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Study Sheet 1

1. Q. What were the names of the three **אבות**? A. יצחק יעקב אברהם
2. Q. What are the three daily **תפילות**? A. מנחה מעריב שחרית
3. Q. What were the names of the four **אמהות**? A. שרה רבקה רחל לאה
4. Q. What are the names of the **חמשה חומשי תורה**?
A. בראשית שמות ויקרא במדבר דברים
5. Q. What different categories of **מצוות** do you know?

A. Positive Mitzvah (Do...)	מצוות עשה
Negative Mitzvah (Don't...)	מצוות לא תעשה
Between a person and Hashem	בין אדם למקום
Between a person and his friend	בין אדם לחברו
6. Q. What are the three festivals we call the **שלוש רגלים**? A. פסח שבועות סוכות
7. Q. Can you name seven fast days?

A. יום כפור תשעה באב	שבעה עשר בתמוז
תענית אסתר	עשרה בטבת
צום גדליה	תענית בכורות



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Study Sheet 2

8. Q. Can you remember the **עֲשֵׂת הַדְּבָרוֹת**?

- A. 1. I am Hashem 2. Do not have idols. 3. Do not take Hashem's Name in vain
 4. Keep Shabbat 5. Honour your parents
 6. Do not murder 7. Do not take another person's wife 8. Do not steal
 9. Do not testify falsely (lie when giving evidence in court)
 10. Do not covet (be jealous)

9. Q. a. What was **תְּכֵלֶת**? A. A blue die, obtained from a sea snail called the 'חִלְזוֹן'.

b. Where do we find this word in our **תְּפִלּוֹת**? A. 3rd paragraph of **שְׁמַע**.

10. Q. Which **מִצְוֹת** do we find in the first paragraph of **שְׁמַע**?

- A. 1. Believe in One G-d 2. Love Hashem 3. Learn and teach תּוֹרָה
 4. Recite שְׁמַע twice every day, at night and in the morning
 5. Bind תְּפִלִּין on your arm 6. Bind תְּפִלִּין on your head
 7. Fix מְזוּזוֹת on your doorposts

Q. ...and in the third paragraph of **שְׁמַע**?

- A. 1. Put צִיצִית on four-cornered garments
 2. Remember יְצִיאַת מִצְרַיִם (the Exodus from Egypt)

11. Q. How was the camp of **בְּנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל** set out in the **מִדְבָּר**?

- A. The **מִשְׁכָּן** was in the middle, then **מַחֲנֵה הַלְוִיִּים**, then **מַחֲנֵה יִשְׂרָאֵל**

12. Q. a. Who was buried in **הַמִּכְפֵּלָה**?

- A. **אָדָם חַוָּה אֲבֶרְהָם שָׂרָה יִצְחָק רִבְקָה יַעֲקֹב לֵאָה**

b. Who bought it from whom?

- A. Avraham bought it from Efron

c. In which **פְּרָשָׁה** did this take place?

- A. **חַיֵּי שָׂרָה**



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Study Sheet 3

13. Q. Do you know the names of the Hebrew months, and can you spell them correctly?

A.

ניסן אייר סיון תמוז אב אלול תשרי
 חשוון כסלו טבת שבט אדר אדר שני (in a leap year)

14. Q. a. Can you name the **שבעת המינים**, in the order they appear in the פסוק?

A. **אֶרֶץ חֹטָה וְשַׁעֲרָהּ וְגֶפֶן וּתְאֵנָה וְרִמּוֹן אֶרֶץ-זֵית שָׁמֶן וְדֹבֶשׁ:**
 dates (oil) olives pomegranates figs grapes barley wheat

wheat, barley, grapes, figs, pomegranates, olives and dates.

b. Which פסוק is it? A. Devarim: Chapter 8, Verse 8 ~ דברים ח: ח

15. Q. Do you remember the ten tests that ה' gave to אברהם (according to Rashi)?

- A.
1. Avraham hid underground for thirteen years from King Nimrod, who wanted to kill him.
 2. Nimrod threw Avraham into a burning furnace.
 3. Avraham was commanded to leave his family and his homeland.
 4. Almost as soon as he arrived in Canaan, he was forced to leave to escape from a famine.
 5. Sarah was kidnapped by Pharaoh's officials.
 6. The kings captured Lot, and Avraham was forced to go to war to rescue him.
 7. Hashem told Avraham that his descendants would suffer under four monarchies (kingdoms/nations).
 8. When he was old, he was commanded to perform Brit Milah on himself and his son.
 9. He was commanded to send away Yishmael and Hagar.
 10. He was commanded to sacrifice Yitzchak.

