

PARSHA PEARLS.



"Right-rulers or Judges"

שוֹפְטִים Shoftim

Deuteronomy 16:18 - 21:9

In this edition:
Deuteronomy 16:18-21:9 (Leadership)
Katan B/Gadol



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PARSHA POINTS

TREASURING HIS WORD

Let's do a quick overview of the Torah portion:

Monday:	Deut. 16:18-17:20	Right-rulings regarding judges, kings and idolaters
Tuesday:	Deut. 18	Right-rulings regarding Lewites, abominable practices and prophets; Promises of the Prophet who is to come
Wednesday:	Deut. 19	Right-rulings regarding escaped murderers, property boundaries and witnesses
Thursday:	Deut. 20	Right-rulings regarding warfare
Friday:	Deut. 21:1-9	Right-rulings for removing guilt for an unsolved murder

In this week's Parsha Pearls lesson, Mosheh continues to prepare this next generation for heading into the land of Kena'an without him. Here he instructs the people on laws dealing with their leaders; they are to inquire of them and follow their decisions. Now, let's read selected verses in *Deuteronomy 16-21.

*Please note that some subject matter in these chapters is graphic in content. We recommend that parents choose which parts you want to discuss with your children. The main point of this lesson is to show that Yahweh appointed leaders in Yisra'el, to whom the people could appeal for leadership and guidance.

PEARL SEEKING

Judges and Officers

- Appoint judges and officers *within all your gates*, which Yahweh your Elohim is giving you, according to your tribes. They shall judge the people with righteous right-ruling - 16:18

Priests, Lewites and Judges

- When any matter of strife *within your gates* arises which is too hard for you to judge between (17:8):
 - blood and blood
 - plea and plea
 - stroke and stroke
- Then you shall (17:8-9):
 - rise and go up to the *place which Yahweh your Elohim chooses*
 - approach the priests, the Lewites, and the judge who is in those days, and inquire about matters too hard to judge



PARSHA POINTS

PEARL SEEKING

- They shall declare to you the word of right-ruling - 17:9
- You shall (17:10-11):
 - do according to the word which they declare to you from that *place which Yahweh chooses*
 - guard to do according to all that they instruct you
 - do according to the Torah in which they teach you
 - do according to the right-ruling which they say to you
 - NOT turn to the right or to the left from the word which they declare to you
- And the man who acts arrogantly, so as NOT to listen to the priest who stands to serve there before Yahweh your Elohim, or to the judge, that man shall die. So you shall purge the evil from Yisra'el. And let all the people hear and fear, and no longer do arrogantly - 17:12-13

Sovereigns (Kings)

- When you come to the land which Yahweh your Elohim is giving you, and shall possess it and shall dwell in it, and you shall say, 'Let me set a sovereign (melek) over me like all the gentiles that are around me' - 17:14
- You shall (17:15):
 - certainly set a sovereign over you whom Yahweh your Elohim shall choose
 - set a sovereign over you from among your brothers
 - NOT set a foreigner over you, who is NOT your brother
- The sovereign is NOT to (17:16-17):
 - increase horses for himself
 - cause the people to return to Mitsrayim to increase horses (susim), for Yahweh had said to them, "Do NOT return that way again"
 - increase wives (nashim) for himself, lest his heart turn away
 - greatly increase silver and gold for himself
- When the sovereign sits on the throne of his reign, he shall (17:18-20):
 - write for himself a copy of this Torah (teaching and instruction) in a book, from the one before the priests, the Lewites, and it shall be with him
 - read it all the days of his life, so that he learns to fear Yahweh his Elohim
 - guard all the Words of this Torah and these laws, to do them, so that his heart is NOT lifted up above his brothers, and so as NOT to turn aside from the command, right or left, so that he prolongs his days in his reign, he and his children, in the midst of Yisra'el

PARSHA POINTS

PEARL SEEKING

Prophets

- Yahweh your Elohim shall raise up for you a Prophet like me from your midst, from your brothers (18:15-16):
 - listen to Him, according to all you asked of Yahweh your Elohim in Horeb in the day of the assembly, saying, 'Let me NOT hear again the voice of Yahweh my Elohim, nor let me see this great fire any more, lest I die'
- And Yahweh said (18:17-20):
 - what they have spoken is good
 - I shall raise up for them a Prophet like you out of the midst of their brothers
 - I shall put My Words in His mouth, and He shall speak to them all that I command Him
 - the man who does NOT listen to My Words which He speaks in My Name, I require it of him
 - the prophet who presumes to speak a word in My Name, which I have NOT commanded him to speak, or who speaks in the name of other mighty ones, even that prophet shall die
- And when you say in your heart, 'How do we know the word which Yahweh has NOT spoken?' - when the prophet speaks in the Name of Yahweh and the word is not, or comes NOT, that is the word which Yahweh has NOT spoken, the prophet has spoken it presumptuously. Do NOT be afraid of him - 18:21-22
- When anyone hates his neighbor, and shall lie in wait for him and rise against him and smite the life from him so that he dies, then he shall flee to 1 of these cities, and the elders of his city shall send and bring him from there, and give him into the hand of the revenger of blood, and he shall die. Your eye shall NOT pardon him, but you shall purge the blood of innocent blood from Yisra'el, so that it might be well with you - 19:11-13

Yahweh, Priests and Judges

- When a malicious witness rises up against any man to accuse him of turning aside, then both men who have the dispute shall stand before (19:16-17):
 - Yahweh
 - the priests
 - the judges who serve in those days
- And the judges shall diligently search and see if the witness is a false witness, who has falsely accused his brother, then you shall do to him as he thought to have done to his brother. Thus you shall purge the evil from your midst. And let the rest hear and fear, and never again do this evil matter in your midst - 19:18-20

