



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

SH'MINI - HACHODESH

<> which leaves us with many representations of the name of the sedra. Take them as unexplained (except that you know the explanations already - SH'MINI). Your challenge is to say why for each one. Some are easy; some not so easy...

Henry the Eighth
an eighth note
eighth night of Chanuka
slice of pizza is an 8th of a pie
CHET - 8th Hebrew letter
H - 8th English letter
theta - 8th Greek letter
the 8th letter of the Russian
alphabet
cruel & unusual punishment banned by the 8th amendment
circumcision guard - 8th day
12.5% is an eighth

one Unexplained for the HaChodesh Maftir

It's the seat-belt for one of the instructions for eating the Korban Pesach that first time - MATNEICHEM CHAGURIM

TAZRI'A

Across the top and a bit down on the right we have a summary of perek 12 (shortest perek in the Torah - 8 p'sukim) - there's a baby boy, who makes his mother t'mei'a for 7 days, and on the 8th day, he shall be circumcised. Followed by 33 y'mei tahara. If the newborn is a girl, the mother is t'mei'a for 14 days, which are followed by 66 y'mei tahara. After which, the mother brings the korbanot of a yoledet - a lamb in its first year and a turtle dove (or b'nei yona) <> KISEI SHEL ELIYAHU for Brit Mila.

Then we have afflictions of the body <> nega'im change colors like the chameleon <> burns on the bald scalp <> Rav Kook with alasses for V'RA'A HAKOHEN, a kohein shall see - inspect the possible signs of TZORAAT <> affliction of garments (wool on the sheep, flax plants from which linen is derived, leather jacket) <> the sh'ti and orev of a weave, warp and weft <> red and green are common colors of nega'im <> the big camel, gamal, is for the bia **GIMMEL** in the V'HIT-GALACH <> and so is the shaver bald head and beard - possible locations of NEGA'IM <> plus two **Unexplaineds**