

Summary of the פרשה - look at this with your family!

(Can you write the missing words on the lines?)

There was a new פרעה who ruled over the land. He did not know יוסף.
(Do you remember what Rashi says on that posuk?) פרעה was worried that the _____ would become stronger than all of the Egyptian people. He wanted to make sure the ישראל-ים could not make war against them.

פרעה turned the ישראל-ים into slaves. Hard taskmasters made life very hard for the ישראל-ים. If anyone didn't do their work properly they would be whipped.

Then _____ had another, even more wicked, idea. He called the two Hebrew midwives (who were they? Look at Rashi...) to him. He told them that they were to kill any boys that were born. The midwives believed in ה', however, and they refused to do this. Later he ordered that all the boy babies be drowned at birth.

One day, a baby boy was born. His mother hid him for th_____ months; then she took a lined basket, hid her son in it, and placed the basket in the River N_____.

פרעה's daughter saw the basket there. She took it, and when she saw that there was a little baby boy in there, crying, she took pity on him.

The boy grew up, and was like a son to the princess. She called him מִצְרַיִם.

When מִצְרַיִם was a young man, he went for a walk among the ישראל-ים. Suddenly, he saw a מצרי striking a Hebrew man

He killed the Egyptian, and hid him in the sand.

The next day, he again went for a walk. This time, he saw two Hebrews fighting. He said to one of them, "Why are you hitting your friend?"

The man replied, "Who made you the judge? Are you going to murder me, the way you murdered that Egyptian?"

מִצְרַיִם became very frightened. He fled, and settled in the land of מצרים. מִצְרַיִם married פְּטֵרָה, the daughter of _____, the Midianite priest.

A long time passed. The king of Egypt died. The work got harder for the ישראל-ים, but at last ה' returned to them.

ספר שמות

שמות

וארץ

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פקודי

אֱשָׂה, a shepherd, took יִתְרֹ's sheep to the Mountain of 'ה, near חֵרֵה. 'ה appeared to him in a fire from the bush. It was amazing. The bush was filled with f_____, and yet it was not burning up!

'ה called out to him from the bush and said, "אֱשָׂה, אֱשָׂה!"

He replied, "Here I am!" He said, "Do not come any closer. You are standing on holy ground. I am the G-d of סִבְרָה, of בְּרָחָה and of אֶרֶץ. I have seen the sufferings of My people in מִצְרָיִם. I am going to come and rescue them from the hand of מִצְרָיִם and bring them up to a land flowing with m_____ and h_____. I am going to send you to אֶרֶץ and you shall take the בְּנֵי-אֶרֶץ out of מִצְרָיִם.

אֱשָׂה said to 'ה, "Who am I that I should go to אֶרֶץ and take the _____ out of מִצְרָיִם?"

He said, "I shall be with you."

אֱשָׂה was still worried. He said, "But they will not believe me. They won't listen to me. They will think I am lying!"

'ה said to him, "What is in your hand?"

He said, "A staff."

He said, "Throw it to the ground."

אֱשָׂה threw the stick onto the ground. It turned into a _____! אֱשָׂה ran away from it.

'ה said, "Stretch out your hand and grab it by the tail." אֱשָׂה did so, and it became a plain staff again. "Now put your hand on your chest," He said. אֱשָׂה did so, and when he removed it, it was white, covered with צִרְיָה! 'ה told him to put it back against his chest, and this time when he removed it, it had gone back to normal. "I will give you one more sign. Go out to the river and take some water from there. Pour it onto the dry land. The water will turn into blood."

אֱשָׂה still wasn't sure that he could manage. "Please, 'ה. I stutter."

'ה was getting angry. "_____ לְךָ your brother will speak for you."

אֱשָׂה finally agreed. On the way to מִצְרָיִם, אֶלְכָּה met אֱשָׂה. The two of them gathered all the elders of the בְּנֵי-אֶרֶץ.

אֱשָׂה and אֶלְכָּה came to אֶרֶץ. They said to him, "'ה, the G-d of בְּנֵי-אֶרֶץ, said: 'Send out My people.'"

אֶרֶץ replied, "Who is this G-d that I should listen to Him? I do not know Him, and I will not send out Israel!"

On that day אֶרֶץ made life even harder for the בְּנֵי-אֶרֶץ, who came and complained to אֱשָׂה and to אֶלְכָּה, saying that all this was their fault.

'ה said to אֱשָׂה, "Now you will see what I shall do to אֶרֶץ!"

An Amazing Story!

Rav Aharon Kotler emigrated to the United States via Siberia in 1941 to join **Rav Moshe Feinstein** in building post Holocaust Yiddishkeit in America. It is told that he performed a Goral HaGra to help determine if he should move to Eretz Yisroel or America. It took him to the Posuk in Shemos 4:27

שמות ד:כז

וַיֹּאמֶר ה' אֶל אַהֲרֹן לֵךְ לִקְרַאת מֹשֶׁה הַמִּדְבָּרָה...

"And Hashem said to Aharon
go towards your brother Moshe in the desert."

'**Aharon**' he understood to be himself, Rav Aharon Kotler. 'His brother' **Moshe** he understood as his close friend, Rav Moshe Feinstein. The '**desert**' he understood to be referring to America which was desert compared to the lush and fertile [*in Torah*] lands of the European Yeshiva world.

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