PARSHA POINTS

PEARL SEEKING

- And let your eye NOT pardon (19:21):
 - life for life
 - eye for eye
 - tooth for tooth
 - hand for hand
 - foot for foot
- When you go out to battle against your enemies, and shall see horses and chariots and people more numerous than you, do NOT be afraid of them, for Yahweh your Elohim, who brought you up from the land of Mitsrayim, is with you - 20:1
- And it shall be, when you draw near to the battle, that the priest shall come and speak to the people, and shall say to them (20:2-4):
 - Hear, O Yisra'el: You are drawing near today to battle with your enemies
 - Do NOT let your heart faint
 - Do NOT fear, or tremble, or be afraid before them
 - Yahweh your Elohim is He who goes with you, to fight for you against your enemies, to save you

Officers

- And the officers shall speak to the people, saying (20:5-8):
 - Who is the man who has built a new house and has NOT dedicated it? Let him go and return to his house, lest he die in the battle and another man dedicate it
 - Who is the man who has planted a vineyard and has NOT begun to use it? Let him also go and return to his house, lest he die in the battle and another man should begin to use it
 - Who is the man who is engaged to a woman and has NOT taken her? Let him go and return to his house, lest he die in the battle and another man take her
 - Who is the man who is afraid and tender of heart? Let him go and return to his house, lest the heart of his brothers faint like his heart
- It shall be, when the officers have finished speaking to the people, that they shall appoint commanders of the divisions to lead the people - 20:9

Elders and Judges

- When anyone is found slain, lying in the field in the land which Yahweh your Elohim is giving you to possess, and it is NOT known who smote him, then your elders and your judges shall go out, and they shall measure the distance from the slain man to the cities round about - 21:1-2

PARSHA POINTS

PEARL SEEKING

- And it shall be that the elders of the city nearest to the slain man shall (21:3-4):
 - take a heifer (female cow) which has NOT been worked and which has NOT pulled with a yoke, and the elders of that city shall
 - bring the heifer down to a wadi with flowing water, which is neither ploughed nor sown
 - break the heifer's neck there in the wadi

Priests

- And the priests, the sons of Lewi, shall come near, for Yahweh your Elohim has chosen them to serve Him and to bless in the Name of Yahweh, and by their mouth every strife and every stroke is tried - 21:5

Elders

- And let all the elders of that city nearest to the slain man (21:6-8):
 - wash their hands over the heifer whose neck was broken in the wadi
 - answer to Yahweh:
 - Our hands have NOT shed this blood, nor have our eyes seen it
 - Forgive Your people Yisra'el, whom You have redeemed
 - Do NOT allow innocent blood in the midst of Your people Yisra'el
- And the blood-guilt shall be pardoned to them. Thus you purge the guilt of innocent blood from your midst when you do what is right in the eyes of Yahweh - 21:1-9

DIGGING DEEPER

Parents/Teachers may choose to use these prompts for further discussion of the Torah portion. This section would be ideal for the Katan B and Gadol students for deeper study.

- This parsha talks a lot about human government (judges, elders, officers, priests, Lewites, kings). Discuss the job description of these positions as well as how they are appointed. Are any appointed by the people? Talk about these various offices and give Scriptural examples of both bad leadership and good leadership.
- Although the 12 tribes would be operating more independently of one another in the land of Kena'an, discuss how Yahweh still expected His people to follow His commands.



PARSHA POINTS

DIGGING DEEPER

- In Deuteronomy 16:18, it says that these judges and officers were to judge the people with righteous right-ruling (mishpat tzadek). Find the Scriptural instructions that these leaders were to follow. Who is the ultimate and final righteous right-ruler?
- Beginning in 17:8, we find instruction about matters that may seem too difficult for a local court to judge. These hard matters were to be brought to a *place which Yahweh your Elohim chooses*. Could it be that Yahweh set in place a higher court system, consisting of priests and Levites who understood the law better and could make the ultimate call in cases that were beyond the scope of a tribe? Once a case was brought here, what was the all-encompassing command? (17:11)
- In this parsha we see that Yahweh places upon kings these 4 boundaries: horses, wives, silver and gold. Where did the best horses come from? Why would a king want multiple wives? Could it be to make political alliances? How does a king get wealth? Would taxing the people be within the realm of possibility? Can you recall any kings who did NOT heed this instruction? What were their fates?
- The first duty for a king is to take the time to write all the words of the Torah for himself. What a beautiful instruction Yahweh gave to His leaders! Discuss how different our government would be if every president (ruler) did this.
- Discuss Yahweh's instruction that the people listen to the prophets as He puts His words in their mouths. Did Yisra'el listen to the prophets?
- A false witness incurred the just punishment of life for life, eye for eye, tooth for tooth, hand for hand and foot for foot. Do you think that just knowing this consequence might deter someone from committing such a crime?
- Discuss the 4 sound reasons for excusing a warrior from fighting in a battle (20:5-8)
- Discuss blood-guilt and the atonement for the shedding of innocent blood. Notice how the leadership themselves had to do the atoning for an unsolved crime. Does Yahweh take murdering seriously? Is murdering the same as killing?



SEARCHING OUT HEBREW

WORDS

Parents/Teachers see the following page for 3 x 5 card cut outs of the words from this week's parsha. If printed on card stock, they can be kept in a box to reinforce learning.

