

Children's Torah Portion



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Two years after the cupbearer was released from prison, Pharaoh had a dream. He was at the river and out of the river came seven beautiful, fat cows, and they were grazing in the marshland. Then, seven ugly and thin cows came out of the river and ate the fat cows. Pharaoh awoke, but then fell back asleep and had another dream. Seven healthy ears of grain grew on a stalk, and then next to them grew seven thin ears, scorched by the wind. Then the thin ears swallowed up the seven healthy ears.

In the morning, Pharaoh was greatly agitated and sent for many men, so that they could tell him what his dream meant. When no one could interpret it, the cupbearer told Pharaoh about Yoseph, so Pharaoh sent for him. Yoseph told Pharaoh that there were going to be seven years of famine, but before that there were going to be seven good years. Pharaoh set Yoseph in a position just under himself, and put him in charge of the harvest so that enough food could be saved for the seven years of famine. Pharaoh appointed him over all of Mitzrayim and gave him Potiphar's daughter, Asenath, as his wife. Yoseph collected more grain than he could count, during the seven good years. During the good years, Yoseph had two sons, Menasha and Ephraim. The good years ended and the years of famine started. People came to Mitzrayim from all over the world to buy food.

When Yisrael (Ya'aqov) saw that there was food in Mitzrayim he sent all of his sons, except Benyamin. When they arrived in Mitzrayim and Yoseph saw them, he recognized them, but they did not recognize him, because he looked like a Mitzrite. Yoseph remembered his dreams that he had had, in which his brothers had bowed to him. He accused them of

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being spies. They kept denying it. Finally, he put them in prison for three days. Then he told them that he would keep one of them in the prison, while the others went home, and he told them that if they brought their youngest brother back with them, he would know that they were being truthful. They felt sorry for what they had done to Yoseph and thought that this was punishment for it. Yoseph put Shimon in prison and commanded that their sacks be filled with grain and their money put in them.

They returned to Canaan and told Yisrael what had happened. Then they emptied their sacks and discovered the money. They were afraid, because they were sure that YHWH was punishing them for what they had done to Yoseph.

The time came to go back and get more food. Yisrael was reluctant to send Benjamin with his brothers, but they finally succeeded in talking him into it.

They arrived in Mitzrayim and explained to the man at the entrance of Yoseph's house about the money. He told them that it was a gift from YHWH and brought Shimon out to them. Then he led them into the house, because they were going to eat lunch there. When Yoseph arrived, he asked them how their father was. When he saw Benjamin, he had to run out of the room so that he could weep. He washed his face and came out. He told his servants to serve the food and seated his brothers at the table with him. They were astonished, because Mitzrites normally would not eat at the same table as Hebrews. After the meal, he instructed his men to fill their sacks, and put their money in them. Then he told them to put his silver goblet in Benjamin's sack.

At dawn the next day, he sent them away. After they had left the city, Yoseph told the man in charge of his house to go after them, because of the goblet. He went and asked them why they had taken the goblet. They said that they had not taken it. The man told them that whoever was found to have it would become Yoseph's slave. They lowered their sacks and searched them, from oldest to youngest, and the goblet was found in Benjamin's sack. His brothers tore their clothes and returned to the city. They bowed to Yoseph and Yahudah said that he was ready to be his slave, but Yoseph said that only Benjamin would be his slave and that they could go home.

(The next parsha explains what happens next.)



