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1. For how many days did Moshe practice setting up and taking down the Mishkan and also offer some sacrifices? EIGHT
2. What did Hashem tell Moshe to do to the Mishkan on the eighth day? SET IT UP AND LEAVE IT UP
3. Aharon was supposed to go to the top of the altar to offer the sacrifices. But he didn't. What was he afraid of? THAT HASHEM HAD NOT FORGIVEN HIM FOR HELPING MAKE THE GOLDEN CALF
4. Why did Moshe tell him to go to the top of the altar? BECAUSE HASHEM HAD FORGIVEN HIM
5. The Jews wanted to know if Hashem had forgiven them for praying to the Golden Calf. How would they know? HASHEM PROMISED TO SEND A FIRE TO EAT ALL OF THE *KORBANOT* THAT AHARON WILL OFFER
6. Aharon offered the *korbanot* but Hashem did not send the fire right away. When did He send it? AFTER MOSHE AND AHARON PRAYED FOR IT
7. Nadav and Avihu were two sons of Aharon. There are many reasons that HAsHEM killed them. What is one of them? THEY WENT INTO THE *KODESH HAKODESHIM* ROOM AND OFFERED A SPICE SACRIFICE WITHOUT ASKING MOSHE OR AHAON IF IT WAS O.K.
8. Why did Hashem kill them? SO OTHER JEWS WOULD KNOW TO DO ONLY WHAT HASHEM WANTS AND NOT WHAT THEY WANT
9. They were buried. This *parsha* talks about some laws for *kohanim*. How often did they have to get their hair cut? AT LEAST ONCE A MONTH
10. What clothes was a *kohain* not allowed to wear when going into the *Mishkan* or *Bait Hamikdash*? TORN
11. What was a *kohain* not allowed to drink before offering *korbanot*? WINE OR ANY ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE
12. *Parshat Shmini* talks about the laws of *kashrut*, keeping kosher. What two things does an animal need to be kosher? SPLIT FEET AND CHEW ITS CUD
13. If an animal has split feet but doesn't chew its cud like the pig, is it kosher? NO
14. If an animal chews its cud but does not have split feet like the camel or the rabbit, is it kosher? NO
15. Name as many kosher animals as you can. COW, SHEEP, GOAT, DEER
16. Since Moshe didn't know all the animals, only someone like Hashem could have told us which ones are kosher and which ones aren't. What does this tell us about Hashem and the Torah? THEY ARE TRUE
17. What do fish need to be kosher? FINS AND SCALES
18. Name as many kosher fish as you can. TUNA, TROUT, WHITEFISH, PIKE, MACKERAL, SALMON, SARDINES, ANCHOVIES, ETC.
19. Name as many non-kosher fish as you can. WHALES, EELS, LOBSTER, CRAB, TURTLES, OYSTERS, DOLPHINS, SHARKS

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20. The Torah lists 24 birds it says are not kosher. But since we don't know what some of them are, what birds do we eat? ONLY THOSE WHICH OUR ANCESTORS ATE

21. Name as many kosher birds as you can. CHICKENS, DUCKS, GEESE, TURKEYS

22. The Torah allows Jews to eat certain kinds of grasshoppers. Why don't we eat them? WE EAT ONLY THOSE GRASSHOPPERS WHICH OUR ANCESTORS ATE

23. Name the kosher bugs. THERE AREN'T ANY

24. Jews who keep kosher make themselves special to Hashem. But what is the real reason Jews keep kosher? HASHEM DIDN'T TELL US IN THE TORAH SO WE DON'T KNOW

25. A Jew became *tamay* - not clean - if he touched a dead human body or the dead body of how many small animals? EIGHT

26. **EXTRA CREDIT:** Name as many of the eight small animals as you can. WEASEL, MOUSE, TOAD, HEDGEHOG, KO-ACH (we don't know what this is although it might be a kind of lizard), LIZARD, SNAIL, MOLE

27. What was a Jew who was *tamay* not allowed to do? EAT THE MEAT OF KORBANOT OR GO INTO THE BAIT HAMIKDASH

28. How did a Jew become clean? BY TAKING A BATH IN A MIKVA AND WAITING UNTIL IT GOT DARK OUTSIDE