16. Q. a. How many books are there in תנ"ך? A. 24

b. What does תנ"ך stand for? A. תורה נביאים כתובים

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Study Sheet 4

17. Q. Have a go at listing all of the books in תנ"ך!

A. **תורה (5) - בראשית שמות ויקרא במדבר דברים**
Devarim Bemidbar Vayikra Shemot Bereishit

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נביאים ראשונים

נביאים (8) - יהושע שופטים שמואל (א, ב) מלכים (א, ב)
Yehoshua Shoftim Shmuel (1,2) Melachim (1,2)

נביאים אחרונים

ישעיה ירמיה יחזקאל תרי עשר
Yeshayah Yirmiyah Yechezkel Trei Asar

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כתובים (11) - תהלים משלי איוב
Tehillim (Psalms) Mishlei (Proverbs) Iyov

מגילות - שיר השירים רות איכה קהלת אסתר
Shir Hashirim Rut Eichah Kohelet Esther

דניאל עזרא-נחמיה דברי הימים (א, ב)
Daniel Ezra-Nechemiah Divrei Hayamim (1,2)

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Study Sheet 5

18. Q. a. How many sections are there in the משנה?

A. 6

b. What is the משנה?

A. The Oral (spoken) Torah, given to משה together with the Written Torah (the חומש).

c. Who wrote the משנה down?

A. Rabbi Yehudah HaNasi.

d. Why did he write it down?

A. He was worried that the Oral Torah would become forgotten due to Roman oppression and also as Jews spread to many places around the world he foresaw that this could all lead to a breakdown in Torah learning and practice.

19. Q. How many of the nine special שבתות can you list?

(Write on the lines what you know about each one.)

- A. i. שבת שירה : _____
- ii. פרשת שקלים _____
- iii. פרשת זכור _____
- iv. פרשת פרה _____
- v. פרשת החודש _____
- vi. שבת הגדול _____
- vii. שבת חזון _____
- viii. שבת נחמו _____
- ix. שבת שובה _____