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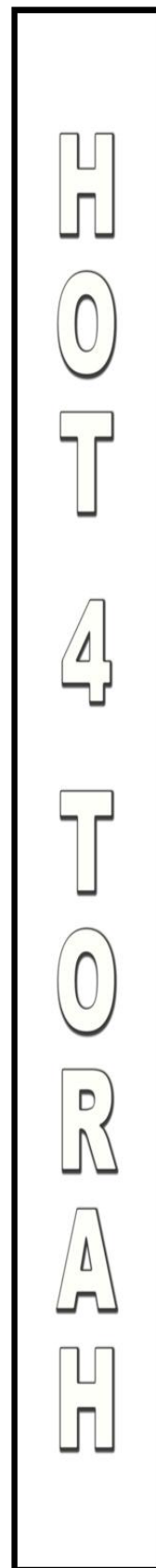
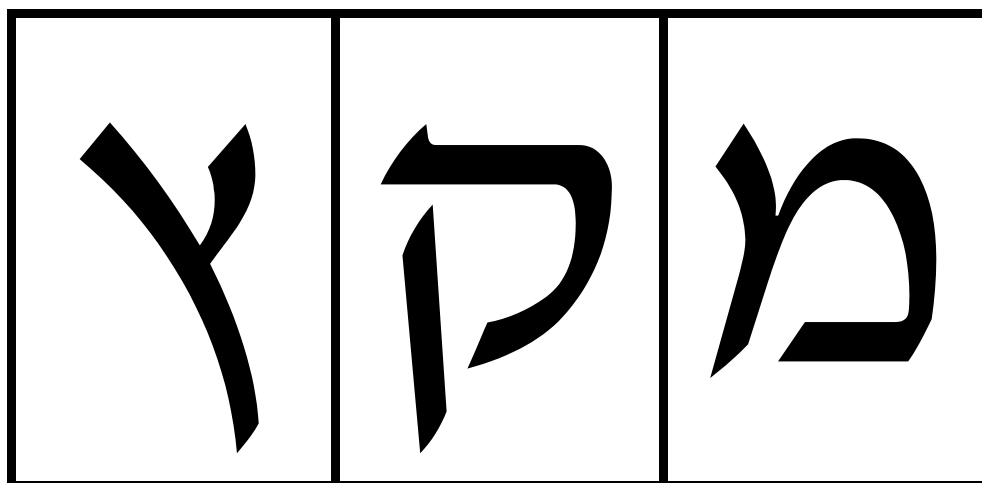
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You try writing it!

Here are a couple of numbers that were used in the Torah Portion

Hebrew Word	Pronunciation	Meaning
אֶחָד	Echad	One (1)
שֶׁבַע	Sheva	Seven (7)

Cut out the cards, mix them up, then try to put them in the correct order without looking at these pages



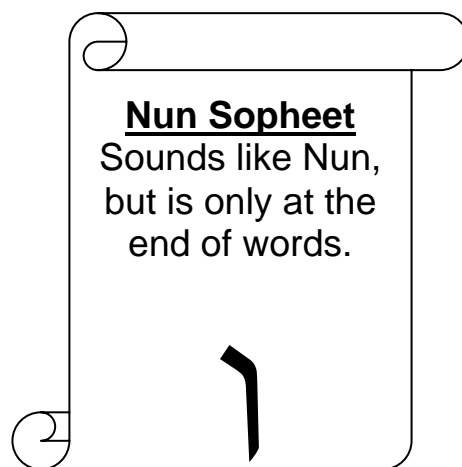
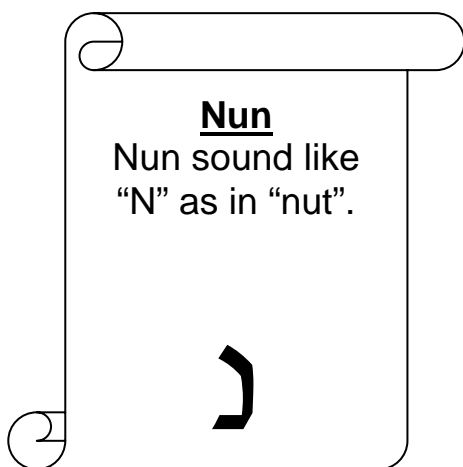
For the next Torah portion (Genesis 44:18-47:27), there is going to be a picture contest. Draw a picture that fits the Torah portion and send it to: chayili@onetorahforall.org

The pictures will appear in the next parsha in the order of the best pictures. Please try to send them on the first or second days of the week.

This will be a weekly thing.

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Cut out the scrolls and keep them to help you remember the Aleph-Bet.



Hannukah is here!