Melek (מלך) - sovereign/king

Susim (סוסים) - horses

Nashim (נשים) - wives

Torah (תורה) - teaching and instruction

NUMBERS

Parents/Teachers can print out these numbers to have as additional resources. These can be found under the 'Resources' tab on the YMTOI website.

No numbers this week

SEARCHING OUT HEBREW

מלך

Melek

Me-lek
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Susim

Su-sim
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תורה

Torah

To-rah
teaching and instruction

SEARCHING OUT HEBREW

WORD MATCH

Match this week's Hebrew words to their correct definition.

Leadership

Melek

Horses

Nashim

Sovereign/King

Susim

Teaching and Instruction

Torah

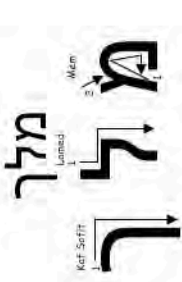
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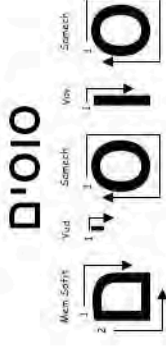
SEARCHENGE OUR HEBREW

Practice writing the Hebrew words from this week's parsha.

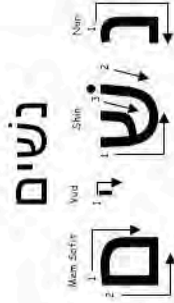
Melek (sovereign/king)



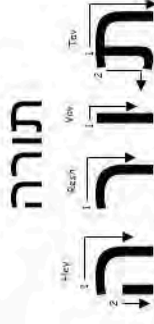
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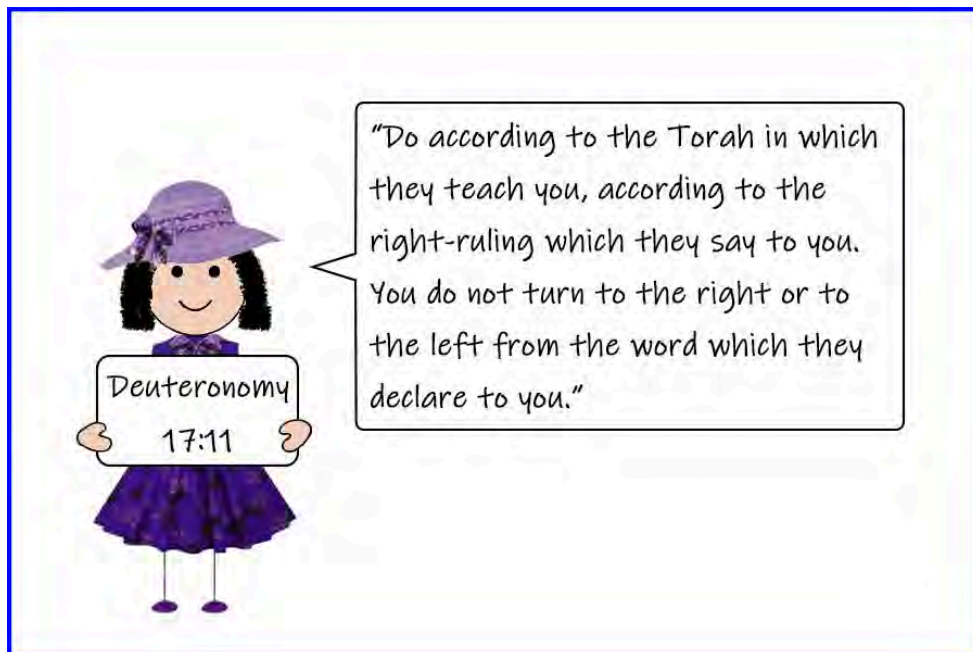


COUNTING WHAT YOU GAINED

This next section is intended to be reinforcement of the lessons learned during this parsha. Choose the activities that best fit your child.

STORING UP TREASURE IN MY HEART

The Katan B and Gadol memory verse is Deuteronomy 17:11. You can review the verse with them by reciting it out loud, acting it out, putting it to music...whatever works for you.



PARSHA POINTS

STORING UP TREASURE IN MY HEART

Use this space to draw a picture of the verse(s) memorized.

Use this space to write out the verse(s) memorized.



SEEKING TREASURE

Fill in the blanks.

1

Who did Yahweh put in place to uphold and judge the people with righteous right-ruling?
Circle the correct choices

Lewites mayors officers governors

priests Senators judges

House of Representatives

(16:18; 17:9)

2

"Do according to the _____ in which they teach you, according to the _____ - _____ which they say to you.

You do NOT turn to the _____ or to the _____ from the _____ which they declare to you."

(17:11)

3

What did Yahweh say that a sovereign was NOT supposed to have too much of?
Circle the correct choices

gold cars horses

friends wives

chocolate silver

(17:16-17)

4

Who does Yahweh tell the children of Yisra'el to listen to in 18:15?

SEEKING TREASURE

Fill in the blanks.

5

When 2 men have a dispute, they are supposed to appear before the priests, the judges, and Yahweh.

T / F

(19:17)

6

"For Yahweh your Elohim is He who

_____ with you, to _____

for you against your enemies, to _____ you."

(20:4)

7

In Deuteronomy 20:5-8, what is the action a warrior should take for any of the 4 circumstances mentioned?
Circle the correct choice

continue in battle return to his house

run for the hills

8

The priests, the sons of Lewi, are chosen to serve Yahweh.

Y / N

(21:5)

WORD SEARCH

Search for the hidden words from this week's parsha.