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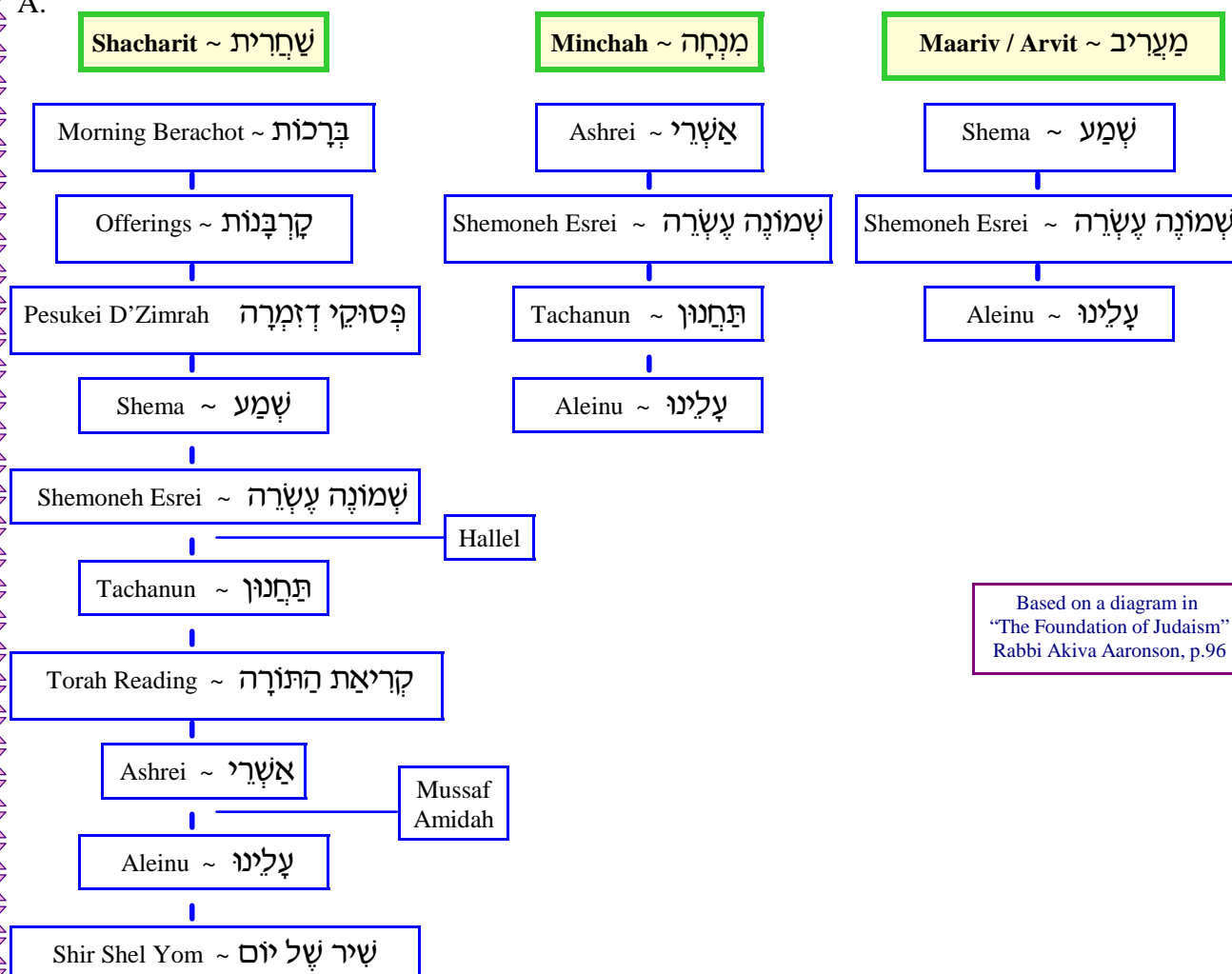


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20. Q. How well do you know the structure of our daily תפילה services?

A.



Based on a diagram in
 "The Foundation of Judaism"
 Rabbi Akiva Aaronson, p.96

21. Q. Are you able to correctly write out the days of the week in Hebrew?

A. וס ראשון 'וס שני' 'וס שלישי' 'וס רביעי' 'וס חמישי' 'וס ששי' 'וס שבת'

22. Q. Do you know the correct ברכות for the following foods:

bread, A. המוציא לחם מן הכאף

cake/biscuits/pasta, A. בורא מיני מזונות

wine, A. בורא פרי הגפן

fruit, A. בורא פרי העץ

vegetables, A. בורא פרי הקצמה

other foods e.g. meat, fish, eggs, cheese, drinks, sweets? A. שהכל נהיה בדברו

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Study Sheet 7

23. Q. Do you remember the names of the sons of יַעֲקֹב?

A. ראובן שמעון לוי יהודה יששכר זבולון
דן נפתלי גד אשר יוסף בנימין

The שֵׁבֶט (tribe) of יוסף was divided into אֶפְרַיִם and מְנַשֶּׁה.

All of these became the י"ב שֵׁבֶטִים ~ TWELVE TRIBES of בְּנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל

Each שֵׁבֶט had its own **CAMP**, its own **PRINCE**,
its own **FLAG**, and its own **PORTION in ERETZ YISRAEL**.

