

Parashat Vayigash - Questions

- 1. Why did Yehuda tell Yosef that their lost brother is dead?
- 2. Why was it Yehuda who pleaded for Binyamin?
- 3. Why did Yosef send everyone out of the room before revealing himself to his brothers?
- 4. "And, behold, your eyes see, and the eyes of my brother Benjamin, that it is my mouth that speaketh unto you" why did Yosef mention Binyamin separately?
- 5. Why did Yosef and Binyamin cry over each other's shoulders?
- 6. What is the hidden prophecy in Pharaoh's words "and I will give you the good of the land of Egypt"?
- 7. What was the sign the brothers gave Ya'akov that made him believe Yosef is still alive?
- 8. What is promised to Ya'akov in the words "I will go down with thee into Egypt; and I will also surely bring thee up again"?
- 9. Who are the two granddaughters that came down to Egypt?
- 10. One of Shimon's sons is called "Shaul the son of a Canaanitish woman" who is this woman?
- 11. Who was ,so to speak, the seventieth preson to come into Egypt?
- 12. Why was Yehuda sent ahead to Goshen?
- 13. What did Ya'akov do when he met Yosef?
- 14. Why did Yosef not present his stronger brothers to Pharaoh?

Answers

- 1. He was afraid that Yosef might ask him to bring this lost brother to him. .
- 2. Because he swore to his father that if anything happens to Binyamin he would lose his place in heaven.
- 3. He didn't want the Egyptians to see them embarrassed.
- 4. He wanted to assure them that in the same way he does not hold any anger towards Binyamin, who was not part of his selling, he does not hold any anger towards them.
- 5. Yosef cried for the two temples which will be destroyed in Binyamin's territory and Binyamin cried for Mishkan Shilo which will be destroyed in Yosef's territory.
- 6. It hints to the Jewish people emptying Egypt of its possessions when leaving after the years of labor.
- 7. That before being separated they were studying the laws of Egla Arufa.
- 8. That he will be buried in Israel.
- 9. Serach daughter of Asher and Yocheved daughter of Levi.
- 10. This is Dina who married Shimon. She was given this name because of the story of Schem.
- 11. Yocheved, who was born as they crossed the walls of Egypt.
- 12. In order to build a Yeshiva.
- 13. He recited Shema.
- 14. He did not want Pharaoh to send them to his army.

Shabbat Shalom!

