the first time, *shemen hamishcha* had to be put on them. What was this? A SPECIAL KIND OF OIL AND SPICES MIXED TOGETHER

11. The Avtinas family made spices for what? THE SPICE SACRIFICE

12. Why did the Avtinas family say they would not show anyone else how to make the spices for the sacrifice? THEY WERE AFRAID PEOPLE WOULD USE IT FOR IDOL WORSHIP AFTER THE BAIT HAMIKDASH WAS DESTROYED

13. What did the women of the Avtinas family never use, and why? PERFUME BECAUSE THEY DID NOT WANT PEOPLE TO THINK THEY USED THE SPICES TO MAKE IT, WHICH WAS NOT ALLOWED

14. **EXTRA CREDIT:** Name the person in charge of building the Mishkan. BETZALEL

15. What was so strange about picking Betzalel to be in charge? HE WAS ONLY 13 YEARS OLD

16. Moshe asked the people if it was O.K. to let Betzalel be in charge. What did the people say? YES

17. What did Moshe tell Betzalel to build first? THE ARON (Ark)

18. What did Betzalel tell him should be built first? THE MISHKAN

19. Did Moshe say that he was right to build the *aron*, or that Betzalel was right to build the Mishkan? BETZALEL

20. **EXTRA CREDIT:** Name Betzalel's helper. AHOLIAV

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21. On what day of the week were the Jews not allowed to build the Mishkan?  
SHABAT

22. If all Jews would keep Shabat for two weeks in a row, what would happen?  
MASHIACH WOULD COME IMMEDIATELY

23. What happened when Moshe was on Har Sinai and he kept forgetting what ה' was teaching him? ה' HELPED HIM REMEMBER IT

24. We learn from this that if we study Torah very hard, what will ה' do? HELP US REMEMBER WHAT WE STUDY

25. Here are questions about the *luchot*. Answer yes or no. They were two tablets made of sapphire stone. YES

26. One was heavier than the other. NO (They were identical in size and weight)

27. Moshe had to hold them in both hands because they were so heavy. NO (He held them in one hand)

28. On one of the tablets was written five Commandments, and on the other was also written five Commandments. YES

29. ה' gave the Ten Commandments to the Jews before giving the other mitzvot to see if the Jews would do them. YES

30. The Hebrew letters that were circles (*mem* and *samech*) fell out of the *luchot*. NO (ה' made a miracle and they stayed in)

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31. ה' told Moshe to go up to Har Sina-i and get the *luchot*. When did Moshe tell the Jews that he would come back to them? IN 40 DAYS BEFORE NOON

32. When Moshe didn't come back when they thought he should, the *airev rav* said they wanted a new leader. What did they want this leader to be? A STATUE

33. The *airev rav* were angry at Moshe for three reasons. The first reason is that they didn't collect *mann* like the other Jews. What *mann* did they eat? THE LEFTOVER MANN

34. Another reason the *airev rav* was angry at Moshe was because they didn't travel with the Jews inside the Clouds of Glory. Where did they travel? OUTSIDE THE CLOUDS OF GLORY

35. The *airev rav* was also angry at Moshe because they prayed to something that Moshe and the Jews did not pray to. What? IDOLS

36. Some Jews wanted the statue. Why should they not have wanted it? THE SECOND OF THE TEN COMMANDMENTS SAYS NOT TO MAKE, BOW DOWN OR PRAY TO STATUES

37. The *airev rav* and some Jewish men went to Chur and said that they wanted him to make a new leader. He said he would not help them make it. What did they do to Chur? THEY KILLED HIM

38. The *airev rav* and some Jewish men went to the 70 Elders and said they wanted a new leader. What did they say? NO

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39. The *airev rav* and some Jewish men then went to Aharon. What did he tell them to bring to him? THE GOLDEN JEWELRY OF THE MEN, WOMEN AND CHILDREN

40. Of the Jewish men and women, who wanted and who did not want to give their jewelry? THE MEN DID, THE WOMEN DID NOT

41. How were the women rewarded for not wanting to give their jewelry? BY BEING ALLOWED TO GO INTO AND LIVE IN ISRAEL

42. Besides the women, who else did not give their jewelry? THE TRIBE OF LAIVI AND THE TZADIKIM (good Jews) FROM THE OTHER TRIBES

43. Aharon took the golden jewelry. What did he do with it? THREW IT IN A FIRE

44. What idol did the Egyptian magicians make? A GOLDEN CALF

45. How many more golden calves did the *airev rav* make? 12, ONE FOR EACH TRIBE

46. After the Golden Calf was made, the *airev rav* said, "These are your gods, Israel, who TOOK YOU OUT OF MITZRAYIM"

47. The people wanted to build an altar to offer sacrifices to the Golden Calf. Who did Aharon want to build the altar and why? HE HIMSELF WANTED TO BUILD IT TO STALL FOR TIME, HOPING MOSHE WOULD COME BACK

48. After he built the altar, Aharon announced that the next day, there would be a holiday to who? ה' (not to the Golden Calf)

49. The next morning, the *airev rav* and some of their friends got up early. What were some of the things they did to the Golden Calf? DRANK WINE, ATE MEAT, THEY SAID IT WAS A GOD, OFFERED SACRIFICES, GAVE IT SOME MANN

50. Moshe was on Har Sina-i. ה' told him that the Jews were praying to an idol. Did Moshe believe ה'? NO

51. ה' called the Jews a "stiff-necked" people. What does this mean? THEY WERE STUBBORN

52. Jews can be stiff-necked like the rooster or like the dog. The rooster is stiff-necked but in a good way. How? IT MAKES NOISE EARLY IN THE MORNING TO WAKE JEWS UP SO THEY CAN PRAY AND DO MITZVOT