Leadership

G D T D I D Y C V A B H N G L O D S T W
O B O H M K N L L U H E S C M D M W E J
L V R W L T E J S K Q Q L E A Q G J R U
D G A I M Z O S A U L X P D S Z P L A I
K S H B G M L M W T O R U O E R R F O Q
X E O S R H H I N J B U V C S R O R L R
O G S R F Z T I U R U E T R Q F S H E D
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T U E D O P R E O E E C X U M F L Q Z R
S J T N P R C E I U I V I Y S U X E I B
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I S W M F S N L F G J N N I M C H E K J
R C E M A B E O R O N C E W S T N Q R A
P K L O M L W N M R E E P S - Q T R Q P
C X A C I R V P T P U M R R S B Z V E K
M J F S I K P M U I M N U V O G A N Y T
I E T J Q U N U U I W L D X F P V L A X
U E T V R B R S E V I W W A C C H B I P
N D H Z A P R W P N A Q S L V C K E X S
Y O F Y L T N A G O R R A X W X P B T P

APPOINT

JUDGES

OFFICERS

PRIESTS

LEWITES

RIGHTEOUSNESS

RIGHT-RULING

ARROGANTLY

SOVEREIGN

FOREIGNER

HORSES

WIVES

SILVER

GOLD

TORAH

PROPHET

LISTEN

PRESUMPTUOUSLY

WITNESS

COMMANDERS

ELDERS



WORD SEARCH

Leadership Answer Key

G D T D I D Y C V A B H N G L O D S T W
O B O H M K N L L U H E S C M D M W E J
L V R W L T E J S K Q Q L E A Q G J R U
D G A I M Z O S A U L X P D S Z P L A I
K S H B G M L M W T O R U O E R R F O Q
X E O S R H H I N J B U V C S R O R L R
O G S R F Z T I U R U E T R Q F S H E D
S D S E I O O E P R R F E P B Z Z M A H
T U E D O P R E O E E C X U M F L Q Z R
S J T N P R C E I U I V I Y S U X E I B
E T I A S Z J G I F S C L L L T S G L W
I S W M F S N L F G J N N I M C H E K J
R C E M A B E O R O N C E W S T N Q R A
P K L O M L W N M R E E P S - Q T R Q P
C X A C I R V P T P U M R R S B Z V E K
M J F S I K P M U I M N U V O G A N Y T
I E T J Q U N U U I W L D X F P V L A X
U E T V R B R S E V I W W A C C H B I P
N D H Z A P R W P N A Q S L V C K E X S
Y O F Y L T N A G O R R A X W X P B T P

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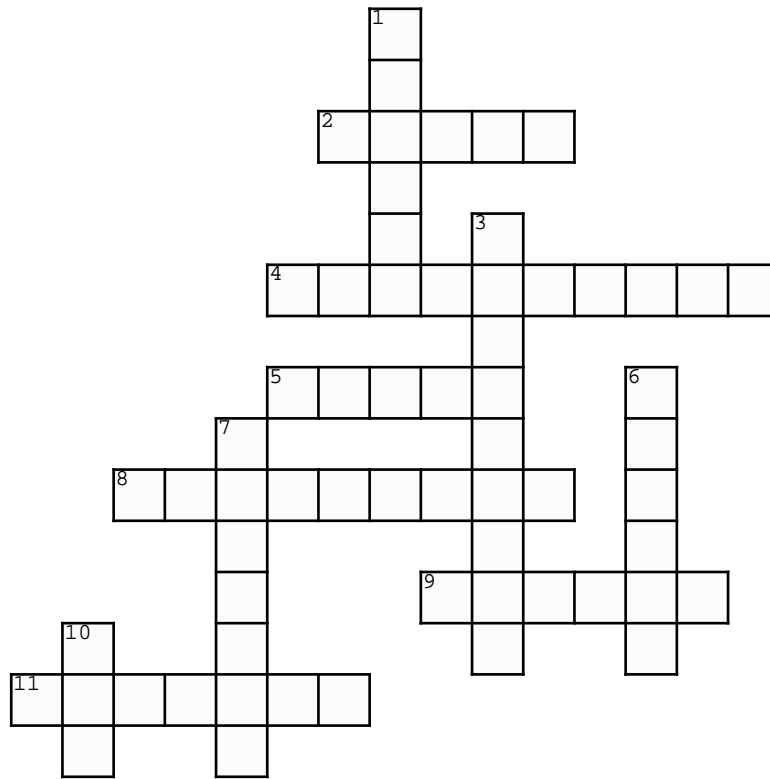
COMMANDERS

ELDERS

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

Complete the crossword using words from this week's parsha.

Leadership



Across

2. When a matter arises that is too hard for you to judge, you shall go up to the _____ which Yahweh your Elohim chooses.
4. Do not show _____, nor take a bribe.
5. When he sits on the throne, he shall write for himself a copy of this _____ in a book.
8. The sovereign is NOT allowed to be a _____.
9. Appoint _____ and officers within all your gates.
11. The judge shall search and see if the _____ is a false _____.

