

TTTrIDDLES

Previous (P'KUDEI) TTriddles:

[1] FPTL: Age difference between Peleg and his father

AND EIVER LIVED **4 & 30 YEARS**, AND HE FATHERED PELEG. (B'reishit 11:16)

$1+200+2+70$ (273) + $6+300+30+300+10+40$ (686) $300+50+5$ (355) = 1314
Res Ipsa Loquitur

[2] What do this week's sedra, the upcoming holiday, and Avimelech's military commander have in common?

The letters BET, GIMEL, DALET, KAF, PEI, and TAV (BeGeD KeFeT) have a DAGESH KAL in them when they are at the beginning of a word or after a SH'VA NACH. Then there are grammatical rules that their DAGESH drops out of the letter for various reasons. Last week's sedra was P'KUDEI, but because the word followed EILEH in the same phrase, it is read EILEH F'KUDEI. So too, in the Megila, we find 'Therefore, they called these days - LAYAMIM HA'EILEH FURIM. Pichol was Avimelech's chief of staff, but he is only mentioned as 'and Pichol". So it is read, UFICHOL. One more - we forgot to include it in the TTriddle presentation - Take for your self, V'YIKCHU EILECHA FARA ADUMA.

[3] Just 2 here; 11 more in Book of Bamidbar

The word P'KUDEI occurs twice in the sedra of that name, and another 11 times in the book of Bamidbar.

[4] Page footer icons

The one on the left is a piece of the weave of the Mishkan, Parochet, Masach, and Masach - of the Mishkan. The one on the right is a SPALDEEN (Brooklyn pronunciation of Spalding). It represents HAFSAKA, recess, which P'kudei was the first of this year. This Shabbat is ZACHOR and the following Shabbat is TZAV, the second HAFSAKA, break in the flow of the Four Parshiyot. For those who don't get the connection between HAFSAKA and a rubber ball, we will suffice it to say PUNCHBALL. Need more? Good luck.

[5] SBB (Sedra Box Background)

Gold. The first of the materials collected for the Mishkan mentioned in P'kudei.

[6] MazalPic

Jar of strawberry jam. Jam in Hebrew? RIBA. RIBA in Russian is FISH. Fish is the Mazal of Adar (both of them). Interesting is that RIBA's root in Hebrew is RAV, many, proliferation - related to the bracha of Yaakov to Efrayim.