53. The dog is stiff-necked but in a bad way. How? IT DOESN'T LISTEN TO ITS OWNER

54. Should Jews be stiff-necked like the dog or the rooster? ROOSTER

55. ה' told Moshe He wanted to kill the Jews and make him the leader of a new country. Did Moshe say yes or no? NO

56. EXTRA CREDIT: Why did Moshe say no? BECAUSE IF THE MERITS OF AVRAHAM, YITZCHAK AND YAKOV COULD NOT PROTECT THE JEWS, MOSHE'S MERITS ALONE CERTAINLY COULDN'T

57. Moshe went down Har Sina-i and met Yehoshua. He had the *luchot* in his hand. When he saw the Jews praying to the Golden Calf, what did he want to do with the *luchot*? BRING THEM BACK TO ה'

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58. He started to go back up Har Sina-i with the *luchot*. Who saw him and tried to take the *luchot* away from him? THE 70 ELDERS

59. Who won the struggle to take the *luchot*? MOSHE

60. What did Moshe do with the *luchot*? HE SMASHED THEM ON THE GROUND

61. Moshe saw Aharon standing next to the Golden Calf with a hammer in his hand. He got very angry at Aharon, and he asked Aharon what happened. What did Aharon say? THE JEWS ARE ALWAYS DOING BAD THINGS AGAINST יְהוָה

62. Moshe mixed the ashes of the Golden Calf with water. What did he have all Jews do with the water-ashes mixture? DRINK IT

63. What happened to those who didn't pray to it? MOSHE GAVE THEM A BLESSING THAT THEIR CHILDREN WOULD GO INTO ISRAEL

64. What happened to some Jews who prayed to the Golden Calf? יְהוָה KILLED THEM

65. Moshe said, "Whoever really loves יְהוָה, let him come to me!" Who came to Moshe? TRIBE OF LAIVI, TZADIKIM OF THE OTHER TRIBES AND THE LEADERS OF THE TRIBES

66. What did Moshe tell the tribe of Laivi to do with their swords? KILL ANY JEW WHO WAS TOLD BY PEOPLE NOT TO PRAY TO THE GOLDEN CALF BUT HE DID ANYWAY

67. What was the punishment of Jews who prayed to the Golden Calf but no one saw them? A SICKNESS

68. What happened to Jews who liked the Golden Calf but didn't pray to it? A SICKNESS

69. יְהוָה was angry even at Jews who did not pray to the Golden Calf. Why? BECAUSE THEY DID NOT TRY TO STOP OTHERS FROM PRAYING TO IT

70. Moshe went up Har Sinai to ask forgiveness for the sin of the Golden Calf. Moshe gave many reasons why יְהוָה should not punish the Jews. Moshe said יְהוָה gave them too much of something. What? GOLD

71. Besides, Moshe said, the Jews didn't pray to the Golden Calf. They only wanted it so Someone could be on it. Who? יְהוָה

72. Moshe said that if יְהוָה did not forgive the Jews, Moshe himself did not want his name written somewhere. Where? IN THE TORAH

73. יְהוָה decided not to kill all the Jews at once. How would He punish them? IN LATER GENERATIONS HE WOULD ADD PUNISHMENT

74. Moshe was angry at the Jews. So where did he move? OUTSIDE THE CAMP WHERE THE JEWS WERE

75. יְהוָה told Moshe to go back to where the Jews were. Did he? YES

76. יְהוָה was so angry at the Jews that He wanted to send something to lead the Jews instead of Himself. What did He want to send? AN ANGEL

77. Who did Moshe want to lead the Jews in the desert, יְהוָה or an angel? יְהוָה

78. Did יְהוָה say He would or would not lead them Himself? HE WOULD

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79. Here are some questions about the *yud-gimmel midot*, the "13 Things that 'ה Is." Answer yes or no. 'ה likes to forgive people if they ask Him for forgiveness. YES

80. People can sin and 'ה won't see them. NO

81. 'ה punishes people right after they sin. NO

82. 'ה likes to reward families who do the mitzvot for many generations. YES

83. 'ה punishes bad families for only a few generations. YES

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84. **EXTRA CREDIT:** Name the Jewish holidays that this parsha talks about. PESACH, SHAVUOT, SUKKOT, ROSH HASHANA, YOM KIPPUR

85. Moshe made two more *luchot*. Where did he find sapphire stone? UNDER HIS TENT

86. Why was Moshe rich? HE KEPT THE EXTRA SAPPHIRE STONE. IT WAS WORTH A LOT OF MONEY

87. **EXTRA CREDIT:** Moshe went up Har Sina-i for the third time on the first day of Elul. He came down 40 days later. What was the Hebrew date he came down from Har Sinai? TENTH OF TISHRAY

88. **EXTRA CREDIT:** What holiday comes on the tenth of Tishray? YOM KIPPUR

88. Because 'ה forgave the Jews for praying to the Golden Calf on Yom Kippur, what does 'ה like to do to us on Yom Kippur? FORGIVE OUR SINS

90. When Moshe came down from Har Sinai, what was on his face? A BRIGHT LIGHT WAS SHINING FROM IT

91. Why did 'ה make Moshe's face shine? SO THE JEWS UNDERSTOOD THAT 'ה WANTED MOSHE TO LEAD THEM, NOT ANYONE ELSE LIKE THE GOLDEN CALF

92. What happened when Moshe covered his face with a veil? THE LIGHT DID NOT SHINE ANY MORE

93. What did he do with the veil when he was talking to 'ה or teaching Torah to the Jews? HE TOOK IT OFF