Rambam (Rabbi Moshe Ben Maimon) writes:
(in 'Sefer HaMitzvot, Negative Mitzvah 169)

The Priests (Kohanim) and Levites are not given a portion in the Land of Israel

Devarim, 18:1 "The Priests the Levites all the tribe of Levi shall have no portion
or inheritance with Israel"

- > Hashem chose the tribe of Levi and their descendants to serve in the Bet HaMikdash.
- > The tribe of Levi includes both the priests (Kohanim) and the Levites.
- > This is their special privilege and they are considered different from the rest of the Jewish people in several ways.
- > When the Jewish people entered Eretz Yisrael and divided the land among the tribes as Hashem had instructed them, each tribe was assigned a portion of the Land of Israel.
- > The tribe of Levi, however, was not given a portion. Hashem told them "I will be your inheritance!"
- > He appointed them to serve in the Bet HaMikdash and granted them the benefits of the rest of the people's gift offerings.
- > We are commanded to present them with different gifts of food to provide for their needs so they can concentrate on their service in the Bet HaMikdash without financial worry.
- > There is a Mitzvah that instructs the tribe of Levi not to demand a share in the Land of Israel.

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Study Sheet 8

24. Q. Can you recite and write down the עֲשָׂר מַכּוֹת (ten plagues)?

A.	דָּבָר Cattle Disease	עָרֹב Wild Beasts	כִּנִּים Lice	צָפָרְדַּע Frogs	דָּם Blood
	מַכַּת בְּכוֹרוֹת Killing of the Firstborn	חָשֶׁךְ Darkness	אַרְבֵּה Locusts	בָּרָד Hail	שָׁחִין Boils

25. Q. What was created on each day of יְשֶׁשֶׁת יָמֵי בְרֵאשִׁית?

	Hashem stopped creating,	Living creatures of the sky	The sun, moon, stars and planets		The sky	Heaven and earth
A.	שָׁבַת and rested.	יוֹם שְׁשִׁי Mammals that walk on land; man and woman	יוֹם חַמִּישִׁי and the sea	יוֹם רְבִיעִי The seas, dry land, and vegetation	יוֹם שְׁנִי	יוֹם רֵאשִׁון Light and darkness

26. Q. How many בְּרָכוֹת are in בְּרַכַּת הַמֶּזֶן? A. 4

27. Q. Name the אַרְבָּעָה מִיָּנִים that we take in our hands on סְכוּת.

A.	עֲרָבוֹת Two willow twigs	הַדְּסִים Three myrtle	אֶתְרוֹג One citron	לוּלָב One date-palm branch
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28. Q. Which מִצְוֹת עֲשֵׂה (Positive Mitzvot) do you know for שָׁבַת?

A. To rest from weekday activities,

to light the Shabbat candles,

to make קידוש at the beginning of שָׁבַת (the main kiddush is Friday night but we make another kiddush, called "קידוש רֶבֶה" on שָׁבַת morning, after shul or at lunch)

and to make הַבְדֵּלָה at the conclusion of שָׁבַת,

to have three meals,

and to have two חֲלוּת at each meal.

We should also create the right Shabbat atmosphere by singing זְמִירוֹת and saying דְּבָרֵי תוֹרָה during the meals, and learning Torah during the day.

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Study Sheet 9

29. Q. a. An **אָב מלאכה** is a creative activity that is forbidden on **שבת**.

How many **אָב מלאכה** are there? A. **39**

b. Name the first 11 **מלאכות**.

דש (5) threshing דש	מעמר (4) gathering מעמר	קוצר (3) reaping קוצר	זורע (2) sowing זורע	חורש (1) ploughing חורש	A:
אופה / בישול (11) cooking baking אופה בישול	לש (10) kneading לש	מרקד (9) sifting מרקד	טוחן (8) grinding טוחן	בוחר (7) selecting בוחר	זורה (6) winnowing זורה

c. By what name are these first eleven **מלאכות** known?

A. **סידורא דפתי** - The Order of Making Bread

30. Q. a. What are the names of the five **מגילות**, and when is each one read in public?

A.	מגילת איכה is read on תשעה באב	מגילת רות is read on שבועות	שיר השירים is read on פסח
	מגילת אסתר is read on פורים	קהלת is read on סוכות	