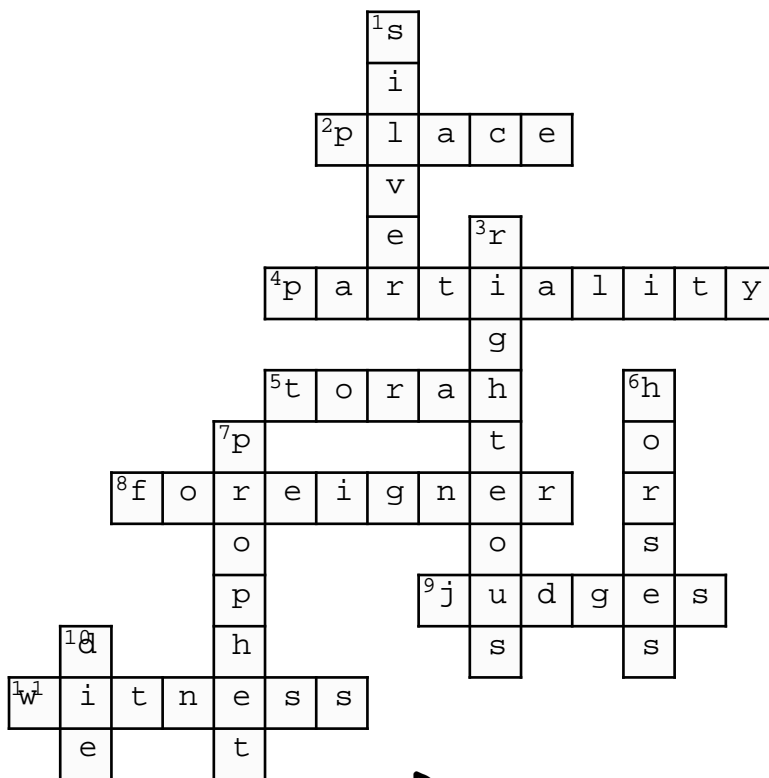
Down

1. The sovereign is NOT to increase _____ or gold for himself.
3. They shall judge the people with _____ right-ruling.
6. The sovereign is NOT to increase _____ or wives for himself.
7. Listen to the _____ that speaks My words.
10. The man who does NOT listen to the priest, that man shall _____.



CROSSWORD PUZZLE

Leadership Answer Key



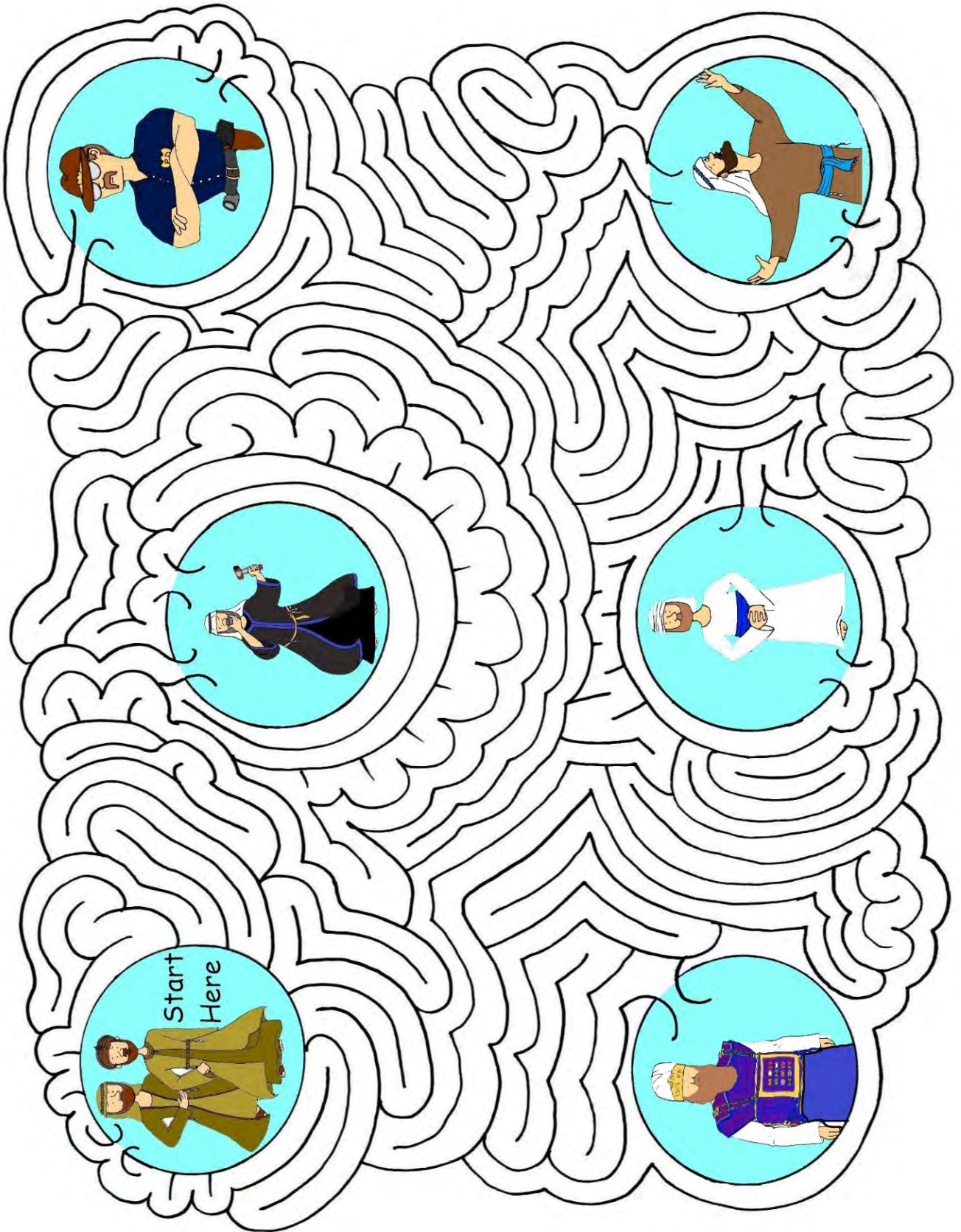
Across

2. When a matter arises that is too hard for you to judge, you shall go up to the **(place)** which Yahweh your Elohim chooses.
4. Do not show **(partiality)**, nor take a bribe.
5. When he sits on the throne, he shall write for himself a copy of this **(Torah)** in a book.
8. The sovereign is NOT allowed to be a **(foreigner)**.
9. Appoint **(judges)** and officers within all your gates.
11. The judge shall search and see if the **(witness)** is a false **(witness)**.

