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1. Which Tribe was holy and special to Hashem? LAIVI
2. They were special because they did not pray or give gold to make the GOLDEN CALF
3. When Paroh, king of Mitzrayim, told the Jews that their sons could not have a *brit milah*, what did the Tribe of Laivi do? THEY GAVE THEIR SONS A BRIT MILAH ANYWAY
4. Which group from the Tribe of Laivi is the holiest and most special? THE KOHANIM
5. Who were the only people who could offer the sacrifices? KOHANIM
6. *Kohanim* were not allowed to become "unclean." How is this said in Hebrew? TAMAY
7. How did a *kohain* (or any other Jew) become *tamay*? BY BEING NEAR OR TOUCHING A DEAD HUMAN BODY
8. Why did *kohanim* have to be careful not to become *tamay*? THEY WERE NOT ALLOWED TO OFFER THE SACRIFICES IF THEY WERE TAMAY
9. A regular *kohain* could go to the funeral of how many close relatives? SEVEN
10. EXTRA CREDIT: Name the relatives that a *kohain* was allowed to go to their funeral. HIS WIFE, HIS MOTHER, HIS FATHER, HIS SON, HIS DAUGHTER, HIS BROTHER, HIS UNMARRIED SISTER
11. Was the *kohain gadol* (high priest in charge of the *Bait Hamikdash*) allowed to go to just anyone's funeral? NO
12. Are *kohanim* allowed to go to any Jew's funeral today? NO (NOTE: The same rules apply today as they did during the time of the *Bait Hamikdash*)
13. If a dead person was found between two cities, and no one knew who he was, this was called a *mait mitzva*. Who was allowed to bury a *mait mitzva*? ANYONE, EVEN A REGULAR KOHAIN OR THE KOHAIN GADOL
14. A *kohain* who became *tamay* could not offer sacrifices until someone put on him water and the ashes of something. Of what? THE PARA ADUMA (Red Cow)
15. Name a woman that a regular *kohain* was not allowed to marry. DIVORCED WOMAN
16. May a regular *kohain* marry a divorced woman today? NO
17. What is a widow? A WOMAN WHOSE HUSBAND DIED
18. Could a *kohain gadol* marry a widow? NO
19. What was a *chalal*? THE SON OF A KOHAIN AND A WOMAN HE WAS NOT ALLOWED TO MARRY
20. What was a *chalala*? THE DAUGHTER OF A KOHAIN AND A WOMAN HE WAS NOT ALLOWED TO MARRY
21. Was a *chalal* allowed to offer sacrifices? NO

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22. If a *kohain* had a permanent injury, like being blind or deaf or missing an arm or leg, or if he was hurt but will get better, what could he *not* do in the *Bait Hamikdash*? OFFER THE SACRIFICES

23. Why couldn't the *kohain* with an injury offer the sacrifices? THE JEWS WOULD HAVE THOUGHT THE *BAIT HAMIKDASH* WAS A FUNNY PLACE AND THEY WOULD NOT HAVE HAD RESPECT FOR IT

24. What is a handicap? SOMETHING WRONG WITH A PERSON

25. If you meet someone who is handicapped, how should you talk to him? THE SAME WAY YOU WOULD TALK TO ANYONE ELSE: NICELY

26. Handicapped *kohanim* were allowed to eat *truma*. What was this? THE PORTION OF THE JEWISH FARMERS' GRAIN GIVEN TO A *KOHAIN*

27. Was a handicapped *kohain* allowed to eat *truma* or the meat of animal sacrifices? YES

28. A handicapped *kohain* could not offer sacrifices in the *Bait Hamikdash*. What did he do? CHECK THE WOOD USED FOR THE ALTAR FOR WORMS (wormy wood could not be used as firewood for the altar)

29. What kind of animal had to be used as a sacrifice? BEAUTIFUL; NO SORES OR BROKEN BONES

30. What kind of flour, oil and wine was used for the sacrifices? ONLY THE BEST

31. Why did Jews have to use only the best animals, flour, oil and wine? SACRIFICES WERE PRESENTS TO HASHEM, AND ONLY NICE PRESENTS COULD BE GIVEN

32. From this we learn that, when we need to buy something to do a *mitzva*, such as a *menora* or *lulav* and *etrog*, we should BUY ONLY THE BEST

33. A *shochet* is a Jewish man who slaughters animals. He is not allowed to slaughter a mother animal and ITS CHILDREN ON THE SAME DAY

34. What is a *chilul Hashem*? MAKING HASHEM NOT IMPORTANT TO NON-JEWS AND TO JEWS WHO DON'T KNOW THE TORAH

35. What is a *kidush Hashem*? MAKING HASHEM IMPORTANT TO THE SAME PEOPLE

(NOTE! Questions 33-40 deal with *kiddush Hashem* and *chilul Hashem*. They are very important subjects.)

36. You have a non-Jewish neighbor. She asks you to help her bring packages into her house. You help her. Did you make a *kidush Hashem* or a *chilul Hashem*? *KIDUSH HASHEM*

37. Your non-Jewish teacher tells you to sit down, but instead you run around all over the room. *Kidush Hashem* or *chilul Hashem*? *CHILUL HASHEM*

38. You have a Jewish friend. He does not know the *mitzvot* like you do. He wants to play with your toys, but you tell him he can't. *Kidush Hashem* or *chilul Hashem*? *CHILUL HASHEM*

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39. You have a Jewish neighbor. She does not know the Torah as well as you do. She asks you to not play ball so close to her house. You go play somewhere else. *Kidush Hashem* or *chilul hashem*? **KIDUSH HASHEM**

40. If you do nice things for Jews who don't know the Torah like you do, what might they say? **I MAY START STUDYING TORAH, DOING THE MITZVOT, AND SENDING MY CHILDREN TO A JEWISH SCHOOL**

41. Why is this good? **BECAUSE HASHEM WANTS ALL JEWS TO TRY TO MAKE OTHER JEWS TO BELIEVE IN HIM**

42. If you do bad things to Jews who don't know the Torah, what might they say? **I'M SURE GLAD I DON'T STUDY TORAH, DO THE MITZVOT OR SEND MY CHILDREN TO A JEWISH SCHOOL**

43. Why is this bad? **BECAUSE HASHEM WANTS JEWS TO TRY TO MAKE OTHER JEWS BELIEVE IN HIM**

44. If you do and say nice things to a non-Jew, what might he say? **I GUESS ALL JEWS ARE GOOD**

45. Why is this good? **BECAUSE HASHEM WANTS JEWS TO MAKE NON-JEWS LIKE HIM**

46. If you do and say bad things to a non-Jew, what might he say? **I GUESS ALL JEWS ARE BAD**

47. Why is this bad? **BECAUSE HASHEM WANTS JEWS TO MAKE NON-JEWS LIKE HIM**

48. **EXTRA CREDIT:** Can you name the five holidays in which special sacrifices were offered? **PESACH, SHAVUOT, SUKKOT, ROSH HASHANA, YOM KIPPUR**

49. The Torah says that if a Jewish man knocked out the eye of another Jewish man, the hitter had to be punished "an eye for an eye." Does this mean that the Jewish judges had to knock out the hitter's eye? **NO**

50. What does "an eye for an eye" mean? **THE HITTER HAD TO PAY MONEY TO THE JEW HE HIT**