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Study Sheet 10

31. Q. Do you know the names of the different areas and items in the מִשְׁכָּן ?

the
Court yard
חֲצֵר
containing the

the
Washbasin
כִּיּוֹר
the
Copper
Altar
מִזְבֵּחַ הַכָּסֶפֶת

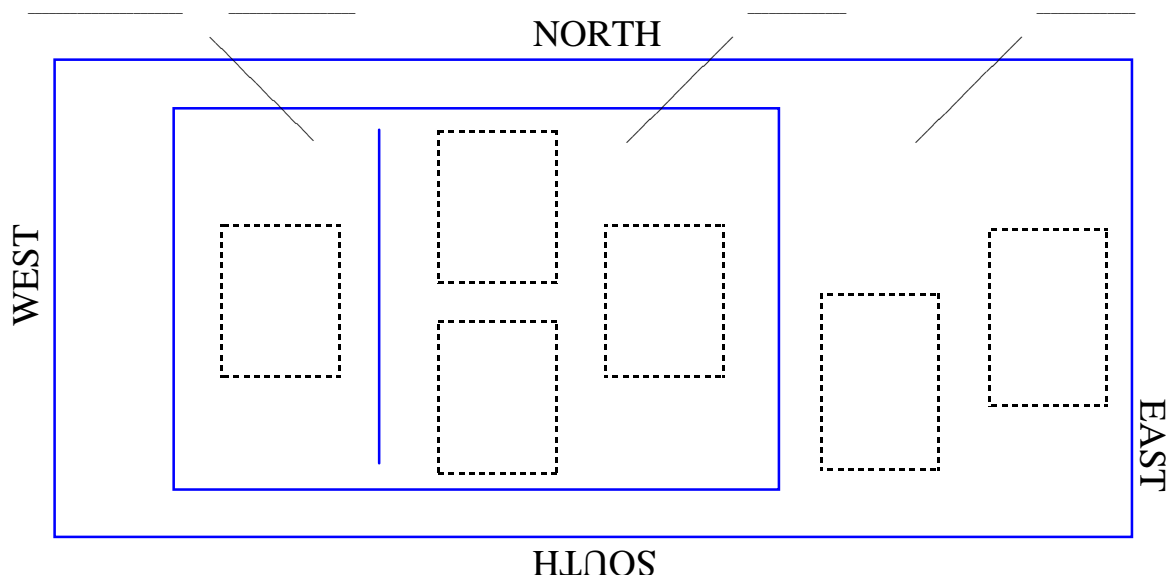
the 'Holy'
קֹדֶשׁ
containing the

the
Table
שֻׁלְחָן
the
Menorah
מְנוֹרָה
the
Golden
Altar
מִזְבֵּחַ הַזָּהָב

the 'Holy
of Holies'
קֹדֶשׁ הַקֹּדֶשִׁים
containing the

the
Holy Ark
אָרוֹן
הַקֹּדֶשׁ

Now study and label the illustration below. Write the names of the areas of the מִשְׁכָּן on the lines along the north wall, and write the names of the כְּלִים ('furniture') inside the dotted borders.



[study sheet 10 continued on reverse > > >]

32. Q. What tells us that the following are כָּשֵׁר:

an animal?

- A. A kosher animal
has cloven (split) hooves
and chews the cud;

a bird?

- A. The Torah tells us the birds
that are **not** kosher*. Any bird
that is not listed in the Torah
may be eaten, *as long as we are sure
that it is not on the list of forbidden birds.*

(*in Parashat Shmini
and Parashat Re'eh)

Nowadays, we eat birds we know for certain
have been treated as kosher for generations;

a fish?

- A. A fish must have **fins** and **scales** to be kosher.

(remember:
all fish that have scales
also have fins)

a packaged food?

- A. A packaged food must either have
a כֹּשֶׁר (hechsher - kosher symbol)
on the packaging, or be listed as supervised
on a product list published by a בֵּית דִּין (such as
'The Really Jewish Food Guide' - updates can
be found at <http://www.kosher.org.uk>).

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Study Sheet 11

33. Q. What items are placed on the seder table? Write them in the box below.

34. Q. On which days do we read from the ספר תורה in shul?

35. Q. Do you know the number of men that we call up on different occasions?

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Study Sheet 12

36. Q. **How good is your knowledge of the geography of Israel?**

Draw a map of Israel, including names of the main areas of the country and at least ten important cities and towns.

אֶרֶץ יִשְׂרָאֵל

37. Q. a. **How many special garments did the כהן גדול wear?** _____

b. **How many did a כהן קדוש wear?** _____

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