Down

1. The sovereign is NOT to increase **(silver)** or gold for himself.
3. They shall judge the people with **(righteous)** right-ruling.
6. The sovereign is NOT to increase **(horses)** or wives for himself.
7. Listen to the **(prophet)** that speaks My words.
10. The man who does NOT listen to the priest, that man shall **(die)**.





PRECIOUS POSSESSIONS

Notebook Page Instructions Do's and Don'ts for Kings Deuteronomy 17:14-17

Materials:

- Card stock - white
- Coloring pencils, crayons or markers
- Scissors
- Tacky glue
- Dimensional paint - gold and silver
- Optional: additional color dimensional paints for decorating crowns, jewelry, etc.
- Pen
- Notebook Templates: Main Page & A



Parent/Teacher Preparation:

The map for this Notebook Page is not an accurate Middle East Map. It is simply being used to differentiate between Yisra'el and other nations, so that it can be compared to what Yahweh expected of a king in Yisra'el vs. what other nation's kings did.

- Print Main Page & Notebook Template A on white card stock.

Instructions for the notebook page:

- Color all of the items on Notebook Template A. (P1)
- Cut everything out on Notebook Template A making sure to cut further down from feet to make a tab for the items to stand on the page. (P1)
- Use gold paint for the crowns and make some dots on one of the sets of sacks to make it look like they are filled with gold. (P2)
- Use the silver to make dots on the other set of sacks to make it look like they are filled with silver.
- Do any other decorating desired, then set everything aside to dry.
- Color the map making sure to color all of the land that belonged to Yisra'el one color and the other different nations in different colors. (P3)

P1



P2



P3



PRECIOUS POSSESSIONS

Notebook Page - page 2:

Instructions for the notebook page cont'd:

- Cut 3 rectangles from the scraps and write the Hebrew words for this week: (P4)

- | | | |
|-----------|------------|--------------|
| 1) Melek | 2) מֶלֶךְ | 3) Sovereign |
| 2) Nashim | 2) נָשִׁים | 3) Wives |
| 3) Susim | 2) סוּסִים | 3) Horses |

- Check to make sure all of the items are dry.
- Draw some tzitzit on the king of Yisra'el. (P5)
- Fold the tabs back so that the items can be glued to the page.

Assembling the page:

- Using *Tacky glue* place the following figures on the Main Page as indicated:

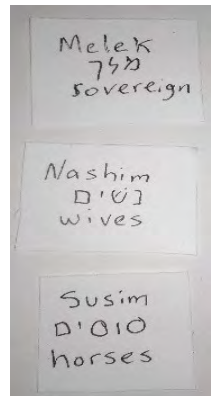
- the king of Yisra'el in the center of the land of Yisra'el (P6)
- his wife next to him (P6)
- the horse behind them or next to the king (P6)
- the word "sovereign" next to the king of Yisra'el (P6)
- the different Yisra'elites on different places along the land (P7)
- the king with horses on the land under Yisra'el (P8)
- the word "horses" by the king with many horses (P8)
- the king with the pointed hat on the border line of the land on the right bottom corner and the land next to Yisra'el. Glue the men that do not look like him on the bottom right piece of land.
- the king with wives on the land next to Yisra'el (P9)
- the word "wives" by the king with many wives (P9)
- the king with the sacks of gold and silver on the land at the top right corner (P10)

This is a visual comparing what a king of Yisra'el should NOT do that other nations did.

