

Childrens Torah Portion

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When Yoseph was seventeen, he was a shepherd, along with his brothers. He was young compared to the sons of Bilhah and Zilpah, and would bring evils reports about them to their father. Yisrael loved Yoseph more than his other sons and made him a long-sleeved tunic. His brothers knew that their father loved him more than them, and hated Yoseph for it.

Yoseph had a dream, in which, they were binding sheaves and his stood up and his brothers' sheaves bowed down around it. Yoseph brothers hated him even more because of this. He had another dream where the sun, the moon, and the stars bowed down to him.

One day, Yisrael sent Yoseph to check on his brothers. When his brothers saw him coming, they sought to kill him, but Reuven heard and said, "Shed no blood! Throw him in this pit, but lay no hand on him", for he intended to rescue him from them, and return him to their father. So, they took off his tunic and threw him into a waterless pit, then sat down to eat. While they were eating, they saw a caravan heading for Mitzrayim, and decided to sell Yoseph. When Reuven returned to the pit and saw that Yoseph was gone, he asked them where he was and what they would do. They killed a young goat and dipped Yoseph's tunic in the blood and brought it to Yisrael so that he would think that a wild animal killed him.

Yoseph was sold to Potiphar, an officer of Pharaoh's, and captain of the guard. YHWH blessed Yoseph and he became very successful, and Potiphar appointed him over his household.

Potiphar's wife saw that Yoseph was good-looking and said to him, "Lie with me", but Yoseph refused, day after day. Then,

one day, when there were no other men in the house, she grabbed his garment and said, "Lie with me!", but Yoseph left his garment in her hand and ran away. When Potiphar returned, she told him that Yoseph had come to lie with her, but she screamed and he ran away, leaving his garment. Potiphar got angry and placed Yoseph in prison, where the prison ward placed the inmates in his custody, because he liked him.

After some time, Pharaoh's cupbearer and baker were put in prison, because they had done him wrong, and Yoseph was appointed to them. One morning, when Yoseph went to them, he saw that they were greatly distressed. They told him that they had both had dreams, but did not have anyone to interpret them. Yoseph asked them what their dreams were. The cupbearer told him that, in his dream, there was a grapevine in front of him and grapes ripened on it, which he squeezed into Pharaoh's cup and gave to him. Yoseph told him that it meant that he would be restored to his position as cupbearer. Next, the baker told his dream. Three baskets with Pharaoh's food were on his head, and birds were eating out of them. Yoseph told him that it meant that Pharaoh would have him hanged. He asked the cupbearer, that when he got out, to tell Pharaoh about him.

In three days, the cupbearer was returned to his position and the baker was hanged, just as Yoseph said would happen, but the cupbearer forgot about Yoseph.

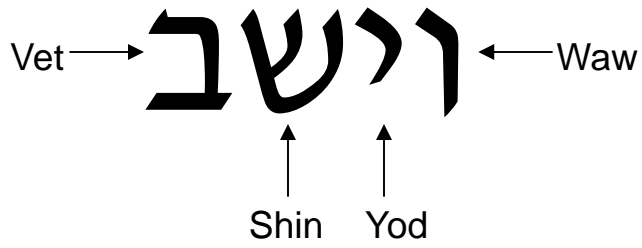
For the next Torah portion (Genesis 41-44:17), there is going to be a picture contest. Draw a picture that fits the Torah portion and send it to:
chayili@onetorahforall.org

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.

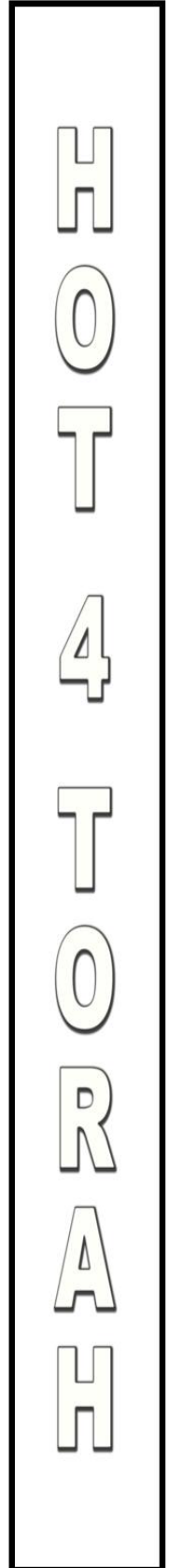
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You try writing it!

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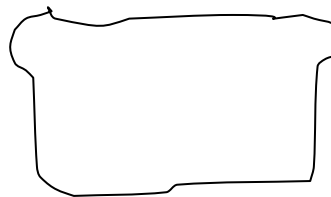
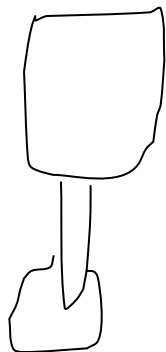
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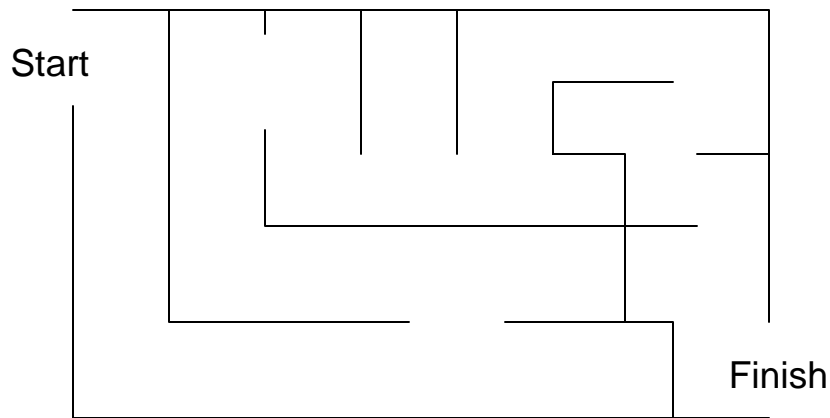
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Has the same sound as Mem, but is only at the end of words.

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Can you tell what these pictures refer to?



Help the caravan get to Mitzrayim (Egypt)



A word for you to learn!

Hebrew Word	מִצְרַיִם
Pronunciation	Mitzra-yeem
Meaning	Egypt

In the box, draw what you think Yoseph's tunic looked like.



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The Baker's Dream