





ParshaPix explanations



The fun way to go over the weekly sedra with your children, grandchildren, Shabbat guests

Ki Teitzei

And the Unexplained in the lower-right corner, plus the "Hard Riddle at the bottom of last week's ParshaPix

No'ach's ark stands for the haftara of this year's Ki Teitzei, which for Ashkenazim, combined the regularly scheduled haftara of Ki Teitzei with the haftara of Parshat R'ei. Which makes the haftara exactly like the haftara of Parshat No'ach.

Hard Riddle: The Witch Doctor's first two sounds (here and elsewhere in the Torah).

According to the 1960 song, the witch doctor told me: Oo ee oo ah ah ting tang walla walla bing bang...

The first two sounds are ooh and ee. The "hated" second wife is called S'NU'A four times and S'NI'A once. Similarly, in Vayishlach, we find Yaakov Avinu limping in the P'NU'EL area, after his encounter with HA-ISH. He had just named the place P'NI'EL. Interestingly, elsewhere in NACH, the place is called P'NU'EL, but one time it is written P'NI'EL and pronounced P'NU'EL. The wick doctor has spoken. OO, EE...

Ki Tavo

BIKURIM - basket of first fruits placed at the side of the Mizbei'ach 🌿 The bringer is smiling), as the Torah commands us to rejoice in all that G-d has given us 🌿 And he's reciting (speech bubble) about going down to Egypt and about being brought out of Egypt and taken to Eretz Yisrael 🌿 HASHKIFA - G-d, look down upon us from on high (Hubble telescope - but, we know that He doesn't need one) 🌿 One of the blessings in the sedra is that if we keep the Torah, then we will be "heads" not "tails". Two views of a half-shekel coin. The tails side is Xed out. FYI, heads & tails is American. The numismatic terms are obverse and reverse. In Israel, the sides of a coin are PALI and EITZ - a throw back to pre-state days, which had Palestine on the heads side and a tree on the tails side 🌿 12 stones upon which were engraved the Torah (or parts of it) 🌿 Opened treasure, as we ask of G-d. That treasure is in the form of beneficial and timely rains, and the bumper crops that result from good and plentiful rain 🌿 THE SKATE is for the word HASKEIT. Words that appear only once in Tanach are often difficult to translate. HASKEIT is rendered as "pay attention" or "be silent" or "form groups". It is followed by USHMA, and listen (or understand), hence the different possibilities for HASKEIT 🌿 The successful basketball shot is for BARUCH TANACHA, blessed is your basket (i.e. fruit - Rashi), or V'SAMTA VATENE, and put it in the basket 🌿 Thumbs up pointing to a cityscape and a field is BARUCH ATA BA'IR UVARUCH ATA BASADEH 🌿 The orange pepper with a green

checkmark and a red X on it represents the term in the Torah PRI ADAMA, fruit of the ground. YES, that's the bracha it gets (double meaning - we say BOREI PRI HAADAMA and G-d sends His BRACHA (if we follow Him) to our PRI ADAMA. On the other hand - NO, pepper is not one of the PRI ADAMA referred to in the context of BIKURIM, since we are taught that for BIKURIM, MEIREISHIT KOL PRI HAADAMA means only from the Seven Species under the stones is an iron. The haftara says: "For bronze I will bring gold, and for iron I will bring silver, and for wood, bronze, and for stones, iron..." (Yeshayahu 60:17) In Hebrew: V'TACHAT HA'AVANIM BARZEL - and under the stones, iron. And under the iron is the Lone Ranger and his horse, SILVER At the top of the ParshaPix is a spice rack, representing another promise for our faithful behavior, that will will be RACK L'MAALA, just at the top. (Hebrew- English groaner) Open lock is for the prophecy in the haftara, that your gates will be open always, day and night they will not be closed The flowers are "forget-me-not", as in "... I did not violate any mitzvot, nor did I forget." milk and honey for CHALAV and D'VASH, as in ERETZ ZAVAT... A phrase that occurs more in Ki Tavo than anywhere else AYIN-MEM with SEGOL under it. AYIN-MEM spells AM, nation. This then is an AM SEGULA, as in Chosen Nation, a phrase that occurs twice in Parshat R'ei and once in Ki Tavo. Furthermore, the word is colored SEGOL, making it doubly AM SEGULA Abundance of camels - from the haftara: SHIF'AT G'MALIM Two doors with smiles is for M'SOS DOR VADOR, a joy for each

succeeding generation. DOR - door, get it? Seder-plate, for the p'sukim borrowed from Ki Tavo for the core of the Magid portion of the Hagada The first of the two doors has a K on it, making it a reference to KEIDAR, a place mentioned in the haftara Toothpicks are made of wood. Under the wood is a copper penny. And under that is a gold double eagle (\$20, worth a lot more today). This is all in the haftara, which mentions TACHAT (to replace, but literally, under) WOODS, NECHOSHET and TACHAT NECHOSHET, ZAHAV. Additionally, the penny is a wheat back design (1909-1956), so we have one of the Seven Species that could be brought as Bikurim what about Yitzchak in the lower-right? a.k.a. And who else? one person, one cartoon character - common name. And another Unexplained (philch@013.net)