

1 - Questions to פרשת חקת / Parshat Chukat

1. How did a Jew become טמא / *tamai* (unclean)? BY TOUCHING A DEAD BODY
2. To become clean again, a person had to have water put on him and the ashes of the פרה אדומה / *PARA ADUMA*.
3. What is the *para aduma* in English? RED COW
4. When Moshe asked ה' why the ashes of the פרה אדומה / *para aduma* made Jewish people clean, what did ה' tell him? IT'S A SECRET
5. EXTRA CREDIT: The laws of the *para aduma* are a חוק / *choke*. What is a *choke*? A MITZVA IN THE TORAH WHICH HASHEM TOLD US TO DO BUT HE DID NOT TELL US A REASON FOR DOING IT
6. EXTRA CREDIT: Name another famous *choke* in the Torah. THE LAWS OF KASHRUT
7. If a Jew does not understand the reason for a *choke*, must the Jew do it anyway? YES
8. Every year in Israel, Jews gave a half-shekel to the Bait Hamikdash. What was some of this money used for? TO BUY THE PARA ADUMA
9. The *para aduma* was used instead of some other animal because this red cow got the Jews forgiveness for praying to the GOLDEN CALF
10. How old did a red cow have to be before it could have been used as a *para aduma*? THREE YEARS OLD
11. If the cow had 2 black hairs, could it have been used as a *para aduma*? NO
12. The color red made Jews think of their sins. So when Jews would look at the *para aduma*, they would remember to ask Hashem for FORGIVENESS
13. Could the cow have been used as a *para aduma* if it had been used for work? NO
14. Could the cow have been used as a *para aduma* if it had any sores on it? NO
15. The *para aduma* was slaughtered outside the camp of the Jews. In the desert, what did this mean? OUTSIDE THE CLOUDS OF GLORY
16. EXTRA CREDIT: In Israel, where was the *para aduma* slaughtered? OUTSIDE YERUSHALAYIM ON THE MOUNT OF OLIVES
17. After a kohain sprinkled some of the *para aduma's* blood toward the Bait Hamikdash, someone burned the whole *para aduma*. Why was the whole cow burned? TO MAKE THE JEWS REMEMBER HOW MOSHE BURNED THE WHOLE GOLDEN CALF
18. Then some cedar wood and *aizov* grass were thrown into the fire. What happened to anyone who helped get the *para aduma* ready? HE BECAME TAMAI
19. After the *para aduma* was burned, the ashes were put in a jar. What were they mixed with? WATER

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20. A Jew became clean by having a clean Jew put on him the ashes of the *para aduma*. When did the *tamai* person have to have the ashes put on him? ON THE THIRD AND SEVENTH DAYS
21. Then the Jew went to the *mikva* and he was clean. How many red cows have been burned so far? NINE
22. When will the tenth one be made? WHEN MASHIACH COMES
23. Miriam died. Who was Miriam? THE SISTER OF MOSHE AND AHARON
24. When Miriam died, the Well of Miriam stopped giving the Jews something. What? WATER
25. Hashem was in the Clouds of Glory. The Clouds of Glory surrounded the camp where the Jews lived. Who offered sacrifices and kept Hashem in the Clouds of Glory? AHARON
26. The Jews had *mann* because one of them was a *tzadik*. Who? MOSHE
27. After the Well of Miriam didn't give water to the Jews, they complained to Moshe and Aharon about dying from not having enough water. Still, Hashem didn't punish them. Why? BECAUSE HASHEM DOESN'T PUNISH SOMEONE IF HE SAYS SOMETHING BAD WHILE IN PAIN
28. Hashem told Moshe to get the Well of Miriam to get water from. Which rock did some bad Jews and the *airev rav* say they wanted Moshe to use? A ROCK THEY PICKED
29. Moshe got angry at them. Hashem told him to speak to the rock and water would come out. What did he do to the rock instead of talking to it? HE HIT IT
30. Why did he hit it and not talk to it? BECAUSE HE WAS ANGRY AND SOMETIMES PEOPLE DO THE WRONG THING WHEN THEY ARE ANGRY
31. What came out of the Well of Miriam? BLOOD
32. Then a few drops of water came out. Finally, a lot of water came out. Who drowned? A LOT OF WATER, DROWNING PEOPLE WHO WERE MAKING FUN OF MOSHE
33. Hashem punished Moshe and Aharon. Different rabbis say different reasons why Moshe and Aharon were punished. What was their punishment? THEY WOULD DIE IN THE DESERT AND NOT BE ABLE TO LIVE IN ISRAEL WITH THE OTHER JEWS
34. When will Moshe again lead the Jews? WHEN MASHIACH COMES
35. When Moshe sent letters to the kings of Edom and Mo-av asking permission for the Jews to go through their countries on their way to Israel, what did the kings say? NO
36. Did the Jews go through their countries? NO
37. Who died at *Hor Ha-hor*? AHARON
38. EXTRA CREDIT: Who was *kohain gadol* after Aharon died? HIS SON ELAZAR

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39. All Jews mourned for Aharon. (They felt very bad that he died.) Why?
BECAUSE HE MADE PEACE BETWEEN PEOPLE WHO DID NOT GET ALONG, AND BECAUSE HE WAS NICE TO EVERYONE
40. Mose and Elazar were on *Hor Ha-hor* with Aharon when he died. When Moshe and Elazar came back down to the Jews. Some Jews said that Moshe told Hashem to kill Aharon. As a punishment, what country did Hashem send to attack the Jews? AMALEK
41. Who won? THE JEWS
42. Some bad Jews complained about the *mann*. They said they didn't want to eat it any more. Hashem sent a bunch of reptiles to kill those who complained. What reptile? SNAKES
43. The Jew wouldn't get better just by looking at the copper snake. How then would he get better? IF HE LOOKED TOWARD THE HEAVEN WHERE HASHEM WAS AND REMEMBER TO ASK FORGIVENESS
44. The copper snake was in Israel for a long time. Why did King Chizkiyahu crush it? SO JEWS WOULD NOT PRAY TO IT AS AN IDOL ANY MORE
45. What happened to the Emorim who tried to kill the Jews from the tops of mountains? HASHEM KILLED THEM
46. Moshe sent a letter to Sichon, king of the Emorim. What did the letter ask him? TO LET THE JEWS GO THROUGH HIS COUNTRY ON THEIR WAY TO ISRAEL
47. When Sichon said no, what did Moshe do to him? KILL HIM
48. Did the Jews capture and live in Emor? YES
49. When Og heard that the Jews had killed his brother Sichon, Og wanted to kill the Jews. Instead, he was killed. Who killed him? MOSHE
50. Did the Jews capture and live in Og's country of Bashan? YES