

1 - Questions to פרשת בהר / Parshat B'har

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1. What were Jews not allowed to do to the land in Israel during a *shmita* year?
GROW ANY FOOD
2. How often did the *shmita* years come? EVERY SEVEN YEARS
3. Why did Hashem say not to grow food during a *shmita* year? SO JEWS COULD PRAY THAT HASHEM GIVE THEM FOOD AND THEY WOULD REALIZE THAT FOOD COMES FROM HASHEM
4. If the Jews of Israel keep the laws of *shmita*, what reward does Hashem promise? A LOT OF FOOD TO EAT
5. Yes or no: a Jew may put water on his plants so they won't die during a *shmita* year. YES
6. Was a farmer allowed to take all the fruits for himself during a *shmita* year?
NO
7. During a *shmita* year, who did the Jewish farmer have to share the fruits on his field with? ANYONE WHO WANTED IT
8. What was done to spoiled fruit or the peels of fruit grown in a *shmita* year? IT WAS THROWN IN A FIELD OR LEFT TO ROT
9. Could Jews eat vegetables grown in a *shmita* year? NO
10. Do Jews who grow food in Israel today have to keep the laws of *shmita*?
YES
11. If you buy fruits or vegetables grown in Israel, what do you have to do to be sure that they are not grown in a *shmita* year? CHECK THE LABEL (If it wasn't grown in a *shmita* year, it will say so on the label.)
12. How often was the *yovail* year? FIFTY YEARS
13. What was the Jewish farmer not allowed to do to his land during a *yovail* year? GROW ANY FOOD (the same as in a *shmita* year)
14. Who went back home during a *yovail* year, even if he didn't want to? JEWS WHO HAD BEEN SOLD AS SLAVES OR WHO HAD SOLD THEMSELVES INTO SLAVERY TO MAKE MONEY
15. During the time of the Bait Hamikdash, if a farmer sold his field in certain cities, what happened to it during a *yovail* year? HE WOULD GET IT BACK FOR FREE
16. Also in the time of the Bait Hamikdash, what happened during a *yovail* year if a Jew sold his house in certain cities in Israel? HE WOULD GET IT BACK
17. Pretend you want to sell a toy. You know you should sell it for \$1. What are you NOT allowed to do? SELL IT FOR MORE MONEY (cheat someone)
18. Let's say your brother or sister or friend accidentally spilled juice on your mother's new tablecloth. Why should you not laugh or make fun of them? YOU WILL EMBARRASS THEM AND THAT IS AGAINST JEWISH LAW
19. Let's say Yosef loans Sara \$1. Then Yosef wants Sara to pay him \$2. What's the extra money called and is Yosef allowed to collect it? INTEREST; NO

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20. If a Jewish man was so poor that he had to sell himself as a slave to a non-Jewish owner, it was a mitzva for his relatives to GIVE THE JEWISH SLAVE MONEY SO HE COULD GO BACK HOME

21. People who prayed to idols many years ago used to make nice stone floors upon which they bowed down to their idols. What do Jews have to do when they bow down to Hashem on Yom Kippur? PLACE PAPER OR CLOTH ON THE FLOOR AND BOW ON IT