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1. What is a נֶדֶר / *neder*? A PROMISE
2. True or false: It is a sin to make a promise and not keep it. TRUE
3. If you tell your friend you will come to his house at 7 p.m., so you won't sin if you don't come on time, what should you say and what does it mean? בְּלִי נֶדֶר / *BLI NEDER*, WITHOUT A PROMISE
4. In our example, what should you say to your friend to protect you from a sin if you don't come on time? "I WILL COME TO YOUR HOUSE AT 7 P.M., *BLI NEDER*"
5. Let's say you made a promise not to eat apples. Then, your best friend made an apple pie but you aren't allowed to eat it. You can get your promise canceled by going to a Jewish court. How many regular Jewish men (who are not rabbis) make up this court? THREE
6. You can also go to a Torah scholar -- a man who knows the Torah very well -- and explain to the three men or the Torah scholar that you made a promise not to eat apples but now you regret making the promise. What will the men or rabbi ask you? IF YOU HAD KNOWN THAT YOUR FRIEND WOULD MAKE APPLE PIE, WOULD YOU HAVE MADE THE PROMISE
7. Of course your answer is that, had you known, you would not have made the promise. So what would the rabbi or men tell you about your promise? IT'S CANCELED
8. הַתַּרַת נְדָרִים / *hatarat nedarim* means "canceling promises." When do Jewish men and boys do it? THE DAY BEFORE ROSH HASHANA (Jewish new year)
9. How old must a Jewish boy or girl be to be required to keep a promise? BOY OVER AGE 13, GIRL OVER AGE 12
10. If a girl under age 12 makes a promise she can't keep, who can cancel it for her? HER FATHER
11. Who can cancel the promise of a woman after she is married and when must it be canceled? HER HUSBAND BEFORE THE NIGHT OF THE DAY IT WAS MADE
12. ה' told Moshe to tell the Jews to fight against the country of Midyan. Why? THEY SENT THEIR DAUGHTERS TO THE JEWISH CAMP TO MARRY JEWISH MEN WHICH WAS NOT ALLOWED
13. ה' told Moshe to get how many soldiers from each Tribe? 1,000
14. What was the total number of soldiers Moshe was told to get? 12,000
15. Who did the Jewish soldiers kill? ALL MALES, THE FIVE KINGS AND BILAM
16. Moshe also wanted the soldiers to kill other people from Midyan and they did. Who did they kill? THE WOMEN AND BOYS
17. Because the returning soldiers touched dead bodies, they were *tamay mait*, meaning "not clean." They were not allowed to enter the mishkan for how many days? SEVEN
18. To become clean, the soldiers had to have something put on them on the third and seventh day of their becoming clean. What? THE ASHES OF THE פָּרָה אֲדֻמָּה / *PARA ADUMA* (Red Cow)
19. The soldiers returned from Midyan with pots, pans, dishes and other utensils. The people of Midyan used them for non-kosher food. Utensils made from what can be made kosher? ALL KINDS OF METALS SUCH AS SILVER, GOLD AND COPPER

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20. Utensils made from what material can never be made kosher? EARTHENWARE (CHINA)

21. To become kosher, the utensil must be cleaned of rust and dirt, then it must be dipped in a kettle of BOILING WATER

22. But if a utensil such as a spit or rack was used directly over a fire such as for roasting non-kosher meat, how was it made kosher? BY BEING PUT DIRECTLY ON A FIRE

23. New and used metal pots, dishes, cups, silverware and glassware that were bought from a non-Jew, before a Jew can use them, they must first be dipped in what? A מיקוה / MIKVA

24. The soldiers brought back many things (booty) from Midyan. How was it divided? HALF TO THE SOLDIERS AND HALF TO THE OTHER JEWS

25. The soldiers and the Jews gave some of their booty to whom? KOHANIM AND LEVI'IM

26. Two Tribes made a special request of Moshe. Which two Tribes and what was the request? THE TRIBES OF REUVEN AND GAD WANTED TO SETTLE ON THE EASTERN SIDE OF THE JORDAN RIVER

27. At first Moshe didn't like the idea. Why? HE WAS AFRAID THESE TWO TRIBES WOULD NOT SEND SOLDIERS TO FIGHT THE CANNANIM (people living in Canaan)

28. When the two Tribes said they would send soldiers, did Moshe agree to their request? YES

29. In addition to the two Tribes, Moshe sent half of a Tribe to live on the eastern side of the Jordan. Which Tribe? ME-NA-SHE

30. It wasn't good for these Tribes to live on the east side of the Jordan River? Why? THAT LAND WASN'T HOLY OR PART OF ISRAEL, AND THESE TRIBES WERE FAR AWAY FROM THE JEWS. EVENTUALLY THEY DIDN'T STUDY TORAH OR PERFORM MITZVOT

31. We learn from the Tribes' settling far away from the Jews that Jews should live. where? IN JEWISH NEIGHBORHOODS NEAR JEWISH PEOPLE

32. Who was the leader of the Jews after Moshe died? יהושע / YEHOSHUA

33. How long were the Jews in the desert after they left Egypt? 40

34. Which Jews did not listen to the spies' bad report and entered Israel? YEHOSHUA, KALAIV, WOMEN, LEVI'IM FAMILIES, JEWS OVER AGE 60 WHEN THE SPIES GAVE THEIR REPORT

35. What happened to the Jews who did not enter Canaan? THEY DIED IN THE DESERT

36. How long did it take for Yehoshua to capture Israel? SEVEN YEARS

37. How many years did it take him to distribute the land among all the Tribes? SEVEN