P10



P4



P5



P6



P7

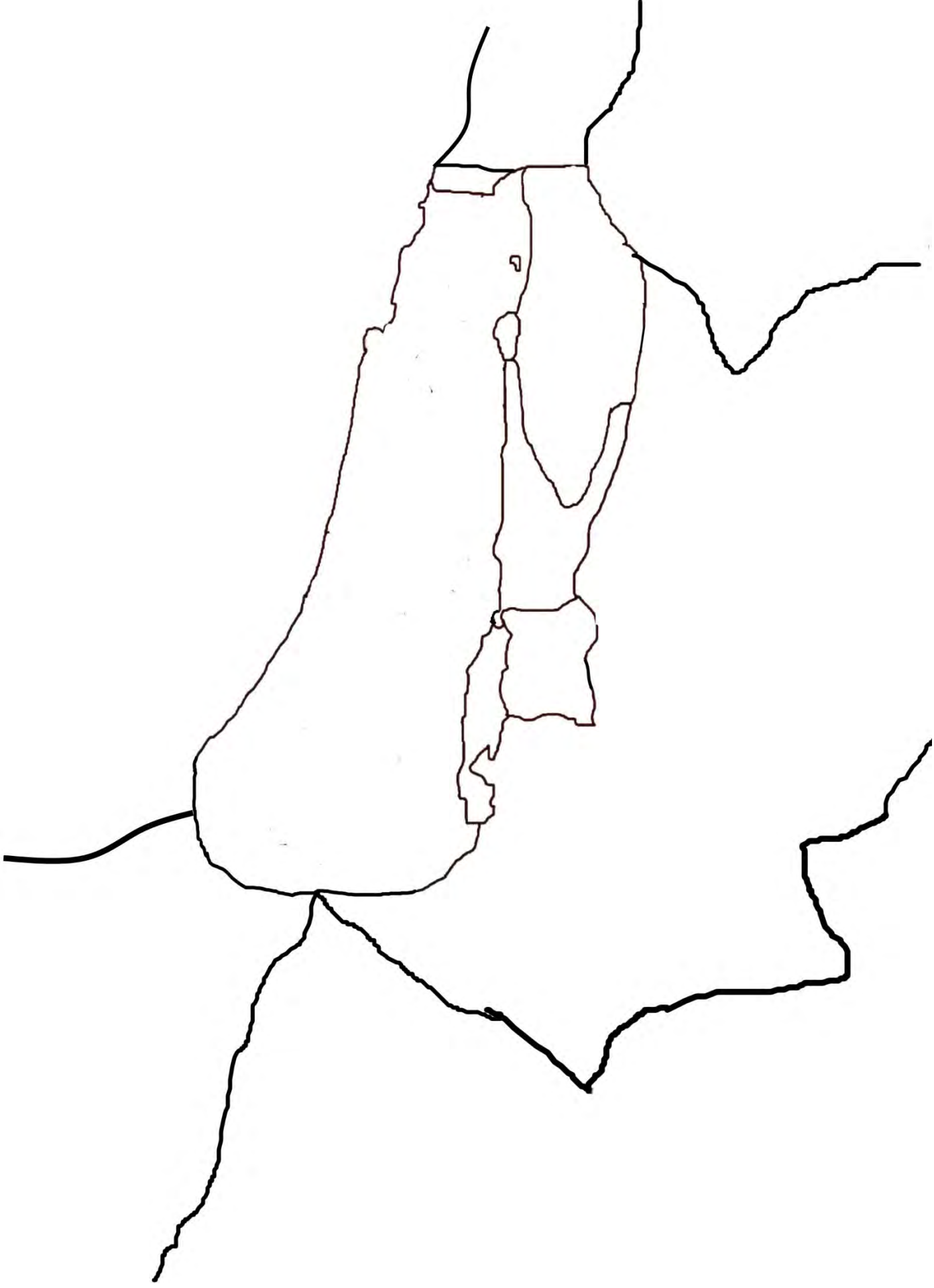


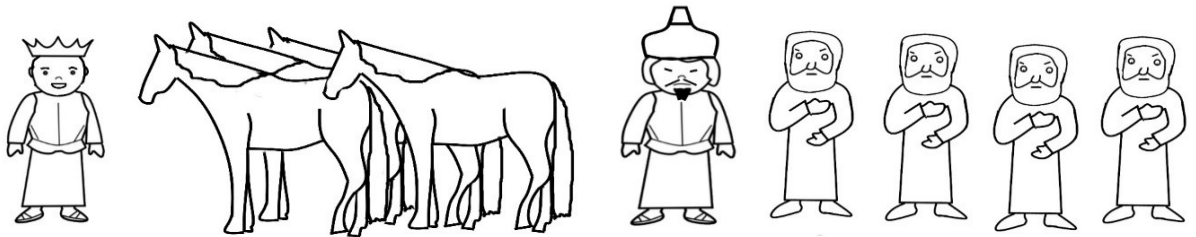
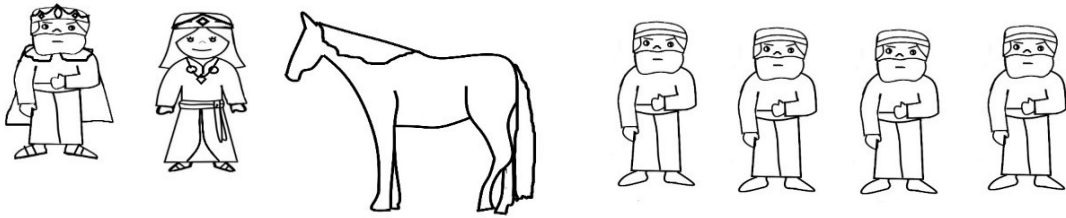
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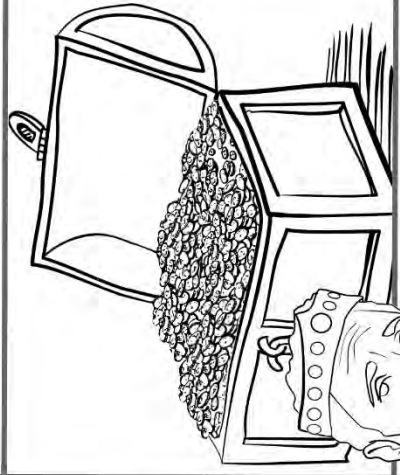
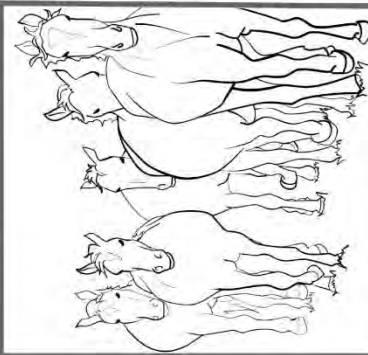
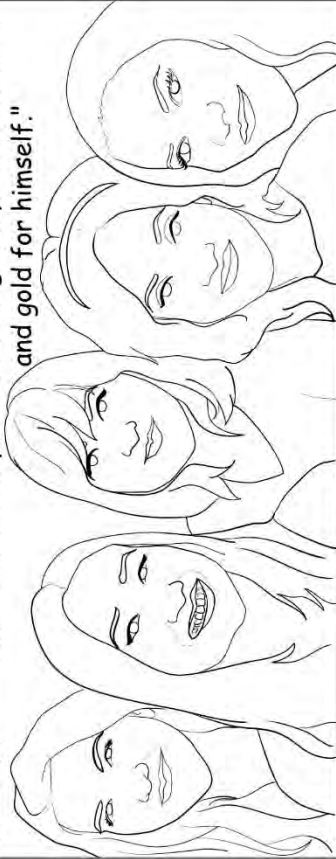
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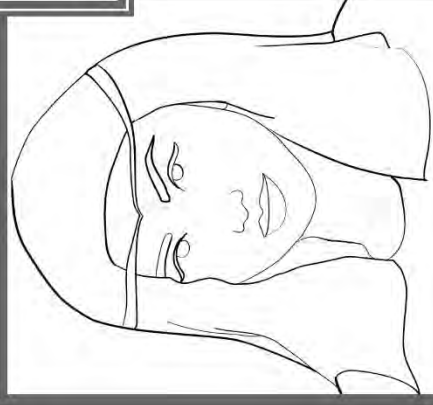




