**Ekev**

**1st Aliyah**

**Q:** What does “ekev” mean? This question has two answers! Give both to get chocolate.

**A:** Ekev can mean “when” and “heel.”

**2nd Aliyah**

**Q:** What does God say will be sent to stop the Israelites’ enemies?

**A:** God promises that a hornet will “destroy” the Israelites’ enemies.

**3rd Aliyah**

**Q:** What is the Hebrew word used here that means “abomination” (referring in this context to idols)?

**A:** The word is תועבה (pronounced toe-eh-VAH).

**4th Aliyah**

**Q:** According to this Aliyah, what two things do people need to survive?

**A:** People need both bread and God’s word to live.

**5th Aliyah**

**Q:** The שבעת המינים (Seven Species) are listed here in this Aliyah. What are they?

**A:** Wheat, barley, vines (grapes), figs, pomegranates, olive oil and honey (dates).

**6th Aliyah**

**Q:** What dangers did the Israelites encounter in the desert, according to this passage?

**A:** Venomous serpents, scorpions and drought.

**7th Aliyah**

**Q:** Which two of the ten commandments, if disobeyed, will cause the Israelites to “perish”?

**A:** 1. I am the Lord your God (אנכי ה’ אלהיך).

2. You shall have no other gods before me

(לא יהיה לך אלוהים אחרים על-פני).

**Re’eh**

**1st Aliyah  
Q:** Where should Bnei Israel put the blessing and the curse that God has offered them?  
**A:** Mount Gerizim and Mount Ebal, respectively.  
 **2nd Aliyah  
Q:** What are the two main things the Israelites are instructed to do in this Aliyah?  
**A:** 1. Destroy all idolatrous places of worship.  
2. Create places of worship for God.  
  
**3rd Aliyah  
Q:** Use the previous question a and the text in this Aliyah to identify where "there" is referring to.  
**A:** "There" refers to the Beit haMikdash.  
  
**4th Aliyah  
Q:** Why are the Israelites expected to rejoice with "the Levite who is inside (their) gates"?  
**A:** The Leviim were not given their own portion of land in Canaan.   
  
**5th Aliyah  
Q:** Where is Bnei Israel NOT permitted to eat the first of their harvest?  
**A:** At home ("inside your gates"). **6th Aliyah  
Q:** What two rabbinic laws of kashrut are drawn from this Aliyah? **A:** 1. Jews must *shecht* their meat (kill it in a specific way).

2. Jews may not eat the blood of their meat. **7th Aliyah:  
Q:** What are the Israelites instructed to “take, and go to the place which the Lord shall choose”? **A:** 1. Their holy things.

2. Their vows.

**Shoftim**

**1st Aliyah**

**Q:** What are the two reasons given for the Israelites to “pursue justice” in this aliyah?

**A:** 1. To live.

2. To inherit the land God gave them.

**2nd Aliyah**

**Q:** What three things are forbidden to Bnei Yisrael in this Aliyah?

**A:** 1. Do not put an Ashera [pole] near God’s altar.

2. Do not put an image of God near the altar.

3. Do not sacrifice bulls or sheep with “blemishes.”

**Bonus Q:** What is an Ashera?

**Answer:** Ashera was a Canaanite goddess. This aliyah instructs Bnei Yisrael not to “plant one” near any trees around the God-of-Israel’s altars because Ashera’s altars came in the form of poles that would be placed among groves.

**4th Aliyah:**

**Q:** What is the commanded punishment for idolatrous worshippers in this aliyah?

**A:** Stoning.

**5th Aliyah:**

**Q:** To which three parties must Israelites bring contoversies? **A:**

**6th Aliyah**

**Q:  
A:  
  
7th Aliyah**

**Q:  
A:**