Here is a recipe for Potato Latkes from *Celebrate! Stories of the Jewish Holidays* by Gilda Berger

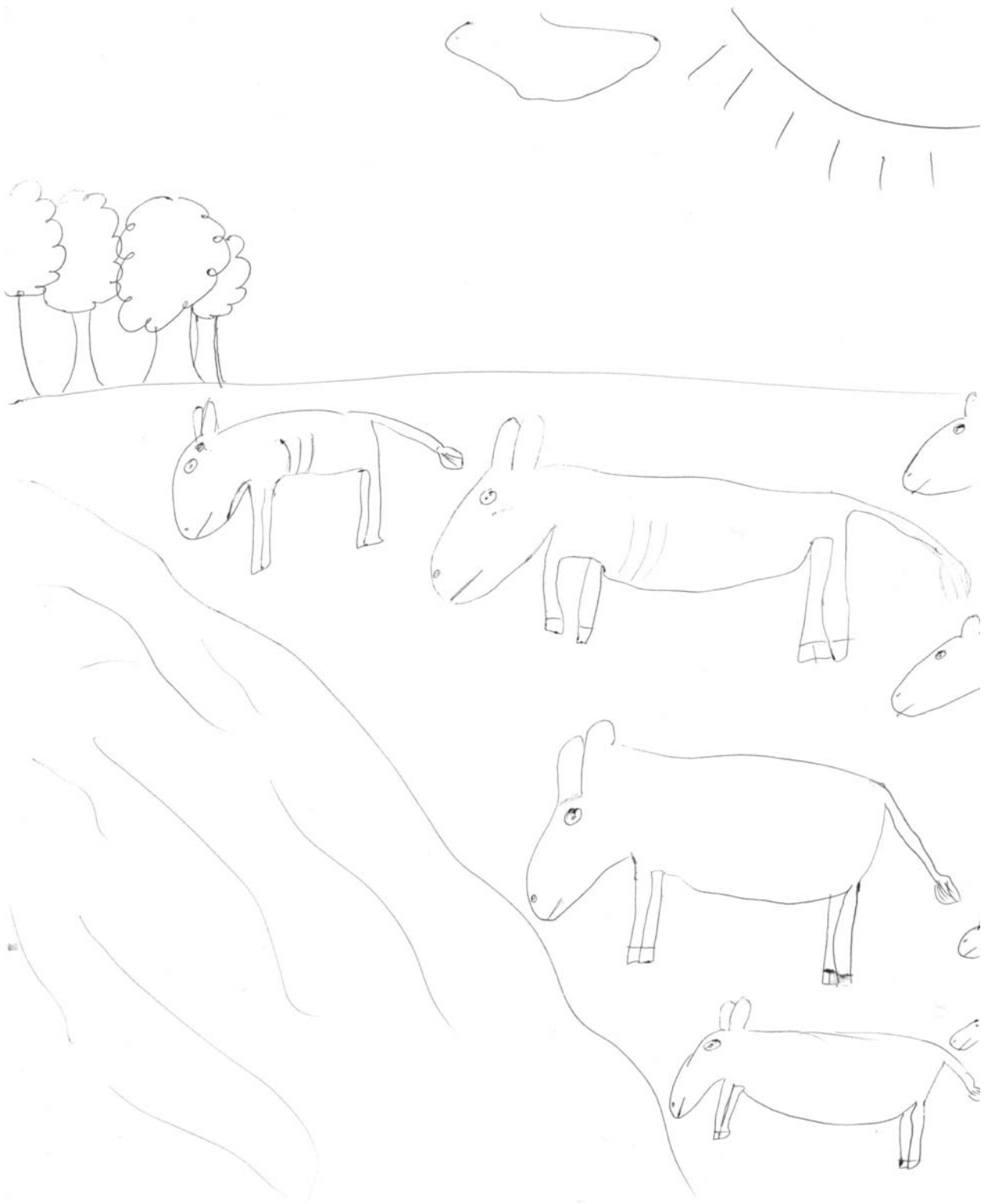
Latkes *ages 8 and up — with adult help*

You'll Need:

Paper Towels	4 Large Potatoes
Peeler	3 Tablespoons Matzah Meal
Grater	
Colander	3 Eggs, Beaten
Mixing Bowl	1 Teaspoon Salt
Wooden Mixing Spoon	1/4 Teaspoon Pepper
Measuring Spoon	Oil for Frying
Large Frying Pan	Applesauce

1. Peel and grate potatoes.
2. Drain off any water in colander.
3. Place grated potatoes into a mixing bowl and add matzo meal, eggs, salt, and pepper. Mix well.
4. Heat 1 to 2 tablespoons of oil in frying pan. Drop in 1 large spoonful of mixture for each latke. Fry a few latkes at a time for 2 minutes each side until brown. Add more oil as needed.
5. Drain on paper towels and serve with applesauce

Serves 6.



Pharaoh's Dream