"Set a sovereign over you from among your brothers, you are not allowed to set a foreigner over you, who is not your brother. Only, he is not to increase horses for himself, nor cause the people to return to Mitsrayim to increase horses, for Yahweh has said to you, 'Do not return that way again.' And he is not to increase wives for himself, lest his heart turn away, nor is he to greatly increase silver and gold for himself."



"And it shall be, when he sits on the throne of his reign, that he shall write for himself a copy of this Torah in a book, from the one before the priests, the Lēwites..."



"And it shall be with him, and he shall read it **ALL THE DAYS OF HIS LIFE,** so that he learns to fear Yahweh his Elohim and guard all the Words of this Torah and these laws, to do them..."



SWEETNESS OF TORAH

SWEET SOUNDS OF TORAH

(SING PRAISES TO HIS NAME)

This is a fun, catchy traditional song that young Jewish children are taught in Hebrew school. It is usually sung with hand gestures and can be found on YouTube if you desire to learn them.

David Melek Yisra'el

Means, "David, King of Yisra'el Lives and Endures"

David Melek Yisra'el

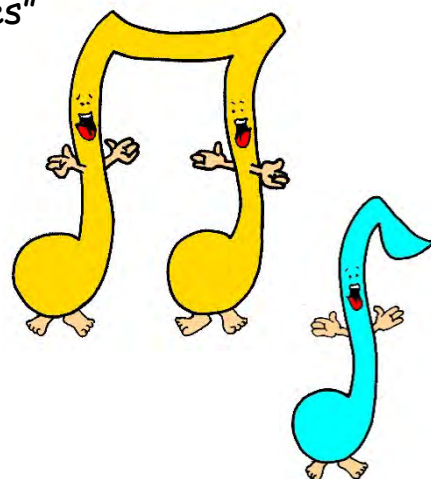
Chai, Chai, Vekayam

David Melek Yisra'el

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(Repeat as much as you like and go faster and faster using hand motions)

Here is the link for this song:

https://www.podomatic.com/podcasts/steveberkson/episodes/2017-08-20T08_06_31-07_00

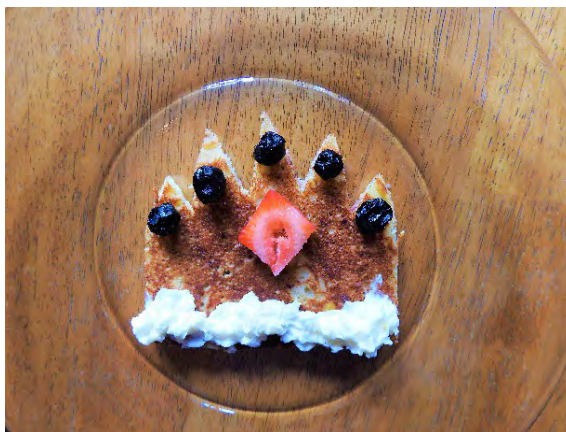


SWEETNESS OF TORAH

SWEET TASTE OF TORAH

This snack relates to this week's parsha. Please take these as suggestions and make necessary changes based on your individual dietary needs.

Pancake Crowns Deuteronomy 17:15



Ingredients:

- Pancakes (cut to resemble a king's crown)
- Various fruit (represents gems on crown)
- Whipped topping (represents fur trim)

Instructions:

Take a pancake and cut around it to make a crown shape. Add any fruit such as blueberries, strawberries, etc. to decorate the crown. Add whipped topping around edge to represent the fur trim.

NEXT WEEK'S TREASURE HUNT

Next week's Torah portion

Ki Teitzei
Deuteronomy 21:10 - 25:19

Suggested reading schedule

Monday:	Deut. 21:10-23	Right-rulings regarding female captives, inheritance rights of the first-born, and the sentence upon rebellious children
Tuesday:	Deut. 22	Various right-rulings on dress codes, birds' nests, protective roofing, mixtures of seed or fabric, and sexual sins
Wednesday:	Deut. 23	Various right-rulings on exclusions from the assembly, bodily uncleanness, escapes slaves, making loans and vows, and eating from a field
Thursday:	Deut. 24	Various right-rulings on divorce, taking pledges, paying servants, harvesting and more
Friday:	Deut. 25	Various right-rulings on handling disputes, Levirate marriage, just weights and measures, and more; The command to annihilate Amalek

Next week's memory verse

Katan B/Gadol: Deuteronomy 24:18